**DRAFT NJAFM Board Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 8:00 AM**

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| **Call-in Info:** |
| **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86708748389?pwd=ZGk4ZHZKV25vN0F1LzlnWWtjdldGZz09>  **Meeting ID:** 867 0874 8389  **Passcode:** 399135 **Phone:**  1-305-224-1968 |
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1. **Call to Order**

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| **Executive Committee:** |  | **Committee Chairs:** |
| X Elissa Commins, Chair |  | X Conference – Mike Graham & Mark Mauriello |
| X Chris Crane, Vice-Chair |  | X Legislative – Rebecca “Becky” Jones |
| X Sean O’Leary, Treasurer |  | X Membership – Chris Theodos |
| X Ann Holtzman, Secretary |  | X Outreach – Tom Slowinski |
| ☐ Vince Mazzei, Past Chair |  | X Training – Jim Galantino |
|  |  | X Stormwater – Bryan Specht; Andrew Banff |
| **General Membership:** |  | X CRS – Joseph Ruggeri, Neil Byrne |
| X Joe Barris, Executive Director |  | X Awards/Scholarship – Elissa Commins |
| ☐ Greg Westfall, Training Coord |  | ☐ Insurance – Tyler Ardron |

Also on call: Student Leadership candidate Erin Foody.

1. **Adoption of Minutes:** NJAFM Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Motion to approve Sean O’Leary. Seconded Mike Graham. Approved by voice vote.

**3. Treasurer Report –Banking Account Update.**

* 1. Month beginning balance = $111,088.62 (Wells Fargo + Paypal)
  2. Income = $2,225.00
  3. Expenses = $138.48
  4. Paypal Net Cash = $48,559.20
  5. Ending = $161,734.34

FEMA and NJDEP 2022 Conference payment due this month

2022 Tax Filing Status – Extended to Nov. 15. Following up.

**4. Committee Reports: 3 minutes each**

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| ☐Conference Chair – Mike Graham & Mark Mauriello  Final program is set: full agenda, sessions, speakers, moderators, etc.  George has Cracker Barrel handled. Sean has golf outing coordinated.  This time last year we had 160 attendees registered and 11 exhibitors. This year we have 204 attendees registered and 18 exhibitors (unconfirmed exhibitors 27).  Haven’t gotten large group registrations from some of the big engineering companies or from DEP yet. |
| ☐Legislative Chair – Rebecca “Becky” Jones  Preparedness letter circulated for approval and signature; Becky will circulate to insurance industry folks and NJBIA.  Read article recently that OEM is backing off elevation setting in various areas (Manville). Speculation that this is a measure to force residents to relocate rather than elevate.  Hot topics going forward: looking at and updating policy guide and mapping (needs to be 3D not 2D, improved predictive modeling).  Status of flood disclosure rule: DCA to develop real estate disclosure forms; DEP to develop map and regulatory side. Rule to go into effect 90-days after release of DCA/DEP forms. Need to stay on top of to make sure the law doesn’t get delayed by failure of agencies to get forms done. |
| ☐ Membership – Chris Theodos  367 paid, 23 pending = 390 total members  77 student members  Received approvals for Public Works Certifications. Other credit certifications submitted but still pending. |
| ☐ Outreach – Tom Slowinski  Not going to PA conference. Finalizing order for hand-outs, materials, swag. |
| ☐ Training – Jim Galantino  Starting to work on 2024 training schedule |
| ☐ Stormwater – Bryan Specht, Andrew Banff  Committee had two in-person meetings to discuss upcoming PAC2 rules coming out.  Starting to look at NJ Stormwater Mgmt BMP manual for recommended updates.  Meetings ongoing with DEP |
| ☐ CRS – Joseph Ruggeri & Neil Byrne  CRS training is scheduled (grant through FEMA/NJ OEM) - 3-day session: 2 days on NFIP, 1 day State specific to NJ. Total of 18 sessions planned. First 6 sessions scheduled starting November 2023 – July 2024). Free to attendees.  Asked to make sure that scheduled classes are all on the NJAFM calendar.  Mike recommended coordination with Outreach Committee to push information out about sessions. Mark recommended promoting at conference. |
| ☐ Awards/Scholarship – Elissa Commins  Have selected preliminary list of award recipients. Most have been notified. Accepted 5 scholarship recipients, all accepted and registered. |
| ☐ Insurance – Tyler Ardron  ASFPM policy update last week said FEMA Flood Insurance will continue to be funded through the end of the year even if NFIP loses its funding.  With Risk Rating 2.0 – Gov not acknowledging there is a problem with 2.0 so no plans to fix it. People are allowed to appeal their flood insurance directly with NFIP.  Few other changes. Supposed to be committee working on mitigation.  Mike mentioned he’s more concerned about CRS program. |
| ☐ Student Leadership – Open? |

**5. New Business**

1. 2023 Conference Award recipients:

Founders Award: Brian Kempf, FEMA Region 2

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Stewart Farrell, Stockton University

Leadership Award: Chris Crane, Dynamic Engineering

Media Award: Palma Shiles, City of Margate and Dan Skeldon, 69 WFMZ-TV for Tidal Flooding Talk podcast

Excellence in CRS Award: 4 Communities who did not lost ranking despite losing 600 pts for ABFE. Borough of Longport, Borough of Point Pleasant, Ocean Township, Sea Isle City

Outstanding Local Floodplain Mgmt Local Official: Pat Naticchione, Egg Harbor

Outstanding Floodplain Mgmt: Thomas Song, FEMA Region 2

Outreach Award: Meghan Mertyris, NJ Organizing Project

1. 2024 Term Elections (see SOP #1 ) – Circulated.
2. Conflict of Interest Policy – Circulated. To be adopted at next meeting
3. SOP #4, Conference Scholarship Priorities – Circulated for review.

**6. Old Business**

1. Conference professional scholarships; previously addressed.
2. Construction Code Official training program. Developed by Mike Tulan; 6-8 hour course. Class will be offered at the conference in October. We will own the training program going forward. Jim will continue to pursue inclusion of this training as mandatory for CCO. Mike made a motion to spend the $5k to fund training program development. Approved by voice vote; no objections.
3. Reuters photo settlement. Resolved. $400 fine paid.

**7. Executive Director**

1. Fall student membership drive. Communication going out this week to colleges and universities.
2. Student conference scholarships will be wrapped by the end of September.

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| **Conference** | **Scholarships** |
| New Jersey Natural Gas; $5,500 | New Jersey Natural Gas, $2,500 |
| PSEG, $2,500 | PSEG, $1,000 |
| Walmart, Egg Harbor $1,000 |  |
| Walmart, Neptune Twp, $1,000 |  |

1. Ocean First Bank put out call for Fall grant applicants. Joe is working on NJDCA Status filing to facilitate future grant applications.
2. NJ Coastal Resilience Coalition - Spring Conference. NJAFM may host networking event at that conference.

**8. Open Floor**

Sean reminded everyone of the exhibitor-sponsored after-party planned for Wednesday evening of the conference.

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn Sean O’Leary. Seconded Mike Graham. Approved by voice vote.

**Next NJAFM Board Meeting**

Online via Zoom, Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 8am