• Organization of professionals involved in all aspects of floodplain management

• Executive Office
  – 17 employees in Madison, Wisconsin

• Policy is developed primarily from members through Committees to the ASFPM Board for adoption
15,000 members

35 Chapters

State Assoc. & Pending Chapters
ASFPM Member Support

- National CFM® Certification
- State Chapter Services & Support
- Continuing Education Development
- Develop Tools for Communities & States
  - Mapping & Regulations Resources
  - No Adverse Impact (NAI) tools/training
  - Promote / Share Best Practices
- Conferences & Events
- Training Resources
ASFPM Chapter Services

- National representation and voice in Washington, DC
- Notifications and newsletters on national policy updates, letters to policy makers, and current events
- Support and resources for training, State conferences, and committees
Represents members on national policy
Provides input on national legislation
Works on new policy & issue development
Coordinates with Federal agencies
- FEMA / USACE / NOAA / USGS / EPA / HUD / USDA / USFWS
Coordinates with Agency Leadership on NFIP and other Mitigation Programs
Participates in National Coalitions
Partners with organizations of similar mission

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Why Chapters are Important

- Training and professional development
- Networking
- Communicates policy / program updates to membership
- Promotes improvement to *state and local* laws, policies, standards, and ordinances
- Provides input from practitioners to policy makers
- Provides members with growth opportunities and leadership experiences
How does West Virginia fit?

- Only state with legislation mandating FPA’s complete annual training
- 30th Chapter (of 35) to join ASFPM
- 2nd “youngest” Association between AL (older) and TN & IA (younger)
- Comparable membership #s to IN, MI, TN & WI chapters
Chapters 2012 Membership #s

35 ASFPM Chapters
### What are Chapters Doing?

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What can WVFMA do to grow?

- Build on the momentum of current legislative support for good FPM & education
- Encourage Certification with goal of a CFM in every NFIP participating community in WV
- Offer Training & Networking events
- Develop Committees
- Establish relationships and advocate for best practices with state policy makers and media
- Engage in public outreach activities
WVFMA here today and in the future…

• Get involved 😊
• Volunteer
• Recruit members
• Network
• Share knowledge
• Grow future leaders
• Engage at national level

• Charge member dues
• Insurance
• Tax-Exempt Status
• Host a State Flood-Risk Symposium
How can ASFPM support your chapter?
Chapter Representatives on the ASFPM Board of Directors

**ASFPM Region 3 Board Rep.**
Alison C. Meehan, CFM, Virginia

**Chapter Dir., District 2 Board Rep.**
Michael Cothard, P.E., CFM, Illinois
ASFPM 13 Policy Committees

- Arid Regions
- Coastal Issues
- Flood Insurance
- Flood Mitigation
- Mapping & Engineering Standards
- Professional Development
- Stormwater Management
- Floodplain Regulations
- No Adverse Impact
- Non-structural floodproofing
- Natural & Beneficial Functions
- Training & Outreach
- International
ASFPM National Conference

*Remembering the Past – Insuring the Future*

June 9-14, 2013, Hartford, CT

http://asfpmconference.org

2014 Seattle, WA
2015 Atlanta, GA

State Flood Risk Symposia
Spring 2014
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