

## Ohio Floodplain Management Association — Committees



The Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA) is a Division of the Water Management Association of Ohio and a Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers. Since 1995, OFMA has been promoting sound and effective floodplain management throughout the State of Ohio. OFMA envisions management of Ohio's floodplain system to reduce flood losses and promote the natural function of floodplain resources. The activities undertaken by OFMA are centered around public awareness of flood risk, support of professional development and education for those working in floodplain management, cooperation and exchange of water resource information, and encouragement of research and legislation needed for effective implementation of floodplain management practices. **Standing committees assist in the accomplishment of the OFMA goals and objectives.**

**Conference Planning Committee:** This committee has lead on the activities for professional development. It is chaired by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Floodplain Management Program staff responsible for the statewide floodplain management conference activity. The committee is charged with developing the agenda and implementing the annual statewide conference. Members will meet an average of 4-6 times per year. Typical activities may include: coordinating potential speakers; contacting potential sponsors; preparing conference handouts and assisting with moderating for sessions and field tours.

**Legislative and Policy Committee:** OFMA has a goal to be proactive on legislative issues that support good floodplain management. This committee monitors proposed and existing legislation that impacts Ohio floodplain management, develops positions and policies that will further the goals and objectives of OFMA, and is the lead on education and outreach to Ohio and Federal legislators concerning floodplain management issues and needs. The committee prepares an "OFMA Legislative Program" each year to support the outreach and education of legislators.

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**Education and Outreach Committee:** To implement effective floodplain management, state and local professionals in the field must be competent and credible. The Education and Outreach Committee has lead on activities to distribute information, identifying general training needs and address specific or focused floodplain management issues. Activities include: developing and maintaining a web site; creating a newsletter; regional workshops.

**Membership and Nominating Committee:** OFMA accomplishes the mission and vision of the Association through the work and efforts of its members. A strong core group of members, with broad involvement by many, is needed to sustain the activities and achievements of the organization. The Membership and Nominating Committee has the charge of encouraging member involvement and developing key leadership. This committee is responsible for securing a slate of potential officers and conducting the annual election of the Executive Board.

**Finance Committee:** The Treasurer is charged with keeping and disbursing all funds in cooperation with the Water Management Association of Ohio protocol, and preparing the annual OFMA budget for approval by WMAO. The Finance Committee assists the Treasurer with policy and procedure to ensure sound fiscal management of the organizations fiscal resources. Activities may include review and oversight of ledgers, participation in audits and assistance in preparing periodic financial statements.

**Awards and Scholarship Committee:** OFMA has developed an awards program to recognize and advance the best of floodplain management practices and honor significant professional contributors. Scholarships provide for the education and development of Ohio's local floodplain managers. This committee is charged with soliciting, reviewing and selecting annual award and scholarship recipients. The committee may also develop new awards or find innovative ways to sponsor scholarships in the future.

Committee Chairs are responsible for convening and presiding over committee meetings as needed; coordinating with the Executive Board on action plans to achieve goals and objectives; implementing Board policy related to their committee; providing periodic progress reports and an annual summary of committee accomplishments. The Executive Board of OFMA may create committees as needed for short-term focus or establish additional standing committees to accomplish the organization's goals and activities.

