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Dear Lori:

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation was established in 1996 as the charitable arm of ASFPM, and acts as a catalyst for ASFPM, its Chapters, and members to advance projects, education, and policy initiatives that promote reduced flood risk and resilient communities. The ASFPM Foundation is asking for your support so we can continue our activities that are making a difference in furthering the national flood policy dialogue, resulting in reduced flood risk and greater community resiliency. Your donation to the Foundation is vital for us to not only sustain, but enhance the programmatic offerings over the coming year.

The ASFPM Foundation mission is to secure and direct funds that will ultimately enable ASFPM to meet its goals and encourage sound floodplain management practices across the nation. To help in better understanding the value the Foundation brings to the floodplain management community, we have listed a few of our accomplishments from the past year below.

- The ASFPM Foundation achieved an important accomplishment by awarding the very first Future Leaders Scholarship to [Jesus Mulgado](#) of the University of Arizona. This is a two-year scholarship, and provides up to \$25,000 for college tuition and expenses each year to support a rising junior in academic fields related to floodplain management. Many impressive, qualified candidates applied this year, which has led the Foundation Board of Directors to ask, "Could the Future Leaders Scholarship be offered each year?" Clearly, our profession needs future leaders who can address our nation's flood risk. Your donation can be directed specifically to the Future Leaders Scholarship, which will enhance our ability to offer this scholarship yearly instead of every other year.
- This past year has been a banner year for the ASFPM Foundation. At the ASFPM Annual Conference in Phoenix in June, the Foundation released its first annual report, which describes activities and projects funded by the Foundation during the past year. The report also details the Foundation's income and expenses. The [ASFPM Foundation Annual Report](#) is available on the Foundation website.

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- The Foundation’s Board of Trustees created the ASFPM Foundation Planned Giving Fund to provide Foundation supporters and professionals who are dedicated to flood risk management with the opportunity to donate on an ongoing basis and ultimately help accomplish the Foundation’s mission. Through [Planned Giving](#), we will be able to grow a fund that will increase our ability to conduct major activities and projects on a sustained basis.
- The Foundation continues to conduct meetings to understand, inform, and influence flood risk management policy through the Gilbert F. White Flood Policy Forums, State Chapter Symposia, and the Larry A. Larson Speaker Series. The Foundation is currently planning the 6<sup>th</sup> Gilbert F. White Policy Forum for spring 2019 to discuss challenges associated with “Urban Flooding.” Over the past eight years, 12 State Symposia have been held, and most recently, the Connecticut Flood Managers and the ASFPM Foundation sponsored the 2018 Connecticut State Flood Risk Symposium, held at the UConn School of Law in Hartford, CT. These meetings provide an important platform to identify and implement improvements in the flood risk management arena.

We understand it can be difficult to set aside funds for organizations such as the ASFPM Foundation. However, we cannot accomplish the critical floodplain management projects and professional development support without financial support from our Chapter partners. Through your contributions, you will help ensure a long lasting and positive impact on your Chapter members as a result of the added value we bring. We hope we can count on your support this year.

Your Chapter will be prominently recognized for its support of our initiatives. We appreciate your past support and urge you to place the ASFPM Foundation in your annual budget. Enclosed you will find a reply form where you can make a donation; you can also go to <http://www.asfpmfoundation.org> and make your donation online.

We are excited about our plans for the coming year and we, including our Trustees, would be happy to speak to you more about this important work and why your commitment to the Foundation is critically important. We look forward to partnering with you in 2018/2019.

Sincerely,



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Thank you in advance for your support. We hope that you periodically comment on our programs. Your thoughts and ideas are important to us!



Speaker Series in Boulder, Colorado.

# ASFPM FOUNDATION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation, established in 1996, acts as a catalyst and conduit to examine major sustainable flood risk management policy issues supporting ASFPM’s mission. The Foundation communicates results and recommends policy options to influence future sustainable flood risk management and natural floodplain and water systems management domestically and internationally. The ASFPM Foundation’s vision is to reduce the risk and impact of floods on people and communities.

## Foundation-Funded Activities in 2017



2017 competitors L-R: Ashton Rohmer – University of North Carolina (2nd place), Ali Mohammad Rezaie – George Mason University (3rd place), Maryellen Hearn – Technical University of Dresden (1st place), and ASFPM Foundation President Doug Plasencia



In 2017, the Foundation established the **Future Leaders Scholarship**. This is a 2-year scholarship that will provide full funding for college tuition and expenses. The scholarship is intended to advance flood risk management research and practice. The first scholarship selection commenced in the fall of 2017, and the winner will be announced at the 2018 ASFPM Conference.

The Foundation held the **7th Annual Student Paper Competition** at the 2017 ASFPM Conference. This competition brings our nation’s brightest college students together to compete and present on a flood-related topic. Travel expenses and awards are paid to the top three students.

The **Oklahoma Flood Risk Symposium**, held in March 2017, was the 11th ASFPM Foundation-sponsored state flood risk symposium and the first one held in Oklahoma. The symposium’s feature topic was, “Flood Risk Reduction in Oklahoma: One Discussion, Common Goals.” The final report of this event can be found on the ASFPM Foundation’s website.

The ASFPM Foundation presented the 3rd **Larry A. Larson Speaker Series** event in July 2017. The speaker series creates opportunities to discuss policies and for the nation’s top leaders on flood risk reduction policy to interact. The featured speaker for the 2017 event was Dr. Dennis Mileti, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Colorado-Boulder and Director Emeritus of the Natural Hazards Center. Dr. Mileti’s discussion topic was, “Floodplain Management and Community Resilience in a World with Changing Contextual Factors.”



Dr. Dennis Mileti addressed the third annual Larry A. Larson



The ASFPM Foundation completed the K-12 Flood Education Resource Report in 2017.



Jake Thickman, NOAA Digital Coast Fellow

## Foundation-Funded Projects in 2017

The **Best Practices and Case Studies Compendium** was completed in 2017. This useful compendium is searchable and available online to flood risk managers everywhere. Users can browse by topic or visit the Best Practices and Case Studies Compendium Library to search the collection.

Also completed in 2017 was the **K-12 Flood Education Resource Report**. The Foundation evaluated flood risk education best practices and gaps for K-12 students and proposed recommendations aimed at developing or extending the K-12 flood risk education curriculum.

The **Library Web Portal**, completed in 2017, hosts documents, publications, and reports that were donated to ASFPM by members and friends of members. It allows open access to all of the reports.

The ASFPM Foundation continued funding for Jake Thickman, a 2-year NOAA fellow in the **Digital Coast Fellowship Program**. He is working at the ASFPM Executive Office where he is helping states achieve adaptive management of changing coastal hazards, risks, and ecosystems.



K-12 Flood Education Resources



Case Studies & Best Practices Compendium

ASFPM Foundation Funded Reports on ASFPM's Flood Science Center web page, URL: <https://www.floodsciencecenter.org/products/foundation-special-library-collections/>

## 2017 ASFPM Foundation and Expenses

