

Chapter Newsletter Article – For Your Use

ASFPM Seeks Local Floodplain Managers to Present at 2011 Conference

Every year following our conference, ASFPM receives requests for more local content, topics, and speakers to present at our National Conference. Increasingly, we receive requests for topics which provide locals the tools and ideas that they can implement back in their community. While we make great efforts to provide opportunities for these topics on our conference agenda, we can only consider the presentations that are actually submitted. This year we're challenging our chapters and their members to help us fill this gap!

Do you know a local with great stories who has faced obstacles or opposition on the job and overcame it? What about a floodplain manager who's the "go-to" person on a specific topic or best practice? Have you partnered or collaborated with a local on a specific project, initiative or disaster? Has your experience on the job provided you with "lessons learned" to share with other locals who can benefit from your experience? We urge you to reach out and encourage them to submit a presentation (or better, submit one yourself!) for our 2011 National Conference in Louisville, KY, May 15-20, 2011. Attending the conference as a presenter or workshop instructor is a great way to get buy-in from your supervisor to attend the conference. Locals know better than anyone the daily hurdles other local floodplain managers face.

Concurrent Session presentations are 20-25 minutes in length; Workshop topics are between 1 hour and 4 hours in length. More than one presenter can be a part of the presentation – either Concurrent Session or Workshop- so you don't have to do it alone! ASFPM needs the wisdom of your front-line experience to help provide professional development opportunities to other locals – please help us make it possible! Details on how to submit a presentation topic or workshop for consideration can be found on the ASFPM [2011 Conference Page](#) of the ASFPM website. The deadline for the concurrent session abstracts and workshop topic submittals is October 31, 2010.

For questions regarding concurrent session topics, contact Steve McMaster, Conference Program Chair at steve.mcmaster@nebraska.gov. For questions about presenting a workshop – please contact Kait Laufenberg, Workshop Coordinator at Kait@floods.org.

Award Nominations Sought for ASFPM 2011 Conference

ASFPM is currently accepting award nominations from Chapters and their members for consideration and recognition at the 2011 Conference in Louisville, KY, May 15-20, 2011. A full listing of the ASFPM Awards with description of qualifying criteria can be found on the [Awards Page](#) of the ASFPM website. We're always looking for nominees from local government for the James Lee Witt Local Award (awarded to exemplary local programs or projects) and the Larry R. Johnston Local Floodplain Manager of the Year Award (recognizing exceptional local professionals). To nominate a floodplain manager for consideration, please submit the [Nomination Form](#) online per instructions on the form page. Award nominations are due via the online form no later than March 1, 2011.

If you have questions about an award or the process, please contact Diane Brown, Communications Manager at diane@floods.org.