



Resilient Neighbors Network

Minutes of RNN Community Meeting of
Friday, *January 24, 2020*, 11:00 am ET

Resilient Neighbors Network (RNN) is a network of professionals representing communities actively working toward adaptation and resilience from natural hazards.

RNN Mission

To increase resilience in existing and developing communities at the grass roots level by documenting and actively sharing best practices, through education, peer to peer collaboration and mentoring.

RNN Vision

RNN will be a source for a compilation of community driven hazard resilience best practices that can serve as a resource to people & communities before, during and after a disaster. RNN will also actively bring ground truth and grassroots enlightenment to policy makers, researchers, regulators, and journalists.

AGENDA FOR RNN COMMUNITY MEETING OF January 24, 2020:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of Minutes (December 2019)
3. **Comments/Issues/RNN Community Sharing/Good News**
4. Status of Practical Community Resilience Project in South Carolina & Silver Jackets link (Ed Hecker) New NHMA Board Member Ed Hecker to talk about RNN Linkage to Silver Jackets
5. Status of ABA Book – Ed Thomas
6. Follow-up on any RNN action items and future activities
7. CTP Collaboration Monthly Call for Topics
8. **Any comments from Vincent Brown for FEMA updates**
9. Adjourn

Minutes for Meeting of Friday, January 24, 2020:

11:00 am Eastern Time: CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL:

1) ROLL CALL:

Present:

Tim Trautman (Charlotte-Mecklenburg)

Traci Sears (State of Montana)

Barb Miller (NHMA Board)

Ed Thomas (NHMA Board)

Erin Capps (NHMA Board)

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes tabled.

3) Comments/Issues/RNN Community Sharing/Good News

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Ed Thomas asked Traci Sears to discuss some of the issues she's seeing with the FEMA Three-Tier System and help introduce folks to the Tiering concept. Though new to him, Tim Trautman and others may be familiar with it and have information to share around it. Suggested we get this material into the Minutes and distribute it out everyone. This would be a way of surfacing some of the issues that folks are having. We can then ask Vince Brown, our FEMA Grant Manager, to take these up and forward them on to upper FEMA Management. Vince Brown is extremely tenacious, which is one of the reasons why we have the RNN able to give feedback up to the highest levels of FEMA Management. **Traci Sears** expressed her thanks and said she felt that would be very helpful to the states.

Ed Thomas asked Erin Capps to discuss the upcoming FEMA meeting that NHMA is planning. This is a great opportunity to talk about the RNN and some of the RNN issues with FEMA. We can raise more issues to FEMA's attention as we get closer to that meeting.

Ed Thomas shared that he and Kathy have moved to California. They are out of the Special Flood Hazard Area and are now in the Earthquake High-Risk Zone. Ed shared that for the first time in almost 30 years he doesn't have a flood insurance policy, but he does have an earthquake policy.

Ed Thomas described the Flood Control Stormwater System in the Coachella Valley/Palm Springs/Palm Desert/Rancho Mirage area as surprisingly well developed. They have prepared amazingly well for both a flood and an earthquake.

Erin Capps informed everyone that her availability on Friday mornings has been temporarily altered due to ongoing meetings in Houston that she has been asked to attend. She is not sure how long that will last but does want to make sure we can have the RNN calls at a time when the greatest number of RNN Community members are available to participate.

Erin will send out an e-mail to see if there's a better time for the call, or to see if there's a better time of the day for folks to join. It does work having it on the heels of the NHMA Board call, but we can also look at the week after as well. There may not be enough people on the call today to pass a motion or vote on this, so she will plan to do this via an e-mail or a Doodle Poll.

Ed Thomas and **Tim Trautman** agreed. Anything we can do to maximize participation for the RNN is important.

Ed Thomas shared a thought to increase participation might be to see if there are topics that the RNN Community Members would particularly like to talk about - such as the new Three-Tiered system that FEMA has implemented - or if they would like to hear from someone like Erin Capps, to the extent she can talk

about them, on the problems and issues happening in Houston with regard to policy implications, etc., and what the rest of the nation should know about what's going on there. **Erin Capps** responded that we could probably spend a whole hour just on that.

Ed Thomas suggested that a summary about an issue or topic might be helpful for purposes of the call. If people want to follow up for more detail, we could schedule a webinar which could go into more detail over the course of hour on that or other topics.

Ed Thomas offered that one such topic might be the court case which the US Court of Claims held against the Corps of Engineers in the *Baker-Addicks Upstream Case* and the implications it has for design and construction of Corps projects and other people's projects going forward, which are profound. He does not know what the Court of Appeals will do with it, or what the Supreme Court will eventually do with it, but right now from the perspective of No Adverse Impact and from many other perspectives, it is a huge case that we could talk about from the standpoint of its implications for Low Income Housing and other things.

Ed Thomas further shared that there's so much going on that he has no clue about, especially with regard to policies being implemented in Houston and the implications of that. To the extent that Erin's company allows her to talk about the what the issues are, it would be an interesting stream of information to bring forward.

Erin Capps agreed. She explained that the issues in Houston really are still about the storm - because of Harvey, and of course the continuing issues for folks in Puerto Rico, along with the 2017 storms, and those in Florida, as well. It's not a surprise that we're still working on storms, but what is surprising is that the issues are still circling around the public assistance dollars for them.

Ed Thomas suggested it would be good to talk about the proposed changes in the FEMA regulations with respect to codes and ordinances and the implications of these, as well as the direction that NIST appears to be heading with respect to codes and ordinances, which is a dramatic change for NIST. This is something he had talked to the folks at NIST about for a long time, who were initially very resistant to change with respect codes and ordinances incorporating the need to look beyond life safety to post-event operability and disaster risk reduction when restoring a facility or infrastructure. Now at this meeting he's scheduled to attend next week, NIST is very interested in talking about codes that would achieve disaster risk reduction and post disaster operability.

2020 CTP GRANT, PILOT WORKSHOPS & RNN COMMUNITY FACE-TO-FACE MEETING:

Erin Capps explained that NHMA is looking to increase the funding for its CTP Grant in 2020. David Mallory and she had a call with Vince Brown which focused on how we can connect more with FEMA Regions and emphasize more the RNN. Again, something to talk about with a larger RNN Community group is how in the past we have had face-to-face RNN meetings by tying them in with other conferences that folks were already planning to attend, we would like to do this as a tie-in with a new Pilot Workshop that NHMA will be doing on the DRR - such as we've done before in Pennsylvania and other places.

Erin observed that though we've done these in the past in RNN areas such as North Carolina and Pennsylvania, we may not have set aside the time well for the RNN Community members to physically meet. Therefore, some of the 2020 Grant funding would be used specifically for this purpose - to cover travel costs to help RNN Community members be able to attend the workshop(s) and participate. It would be nice if we could have a meeting with the RNN included in a Workshop as well - another tie-in wherever we're presenting in a community, is even better. This is something to think about. We could perhaps go to Montana in the summer to do this. **Traci Sears** agreed and stated they would love to have us out in Montana.

Erin Capps asked everyone to start thinking about: **Where do we want to do a pilot with a state that might be a good opportunity to combine with a face-face-meeting for the RNN?** Depending on where we are with the Grant and people's schedules, this summer might be a little quick for planning, but we do want it on everyone's radar.

NHMA WEBINARS:

Erin Capps reported with regard to webinars that she and David Mallory have committed to Vince Brown of FEMA that NHMA will prepare a page on our website specifically to list and announce our NHMA

webinars - even if we don't have a topic assigned, we will just do a 'save the date' for people to plan around. We certainly have no shortage of topics.

Erin Capps has reached out to folks at FEMA to do another webinar for us on the National Investment Strategy. This is a topic that Tom Hughes was especially interested in, so she has reached out to Jamie Leigh Price of FEMA, the original presenter, to see if she might be interested in doing a similar webinar for us. Jamie has indicated interest, pending FEMA Management approval and dates.

Erin Capps shared that the NHMA Board, in its meeting yesterday, discussed the potential for a webinar on earthquakes as well. Dr. Keith Porter and Ed Thomas have written an excellent article on this for the ABA, and the Board discussed addressing not only earthquake risk but also producing a one-pager as part of the webinar describing what citizens can do to prepare and pre-mitigate for earthquake risk.

The CTP has asked David Mallory to take on a greater role with the Grant in managing our webinar program and helping to schedule and set these up.

In addition to having webinars, Erin Capps also stressed that we really want to do another Pilot Workshop with a state somewhere, and we should look at places where we can either do a half day or a full day and have the RNN Community members attend as well..

TRACI SEARS REPORTED ON THE FEMA THREE-TIER SYSTEM:

Traci Sears reported that FEMA for the last few years has been talking about the Community Assistance Program under NFIP going to a tier system. They've been giving a little bit of information out about it here and there, but NFIP released the CAP suddenly on January 14th with the Tier System in place, and it has caught everyone a bit unprepared. It includes a ton of requirements which seem like they were established as similar to CRS, but FEMA never gave anyone a warning that this was coming out, and the states had less than 30 days to turn it around.

Traci expressed she believes the intention is good. They're trying to quantify what the states do under a CAP - it's easy to do under the Mapping Program, but it's a lot more difficult when your dealing with helping communities for land use. She acknowledged that it's really hard to quantify some of the efforts a lot of the states are doing.

Traci also shared she thinks there's a huge role for ASFP and the RNN to help out the states and communities in this, as NFIP is requiring that if one wants to come in under one of the three Tiers - "Foundational" is the basic, followed by "Proficient", and then "Advanced" - they have to be fully compliant with *all* the requirements of the Tier.

Unfortunately, the way it is set up is that if a community doesn't meet one of the benchmarks under a Tier, the *whole state* will be listed as below that Tier. So, its kind a forced tier system and an unknown.

Traci expressed that a lot of states will be asking for assistance from ASFP and from the RNN as well. Her state is going for Advanced, and they are one of the few states that are actually poised to be able come in and demonstrate that they are an Advanced Tier state, and this is because of the excellent support they've received from the RNN community in its Curriculum presentations.

One of the things the Tier level requires the states to talk about is training. Training sessions have to be part of a three-year training plan. They must discuss that the Training Plan covers all sorts of topics in NFIP, but the workshops or webinars or delivery platforms have to be for a minimum of four hours.

Why they put in a requirement of four hours, no one is certain. Typically, webinars aren't that long, but if its something that they're doing throughout the entire state, it might be a presentation that addresses multiple topics. This could provide an opportunity for NHMA and the RNN to develop a webinar for some of the states to use to achieve their benchmarks. And that could really help some of the states as they're developing their training plans throughout the year.

Traci shared that what NHMA is doing now will help the states a lot. The State of Montana has its Resource Seminar set up for September of this year in Great Falls and it will focus heavily on Silver Jackets and requirements of the levy communities. Traci is preparing an e-mail to NHMA to ask if we can do a Workshop for that event. It is expected to last about three to four days though in the past has sometimes been as long as a week.

Erin Capps said she will get back to Traci about doing some Modules for the Resource Seminar. The beautiful thing about the DRR Curriculum is that it is set up to be tailored. Erin has gone out to Utah to speak on legal aspects and policy following disasters and resiliency and successfully presented using the DRR Curriculum Modules. Since this need is more focused on NFIP, we could tailor something just for that.

Ed Thomas shared that we've done DRR Curriculum presentations in Montana, and this fits very well into what he and Traci were also talking about where ASFPM had approached him to do some presentations through the Foundation on the legal aspects of No Adverse Impact, flood plain management, higher standards, etc.

This opportunity in September cross-links to what we're doing with the DRR Curriculum and the incredible number of publications that we've developed - via himself, John Custler, John Marshall and others, with Erin's help. So, we have a lot of materials already prepared that we could use.

Ed Thomas suggested the Board talk about what we can do in September and where we can get the money to do it, whether we take it out of this FEMA Grant or get it from somewhere else. That will give us something to work towards.

Even if we participated in the Resources Seminar by webinar, it would still be very helpful. It's so much more effective to do it in person, but it is costly. He suggested we think about how we can weave in the ASFPM's desire as expressed by Dave Fowler for more legal information, and perhaps do something live in Montana and broadcast it nationwide - with ASFPM's assistance and the assistance of FEMA - on the Legal Modules. We can focus on Montana but explain that it's basically the same principles of effort we're talking about in other states as well.

Traci Sears agreed that would be extremely helpful. The Montana Statewide Resources Education seminar that Ed Thomas, Joe Rossi and Tim Trautman came out to give is one of the reasons Montana was able to achieve the Advanced Tier status on the Training requirement - all because of what RNN brought to the seminar. Montana won't be the only state requesting it, and there are a lot of folks who are talking about a monitor system. Traci Sears has already started discussing the RNN and the opportunities it offers with others and they will have more discussions about what trainings might be available.

Erin Capps said that is wonderful to hear. We can certainly tailor it and suggested we get it scheduled.

Ed Thomas clarified for the Minutes that Traci Sears is referring to the Montana Statewide Resources Education Workshop that we did there where he, Tim Trautman and Joe Rossi came out to present various Curriculum Modules. **Joe Rossi** gave a presentation on flood insurance and shared the brilliant concept that in a post-event recovery, communities need to think of flood insurance and all other types of insurance as part of the bank account that the whole community has to recover and move forward. In other words, it's not just individuals that have insurance, or individual businesses, or that a community might have on their infrastructure; the reality is that when that money flows in for post-event recovery, at any level, it helps jump start the recovery process for the economy of the whole community and is a vital part of resilience.

Also, at that workshop, **Tim Trautman** spoke about what they're doing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg which we wish we had on a nationwide webinar. It was inspiring and really a challenge because what Charlotte-Mecklenburg is doing, they're doing with the same tools that can be made available to other communities if they're willing to do it. It's a question of leadership and a question of inspiring action.

That sort of tailoring of the DRR is really what NHMA is all about and that is education.

Traci Sears concluded. This is a big piece of the Tier System - on Training. There are other things she has reached out to Ed Thomas for insight on. Though she understands what FEMA is trying to do, and is not saying it's a bad thing, this was the first time the new System was deployed, and neither FEMA or NFIP released a draft of the Tier System for people to comment on beforehand. Consequently, there is some 'quirky language' included, and some things about benchmarks which will probably cause problems. She and others are trying to work with FEMA on that. But it also presents opportunities for the RNN; a lot of information and topics they're asking for information on are in the realm of the RNN's expertise.

One of these is the requirement that the state flood plain management priorities be integrated into other state plans; that the state have a mitigation plan; also, that the state coordinate with other federal agencies. She observed that some states really struggle with that. They must also show coordination with insurance professionals.

The Advanced Tier wants applicants to show a state-wide initiative with the State Flood Insurance Commissioner at least once per year for the last three years; this is something Joe Rossi has a lot of expertise on. They also require a lot of coordination that integrates into key state emergency management operations, so they want flood plain management to petition at the EOC as a matter of resource and provide subject matter expertise.

Traci observed that though one would think these things would be basic for the states, they're not. Especially if a state has two departments running the Emergency Management Program and the NFIP program - they would have two different agencies. Sometimes it isn't clear cut.

The Tier system also talks about optimized use of mitigation funding for priority structures. This is one that a lot of states will struggle with.

Traci will send a copy of this material out so we can take a look at it. As she mentioned, there are a lot of opportunities here for the RNN.

Ed Thomas concurred that this is really exciting. **Erin Capps** agreed. One of the reasons we have the DRR is because we want to help with efforts like this. This is how we want to use Grant funding; we've been looking at where we want to do the next Pilot workshop. We have been talking about where to do a presentation for a state; and then the NEMA conference is coming up the end of the March. We didn't really want to wait until that time to get something set but would like to move forward to set the workshop up in September.

Erin Capps suggested that Traci Sears feel free to spread the word about RNN resources to others. Interested folks can either contact Erin directly, or Ed Thomas or David Mallory to get something scheduled and then we'll coordinate with our RNN members to see who is available to present and send it out. If it works out that we can get a good group of RNN members out for one of these presentations, it would be great. But if it falls into a time where those that we have on there and on these calls can present on some of the Modules by webinar, that is also good. We're fortunate to have that expertise in our group here.

Traci Sears said she will start spreading the word. Montana has a CAP conference coming up in February, so she will share some information with their CAPS as well.

Erin Capps shared that David Mallory also wanted to reach out to the Branch Director of Region 8 to see if there's something happening in that the Region that we can be a part of. Suggested that Traci please tie in with the FEMA Region there as this will bolster our efforts under the Grant and help us get the funding from FEMA.

Erin Capps further shared that one take-away from their call with Vince Brown of FEMA was for NHMA to do a short one/two or three-pager on our work under the Grant, our progress with it, and the many things we have going on as a result of it. She is trying to wrap it up by the end of the month to send to the Project Management Team on the Grant. This might be something we can share before Traci's meeting in February.

Traci Sears will gladly send that out once she receives it. She has been getting calls from all over by her counterparts; if its available she can hand it out at the February conference and send it around as well.

Ed Thomas suggested to Erin that the pager include something about the cross-linkage between what we're doing with ASFPM on the legal stuff and the DRR Curriculum and how the DRR Curriculum Modules that were presented in Montana helped Montana to think of itself as Advanced in the Tier Status. That then has national implications for the use of the DRR Curriculum.

Traci Sears and her team will be happy to provide a statement on that as well.

Erin Capps will make sure to distribute this to Mary Baker, Tim Trautman and everyone as well. The PMT wants to produce it in pdf so people are aware. We have a lot of materials online in different places, so we want to condense it so that it's easy to grab and share.

OTHER RNN COMMUNITY SHARINGS:

Barb Miller shared that their State meeting is coming up in February. She expects to know more about what their plans are at that point.

Tim Trautman had nothing significant to share today - they have a lot going on but nothing to share at the moment.

Erin Capps thanked them for being on the call and asked everyone to keep us informed on whoever else may need our help and can benefit from the Curriculum. That's great way that we can lend a hand.

SILVER JACKETS:

Ed Thomas shared that the other thing he wanted to mention is the important linkage we have with the Silver Jackets. The materials that we have on legal aspects are very relevant to the Corps and vital for members of the Corps - and others - to hear.

Whoever and whenever people from the Corps talk about or want to hear about the *Upstream Baker-Addix Reservoir* - they've got to hear this: It is a dramatic change in the law. We've been talking about this for some time and tackled it in Montana around how things are very different in terms of immunity, 5th Amendment Constitutional protection of people and their property, etc. It will be very interesting to see how all that unfolds over time.

ABA RESILIENCE BOOK:

Ed Thomas reported that the ABA Resilience Book is on track for publication. He is thrilled with the RNN participation in the book; we had Chuck Wallace who developed a draft of one of the chapters, and Donna Boyce who picked it up; we had Joe Rossi do a whole chapter; Ed Thomas himself did a chapter; and Ed Hecker has done a chapter together with David Vaughn.

Ed Thomas also mentioned that Dr. Keith Porter, who is one of our members and just a brilliant mind, worked with him on a publication for the American Bar Association in an article in one of the ABA magazines, on earthquake and pertinent steel frame reinforced buildings which at one time were thought to be properly designed, but now it is realized that they will not withstand an earthquake. They are expensive to retrofit but a lot more expensive to have crash down on occupants and anybody around them. Erin Capps contributed to the article by editing it, as did John Marshall who is also the author of one of the other chapters of the ABA Book, as is John Wiener, and others.

Tim Trautman asked about the timeline for publication of the ABA Resilience Book, and how would people be able to get it or purchase it, distribution wise.

Ed Thomas replied with regard to publication date, he is not sure; it is looking like it will be February or March, but he will be keeping everyone informed about that.

With regard to distribution, **Ed Thomas** explained that it will be published by the American Bar Association so it will be available through them. He may try to work out a way to see if we can make it available through NHMA, and possibly other organizations, at a discounted rate, by doing a group buy. We certainly want to have the widest possible distribution.

Ed Thomas explained the book is not going to be cheap; ABA and lawyers generally charge a lot. But if we can get it as a group buy and then make it available at NHMA's cost of handling, it could be an excellent additional resource for us and a distinguished feather in our cap. He has not yet presented this idea to the Board but would certainly be in favor of it doing that. We want to get this thing out.

The Book will certainly be referenced as part of the materials in any of the lectures that he does going forward, and he suggested that others do the same as we do presentations of the DRR Curriculum around the country. Just as he has mentioned that John Custler's works are available through the Association of State Wetland Managers, we may even be able to persuade the ASFPM to do the same with regard to this book. Since No Adverse Impact is specifically mentioned in it, maybe we can get ASFPM to be willing to handle it and get it out as well.

Traci Sears agreed that would be great.

NIST MEETING IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

Ed Thomas reported that he has been invited to the NIST meeting next week in Salt Lake City, Utah. It will be part of a series of meetings that NIST and FEMA have planned on earthquake recovery. He is stunned that NIST has done a complete 180 on the concept of looking at building codes for more than life safety - at least in their unpublished introductions in the materials for the workshop. They appear to be

'testing the waters' with the idea that we need to think about disaster risk reduction and post-disaster operability as part of our building codes. So a cross-link to the FEMA initiative that their purporting for PA in the future will not only have folks needing to meet local codes and standards in order to restore under the Public Assistance Program, but also that the codes must be the latest edition. This will be a major change promoting update of the codes as well as local codes and standards. It's moving in the direction of FEMA setting post disaster recovery standards, at least with respect to the expenditure of federal dollars. It's very exciting to see them moving in the direction of upping the standards of construction post-disaster. Now if we can just weave into NIST the ideas that we have trumpeted for years in the NHMA Curriculum, it would be really wonderful: To see them talk about higher standards to fulfill post-disaster operability and also examine goals for when does a community want to have a particular structure back in operation - zero time? Two hours? Two weeks? A month, a year? Etc.

Ed Thomas shared that thinking about disaster risk reduction as an element of building codes is really looking at potentially major changes, at the same time he believes that the trend in the law which John Custler and he and others have talked about for years, that owning something also includes responsibility for not harming your neighbors or yourselves and that is entirely appropriate with basic property law and constitutional principles. We're seeing the courts wrestling with that and coming down on the side of people's lives and property. It's a positive time.

CTP:

Erin Capps reported that the CTP will be revising NHMA's one- or two-pager with an update on where we are with the Grant and our various activities. It will also look at setting up dates for webinars and pilot workshops. She is excited about all of that and the opportunity for us to really start rolling these out.

The beauty of the Curriculum is that it truly is something that can be tailored to an individual community, Region or state and it doesn't always have to be the same person presenting the material - it can be somebody that's in the area who can take that information and has the expertise to present it. They are excited about all of that and Erin thanked Traci for her suggestion that we consider Montana in the Fall.

Traci Sears asked if anyone else received a copy of the draft FEMA Recovery Policy for Section 2 of NIST. It is specific to building codes and flood plain management administration and enforcement. They just sent it out the other day and there's a 45-day turnaround on it for comments. She will send it out to everyone and hopefully some folks may get a chance to take a look at it. If anyone has any comments, that would be very helpful.

Tim Trautman responded to a question from Ed Thomas about whether ASFPM is developing comments on it, and stated that yes, they are. Tim is circulating some things on it, but the Executive Office is handling it initially. He believes one of the bigger topics within it is the ability to use some of the funding to get reimbursed for Substantial Damage Determinations. It was some language that was put in the bill that was passed last Fall.

Ed Thomas suggested we consider whether we can work with ASFPM or anyone else on this; he and Erin Capps will discuss. Erin Capps responded that she has forwarded the link on this to him, so they have it in an e-mail as well.

Ed Thomas urged that we get this out to the RNN Communities for comments. Even if all we do is replicate much of what ASFPM is saying, the fact that two organizations are saying the same thing or something similar is significant. Also, we can cross-link this to the DRR Curriculum and the strong legal impetus on higher standards and how these fit into court cases and the like. This is very exciting. That, along with the materials he received from NIST - which are not for distribution, but he might be able to figure out how to cross-link what NIST is doing and the workshops they are going forward with in Earthquake country, and tie all of that into our response. It is huge news that FEMA's talking about making it a requirement to use the latest update of the building codes in recovery and a great step forward; yet it may not make that big a difference because building codes are not yet designed for post-operability and disaster risk reduction.

Ed Thomas suggested we make this a featured thing in the next Newsletter or an announcement in lieu of the newsletter - this is big news.

Tim Trautman shared that on this particular issue, speaking as a local, it's more difficult for him to provide any valuable comments because his community doesn't deal with it - the states deal with this a bit more than locals do, so it would be good to send this out to the whole membership, not just the RNN.

Ed Thomas suggested the language say that we're developing comments and are going to try and cross-link that through Tim Trautman at ASFPM - the more that we can do to work with ASFPM the better. He has often said we're the little sister of ASFPM - of course we have the broader view, including wildfire, earthquakes, etc.

Erin Capps stated that she sent the message out asking for comments on it to be sent to adm4nhma@outlook. The deadline for comments is March 6th. She has sent a quick note to the RNN - requesting they respond by Valentine's Day so we can coordinate with the ASFPM; she had seen that posted but didn't realize that we had a comment period.

Traci Sears shared that there's language in the draft NOFO for the Community Assistance Program directly to DRRRA Section 1206, essentially saying that we are expected to support implementation of anticipated new policy and guidance related to this. So, if we're preparing those thoughts to give to the NFIP folks, we can mention this isn't a draft NOFO for FY 20.

OTHER COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Ed Thomas shared for anyone who might be interested the the application period for LEED Grants for Cities and Communities is next week from the US Green Building Council, for LEED Cities and Communities Rating System. He will forward it on to everyone and Erin Capps as well and we will get that out.

Erin Capps concluded that we will get a Doodle Poll out and perhaps more folks can join in on the calls so we can have our voting. She appreciated the discussion and the many great action items.

Call ended 12:04 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next meeting is **February 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** Eastern Time.

ACTION ITEMS:

January 2020 Action Items List

- (Jan)-A1. **DONE - NHMA Admin** to send out a Doodle Poll to the RNN see what day would work best for everyone to meet, if a different day, time, or week would be better to have more folks on the call.
- (Jan)-A2. **DONE - Erin Capps** to send a quick note to the NHMA membership and the RNN on the draft FEMA Recovery Policy for Section 2 of NIST, requesting comments and responses by Valentine's Day so we can coordinate with the ASFPM to meet the deadline of March 6th.
- (Jan)-A3. **Traci Sears** to distribute a copy of the draft FEMA Recovery Policy for Section 2 of NIST specific to Building Codes and Flood Plain Management Administration and Enforcement for folks to take a look at it and provide any comments.
- (Jan)-A4. **Traci Sears** to send out materials on the Tier System with regard to the piece on Training for everyone to take a look at - it will present a lot of opportunities for the RNN.
- (Jan)-A5. **Erin Capps** and the CTP to revise NHMA's one- or two-pager(s) with an update on where we are with the Grant and our various activities including webinar schedules and Pilot Workshop and make this available to the RNN, particularly Traci Sears, Mary Baker, and Tim Trautman for immediate upcoming events.
- (Jan)-A6. **Traci Sears** and her team to provide a statement to Erin Capps and the CTP for the NHMA one-pager on how the DRR Curriculum Modules that were presented in Montana helped Montana to think of itself as Advanced in the Tier Status and how this has national implications for the use of the DRR Curriculum.
- (Jan)-A7. **Traci Sears** to spread the word about the RNN resources to others - particularly to her counterparts and hand out the updated NHMA one-pager at upcoming conferences and send it around, including to their CAPS as well. Interested folks can either contact Erin Capps directly, or Ed Thomas or David Mallory to get a training or webinar scheduled.
- (Jan)-A8. **Ed Thomas** to try to see if we can do a 'group buy' of the ABA Resilience Book and make it available through NHMA, at a discounted rate and to see if other organizations (especially ASFPM, since No Adverse Impact is specifically mentioned in it) would be willing to handle it and get it out as well.