OFMA General Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2018
At Statewide Floodplain Management Conference
Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington

Call to Order and Welcome:
The meeting was called to order by President Moore at 1:00 P.M.
Members convened at the General Session luncheon. This meeting was
the annual meeting of the members.

1. Roll Call: (R) = Remote Call-in
Stephen Moore, President; Duane Matlack, Vice-President; Cindy
Crecelius Secretary; Shawn Arden, Past- President; Alicia Silverio, ODNR
Representative; and Members at Large: Jerry Brems, Chad Boyer, Todd
Richard, Renee VanSickle, Matt Whitehead and Julie Lawson, attending.
Mark Seidelmann, Treasurer; Jacob Hoover, Ohio EMA Repre-
sentative and Craig Smith, WMAO Representative were absent.

The requirement of a quorum was satisfied. (A simple majority of the
members of the Managing Board shall constitute a quorum (7)).
(Non-voting positions are Past-President and WMAO Representative.)

2. Approval of Minutes:
Approval of Minutes from the July meeting and approval of the
General Membership meeting are on the agenda for the
September meeting of the Board.

3. WMAO Update:
Dana Oleskiewicz, Administrative Director of Water Management
Association of Ohio provided members with an overview of the WMAO
Structure and where Ohio Floodplain Management Association fits in
the scheme. She reviewed the supportive relationship and sharing of
dues with the divisions of the larger organization. Oleskiewicz noted
that a priority for WMAO is obtaining and implementing new and im-
proved software to support members and management of member
services. She concluded with a summary of the upcoming annual
WMAO conference in Cincinnati, Ohio and encouraged OFMA members
to attend and engage with the larger WMAO organization. She noted
there is an opportunity for floodplain management topics and presenta-
tions in one of the tracks at the conference. This is one of the ways the parent organization ensures that focused Division concerns are shared.

4. OFMA Update:
President Moore provided an overview of the previous year’s activities and summary of Committee activities. The OFMA strategic plan was updated and priority actions identified to drive the actions throughout the year. The co-hosting of the national Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. annual conference in 2019 has been the priority. In addition to working with ASFPM staff and shadowing the 2018 host team, OFMA has been identifying activities and sponsors for meeting the 2019 Conference needs. The event will occur from May 19-23, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio. The theme of the conference is Mitigation and Resilience Tour! It is an exciting time to showcase Ohio successes, interact with peers from around the nation and international ASFPM partners.

Additional priority actions have been focused on continuing the update and improvement of the OFMA web site and resource portal; growing social media capability; planning outreach for newly elected legislators this Fall; coordination with Ohio Dept. of Commerce to address the transferred authority for floodplain management of manufactured homes with the abolishment of the Ohio Manufactured Home Commission in January 2018. Looking forward, President Moore noted that OFMA will focus on developing some job aids in the form of baseline criteria and recommended training to support better local floodplain management. The goal is to improve professional development support for local floodplain managers and leverage the tools and resources being provided to Certified Floodplain Managers®.

5. Flood Fest 2019 – The Mitigation and Resilience Tour: Mark the calendar for May 19-23, 2019 at the Cleveland Convention Center! Shawn Arden presented a promotional video provided by the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. Co-hosting the national conference is a great opportunity but also requires significant volunteer support. Arden encouraged all of the Ohio floodplain managers to take advantage of the opportunity to attend “in our own backyard” and noted that OFMA will be looking for volunteer support throughout the coming year. Many of the jobs are very short term and could easily be done the week of the conference. Arden asked that anyone with interest speak to an OFMA Board member or provide follow-up contact information.

It is also quite likely that there will be some scholarship opportunities for local floodplain managers who have interest and the ability to attend. As soon as this information is finalized OFMA will provide it on the OFMA web site at www.ofma.org. He concluded by noting that the conference Call for Abstracts will be coming soon this Fall. This is an opportunity for Ohio success stories concerning flood mitigation and resilient communities to be showcased and shared with our peers. Follow the OFMA Twitter feed for updates and relevant information.

6. Election Results:
Arden reported that the Membership and Nominating Committee had posted the slate of candidates prior to the election on the OFMA website. No nominations were offered from the floor. Ballots were provided to all OFMA members in the conference registration packets and were requested to be
returned by 10 A.M. August 2, 2018. Candidates receiving the majority of votes are elected. All Officers must be members in good standing.

Arden reported the results for 2019 Board are:

**President** - Duane Matlack; **Vice-President** – Chad Boyer; **Treasurer** – Mark Seidelmann; **Secretary** – Cindy Crecelius; **Member At Large** – Jerry Brems, Todd Richard and Renee VanSickle. The remaining three Member At Large positions were not up for re-election this year and are Julie Lawson, Matt Whitehead and a vacancy created by Chad Boyer’s move to Vice-President.

**7. Awards and Scholarships:**

Julia McCarthy, FEMA Region V presented a **Community Rating System Award for Excellence** to Joe Gies, CFM City of Shelby for their effective floodplain management in the community.

Duane Matlack, in-coming OFMA President, presented **Distinguished Member Service Award** to **Stephen Moore**, CBO, CFM, out-going OFMA President for his leadership and support of OFMA.

OFMA provided five scholarships covering registration and lodging (where applicable) to local floodplain managers in support of professional development. The **2018 scholarship recipients** were: **Eric Adkins** – City of Findlay; **Jay Fisher** – Licking County; **Jane Houin** – Ashland County; **Levi Koehler** – Village of Galena; **Sandy Lahmers** – Washington County.

**8. Adjournment:**

President Moore requested a Motion to Adjourn. The **Motion** was made by Whitehead and **Seconded** and the meeting adjourned at 1:24 P.M.