



# Resilient Neighbors Network

Minutes of RNN Community Meeting of

Friday, *April 3, 2020*, 11:00 am ET

*(Rescheduled meeting of March 27, 2020)*

**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.

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## **AGENDA FOR RNN COMMUNITY MEETING OF April 3, 2020**

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1. Roll call
2. Approval of Minutes
- 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, April 3, 2020

*This is the rescheduled meeting of March 27, 2020*

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

#### 1) ROLL CALL:

Present:

**Joe Rossi** (Massachusetts Coastal Coalition) - Region 1

**Chelsea Blair** (Lycoming County) - Region 3

**Traci Sears** (State of Montana) - Region 8

**Ned Swanberg** (State of Vermont) - Region 1

**Erin Capps** (NHMA Board)

**Ed Thomas** (NHMA Board)

**David Mallory** (NHMA Board)

**Jim Murphy** (NHMA Board)

**Mary Baker** (NHMA Board) - Nebraska, Region 7

**Annie Vest** (NHMA Board) - Oklahoma, Region 6

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (January and February 2020)

Minutes were tabled.

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

DISCUSSION:

**Ned Swanberg** (Region 1) shared that things are busy in Vermont. He's mostly telecommuting, working from home, functional so far. He reported that one colleague is at the SEOC Coordination. It looks like low flood risk this year, which is good news on top of everything that is going on. He would be interested to hear how many states have pandemic related sections in their Hazard Mitigation Plans.

**Mary Baker** (Region 7) shared that Nebraska is revising their Hazard Mitigation Plan for the second year in a row, so hopefully will include one.

**Annie Vest** (Region 6) agreed it will be interesting to see as FEMA has said not to include things like that in the Mitigation Plan for a long time. Region 6 instructs communities that it won't review those as hazards. We can include them, but at National they won't be reviewed as meeting the law.

**Mary Baker** concurred. Region 7 has done the same, stating that man-made hazards aren't the intent of the Mitigation Plan, but her state has argued that point. They've put a lot of man-made hazards into their local plans, but the state plan has been a different story.

**Ned Swanberg** shared he wished that the Vermont and Vermont-Regional Hazard Mitigation Plans also had a climate adaptation and mitigation component.

**Ed Thomas** offered that this is an excellent point to keep in mind. Also keeping in mind that this CORONAVIRUS response is an opportunity - people are now thinking about things they wished they had done to prepare, and that's a good thought process for us to follow up on.

**Jim Murphy** shared that DHS has tasked him to do something related to CORONAVIRUS response. He represents both the ASFPM and his company, AECOM, on the Office of Infrastructure Protection, Dam and Levees Sector Coordination Counsel. Overall, DHS has asked for information on the following: **Has the Coronavirus impacted our infrastructure?** In his conversations with folks, he finds them saying that the biggest problem they've had in many things, such as flood mapping, has been their inability to hold public meetings. The Dam Sector has to notify people downstream of hazards, etc., and the ability to hold community meetings under some of the statutory legislative rules which require face-to-face meetings, is now a problem. They're trying to figure out how to deal with social distancing or find a work around for it, and this has been the biggest obstacle they've faced. **Has anyone in the RNN community experienced this issue?**

**Joe Rossi** shared that his hometown community of Marshfield, Massachusetts is going through a Map Approval Process and they ran into this exact issue because they were required to hold a community meeting on the impact of the new flood map. They were lucky enough that the state has changed the public meeting process and they were able to hold a virtual call-in meeting, so they had a televised meeting of experts talk about the maps and then took call-ins from people watching the televised event.

**Ned Swanberg** shared that Vermont has a series of Discovery Meetings which have now been postponed. They were trying to see if they could move the bulk of the value online, but in their case the SGS is quite hesitant to do that. He believes it is partly a contractual issue, but there is a lot of confusion around this right now. Vermont has a lot of people who aren't able to access much bandwidth, so online meetings can only go so far. As a result, Vermont's outreach activities have been put on hold. There is a gap as to how they will be organized in order to be appropriately inclusive.

Though Vermont has recently modified the state's rules for open meetings, it doesn't affect the Discovery Meetings. Part of the difficulty was providing adequate space where everybody could effectively practice social distancing. That meant, for them, looking at cafeterias where people could spread out adequately so they could attend in person. It's a problem for them right now.

**Chelsea Blair** shared that Lycoming County has been doing teleconference calls offering availability to any product on their website. People can actually look at products before making a call in if they don't have access to the internet or able to do a screen share or anything like that. That's actually been working out very well for them from a transportation perspective, more so than anything else.

**Jim Murphy** shared that another problem they've encountered in working on the huge levee flood control structure on the East River across from New York City in New Jersey as a result of Superstorm Sandy, is funding of all these activities. Their biggest concern has been meeting with community officials, legislative requirements that require in-person meetings, and the ability of decision makers to even get to address the problems because they're all so intent on the Coronavirus they're not getting around to other issues. This has also impacted FEMA's flood mapping activity, as far as getting maps approved, etc. **Have the RNN Communities encountered this as well?**

**Mary Baker** shared that Nebraska has a whole construction issue which this will affect in terms of infrastructure, fulfilling contracts, holding bid meetings, etc. The City of Lincoln right now is looking at how to hold bid meetings because they are required to do them on site. Social distancing requirements affect all sorts of things that have to go forward on the construction side of this, as well as the funding side. Communities now are already strapped in Nebraska because they paid out a huge amount of money last year for flood disaster issues, but still haven't received reimbursements from FEMA, and now are being tasked with fighting the Coronavirus. So, all these infrastructure projects that they wanted to get done are not going to get done because they don't have the money or the people or the ability to put people on site in certain places.

**Traci Sears** shared that the Montana governor sent out a Directive implementing certain Executive Orders for providing measures for operation of local government. They have also come up with a Communication Plan dealing with their communities and they allocated some of their CAP funding to be used to buy equipment for communication for their smaller communities which they can send out ahead of time. They're finishing up sharing all that information and getting it out. Their Department of Transportation has gone full bore on trying to get contracts. They have made some types of provisions. So even though they are shelter-in-place, they are allowing - especially for infrastructure - for them to continue with some of these jobs.

**Erin Capps** shared that, with regard to meetings in Houston, they were looking at how the City Council's going to meet because they've never done that completely virtually before. Another challenge is equipment - some communities had to hire an IT company or buy new laptops for their people so they could work remotely. Some communities have dash-lock computers and if someone worked over the weekend or at their home using their personal laptop, it's an issue when you're trying to make sure everybody is communicating or coordinating on a similar platform. So, they're confronted with either covering the cost of getting IT to bring everybody with laptops up to speed on the existing platform, or more costs for their IT or IT company to make sure that people can connect. It's been a question of, 'is this something that's reimbursable by FEMA because it was done in the course of the emergency?' and they don't necessarily know the answer. Presumably, it would have to be decided on a case by case basis as to how the request would be framed; but thinking about something like this being a nation-wide issue, it's a huge expense.

**Ed Thomas** suggested that this might be something that would be useful for us to take action on. We could try and raise these questions, maybe through something like ABA's Ernie Abbott, the State and Local Government Law and the Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee, all of which are working on this; there is also an ABA Coronavirus Task Force. This might be something that we could write up out of NHMA. If anyone in the RNN have any questions on policy - this is a mega-million-dollar question for local governments. Maybe we could come up with a list of questions and get them to Ernie Abbott and at the same time raise some of these questions through what Jim Murphy's doing.

One way to address what people are asking about is to indicate that there are issues with respect to things as ordinary as reimbursements where, for whatever reason, whether its state rules - by the way, it is almost invariably state nonsense that's going on, not FEMA holding up reimbursements - or what do we have to do to smooth out bureaucracy to keep state and local governments afloat and if there are impediments with respect to state law, states need to think about that and solve them.

In Vermont many years back, they got hammered on by FEMA for incredibly - bizarrely - delayed reimbursements, and in going back to figure it all out learned that it had nothing at all to do with FEMA - it was a bottleneck with the state and some truly Byzantine and inappropriate rules. The same thing happened in Iowa back in the 1990's which was very quickly smoothed out.

If we can say that this Coronavirus situation is a very serious concern, that we're already behind on reimbursements, that some of these are things that need to be solved by the state and some are things we can just give input into, then by surfacing these up through the various systems that we have in place for coordinating activities, if people have questions it would be splendid for us to present them to the ABA and Ernie Abbott and offer some suggestions on how this should be resolved in terms of policy.

If people need equipment to carry out an emergency function, they need the equipment and it needs to be bought. This gets down to the larger question that he hopes will be pursued within the ABA of, who pays for it? The idea being to push people by telling them, 'you can pay me now or pay me later, but it costs a lot more to pay me later'. We need to take the long-term view of things, whether its preparedness or hazard mitigation, and get hazard mitigation folded into the response to preparedness issues that are coming up in terms of the Coronavirus.

**Erin Capps** suggested NHMA connect with the ABA as an organization. She and Ed will do that along with anyone else who's willing. Suggested we gather thoughts from those on this call and the RNN Communities via an e-mail to gather some of the questions that we want to try to address.

We're not going to see a huge FEMA response via most direct federal assistance as that will be pushed through to the states in what they already do: for healthcare, other programs, etc., so anything we can do to help get resources to the states is best.

**Ned Swanberg** articulated the need to be mindful of the digital divide in our communications and their effects in terms of public inclusion, both urban and rural. In examining a new cell tower improvement happening in Middlebury, Vermont, recently, his team was asking, 'is this a critical facility? Do the people of Middlebury want/need be able to communicate with other people and know what is going on in the world?' How we handle infrastructure issues is pertinent and important nationally.

**Chelsea Blair** shared that Lyscoming County has taken similar initiatives and would be happy to reach out to their Department of Public Safety to see what questions they might have from the point of view of what they are seeing. From a local county perspective, she noted that her Planning Department along with others in her county, don't have enough laptops or resources, many times, yet they are trying to obey the advice of officials to stay at home. At the same time, there's work that needs to be done from a public infrastructure perspective, so this would be a huge benefit.

**Traci Sears** shared that Montana has also been working with their local communities to try to figure out the best way to hold public meetings. They find themselves doing a lot of handholding as they work this through and help communities get up to speed on their capabilities. Their Governor's Executive Order and their Draft Communication Plan, which was put together for Caps and Mapping, has been posted to their website. Many communities are reaching out to them for help figuring out the best media format to use - Zoom or Adobe or purchasing a license for meetings on Microsoft Team - so capabilities vary and are really dependent on the community. At this point, almost all of them are working remotely. They used some funding to set up a kit to send out for some of their meetings so they would at least have a laptop, Wi-Fi, a web camera, speaker, and a microphone to help facilitate one of their meetings. But understanding how communities get reimbursed will be very valuable. Knowing what equipment that we can get to them right away is vital - especially for the Planning and Flood Plain Administration, those offices are struggling on how to operate day to day.

**Chelsea Blair** added that from a local county perspective, prior to COVID-19 Lycoming County began doing YouTube as their way of pushing the word out about the Commissioners' Meeting. They discovered there is a limited number of callers that they can have calling in. So, their virtual capacity needs to expand a lot more. The other difficulty from an IT perspective, is that the software sometimes used isn't always the best software because some of them are easy to hack. They are trying to figure out how to navigate all of that while dealing with COVID-19, and it's become an interesting challenge. One thing that in some ways is a benefit to them is that Lycoming County is currently doing its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update so they're incorporating what's happening right now into their plan.

**Erin Capps** offered that there are multiple avenues of funding that could also help: From a FEMA perspective, there's funding available through the CDC, the Coronavirus Preparedness Act, etc.

**Jim Murphy** asked that we let the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection know that several of their senior leaders of NHMA will work with ABA to look at what are some of the legal issues as far as community coordination and that type of thing that we can deal with, and that at least somebody is looking into these issues because this is something that they were concerned about, how do you coordinate with communities on infrastructure stuff when the communities are having a hard time? Is it okay to let them know that Ed and Erin will approach ABA about this issue?

**Ed Thomas** clarified that the ABA has a task force in place. The ABA Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness had a meeting yesterday where this was discussed in some detail. They are looking at this primarily from the perspective of low-income people, veterans and others who need IA type assistance. But ABA will be putting stuff together on going through the new legislation and also keep in mind the proposed new legislation which is in essence a jobs bill for infrastructure. One of the things that we want to do in the Hazard Mitigation community, is shove very hard that any infrastructure that's built - as Ned Swanberg said earlier - be built with an idea toward climate uncertainty or climate change or whatever we call the future, so we don't continue with the mistakes of the past. So there's a lot going on here, and we can pass on to them that this is something of interest within ABA and there is going to be that linkage between the natural hazards community and ABA that will continue or perhaps accelerate.

**Ed Thomas** suggested to David Mallory that when talking about the work plan and steps forward with Clemson with regard to the Grant, we put in some contractor support or some other type of financial support for any effort that we do that cross links into ABA, particularly with the infrastructure bill coming up, as well as anything we can do to turn things around a little bit with respect to the pandemic.

**Erin Capps** summarized that we have some good action items: Chelsea Blair will connect with her CPS Enterprise Team about a few questions they have and Jim Murphy will follow up with his DHS contact. However they may want her help and involvement, we'll move forward with it. It would be great to put some things together and see what we can find out.

**Annie Vest** expressed concern with capacity as capabilities both at the local and state level and trickling up to FEMA. The reimbursements from last year's flood have been slow. This may be attributed to the state but could also be related to FEMA's new PDMG model. She hopes that FEMA will look at the exceptions that are being made in other areas of the federal government and allow for some exceptions to be made in the FEMA processes as well. They work directly with the City of Tulsa and their mayor had stepped up well in advance - about a week ahead of things that have been going on in the state of Oklahoma - so they've been under a shelter in place order.

Everything discussed today would be significantly beneficial even as she's working through the preliminary mapping meetings. They have the same catchall as to how to hold a public meeting, so all the comments on infrastructure are very much on point.

Another concern is that mitigation may be stuck in the wrong profession and should perhaps not be assigned to Emergency Managers. This is appearing as an issue in Oklahoma right now because the emergency management community has apparently just said they are 'too busy with COVID' to do any other kind of work, even though the state is in a 'sit and wait' period with COVID throughout the state, which is very rural.

She is happy to help or help get information from Oklahoma or any other states in their Region.

**Erin Capps** shared that we've had similar situations before, like with H1N1, but that was different because we didn't have the stay-at home or protective orders in place, or limited gatherings of more than 2 people. In Texas there is a Governor's Proclamation in effect, but it's not uniformly enforced. Houston is doing shelter in place, for example, but where she's from, it is not being followed. It's more difficult in a small town where you're waiting on constituents to vote for you, and you can't close down the mom & pop restaurant, or the factory, and people are not following social distance guidance or



enforcing. This is not something we can change or do anything about, but it goes to the point of how the administration of this will be unique and locally led to a certain extent.

**The concern was expressed** that some locations are expecting a flood or tornado or a natural disaster to occur and the majority of the nation will be unprepared to handle both of these things at once. These could really change how we plan and what type of planning we do. When we do these arbitrary capability assessments which mean a lot more now, after the fact, it will be interesting to see what happens going forward.

**The planning aspect will be critical.** The capability assessment matters too. What happens when you're dealing with a pending crisis and you have a flood or tornado on top of that? How do you handle COVID patients who are recovering at home and then might have to be rescued due to high water that affects infrastructure? How do you put in place a contingency plan for that and where do you go to get that additional support for the community?

#### RNN ACTION ITEMS, DRR CURRICULUM, STATUS OF GRANTS:

**Erin Capps** summarized that we have good thoughts and good action items.

We are continuing with outreach to additional RNN Communities and bringing them in, and we are also moving forward with the Grant.

**David Mallory reported** that we currently have two active Grants - the 2018 Grant and the 2019 Grant. We're closing out the 2017 Grant. We have about \$180,000.00 between the two Grants to spend.

The main thrust of our work at this point is to get some contracts under way to help with what we're terming *operationalizing* the DRR Curriculum; meaning getting it out in the field, doing pilots, getting the feedback, the evaluation surveys and so forth and creating a feedback loop, going back through and updating Modules as they become more important. We're also looking at the prospect of creating some new Modules, probably around disasters and what to do to get money, how to navigate through the reimbursement process, etc. We already have some of that in the Roadmap publications, but Modules that do actual training along that line are possibly on the horizon.

We're also actively preparing our application for the 2020 Grant. We see moving into the 2019 and on into 2020 as being the period where we're going to be creating a learning environment, coming up with a Learning Management System, and at the end of all of that, coming up with a credentialing for a Mitigation Professional that is meaningful and robust and equips local folks with what is needed to create more resilience and actually move the needle on the ground in local communities.

**Annie Vest** volunteered to help David Mallory with this. Ed Thomas and she had conversations in the past about looking at the Curriculum that's already out there, making sure it's still applicable and still relevant. Though she can't dedicate all of her time to this, she would love to help if/when she can take her eyes off of the three Hazard Mitigation Plans she is currently writing.

**David Mallory** thanked her and will be in touch with her.

**Ed Thomas** added that her help is wonderful, and we can definitely use her help and the help of anyone in the RNN Community.

#### WEBINARS / CONFERENCES

**Erin Capps** reported that we have a couple of webinars planned - one with Jaime Leigh Price and one with John Ingargiola. These have been put on hold due to the CORONAVIRUS situation, out of respect to the presenters and the topics. We still badly want to move forward on these but realize we just won't have people join right now unless it's something that says COVID in the title or has reimbursements for COVID as a topic. We're looking across the board and seeing things that have been cancelled through April and May, so our webinars will still move forward but at a later date.

**The Texas Resiliency Conference** was going to happen in either May or June but has been rescheduled for the fall in Austin, Texas. Thanks to Annie Vest we were selected to present on NHMA and the DRR Curriculum.

**Erin Capps to follow up by e-mail on the Region 6 Mitigation Summit.** They were going to hold this in June and had selected our Module on Flood Plain Management and the Policy Implications of that, along with possibly one other Module for presentation. We were waiting on more details. They do want us there, and do want us to present, but we don't know if it will happen now or not. Erin Capps to follow up and see if they're on track or if they're postponing to the Fall.

**Traci Sears** reported that the **State of Montana Resource Seminar** is still moving forward with its dates in the Fall. They are still pushing for it in the month of September. Traci Sears will begin planning for our Curriculum presentation in about three weeks.

#### ABA RESILIENCE BOOK

**Ed Thomas** reported on the progress on "our" ABA Resilience Book. Ed stressed that this really is "our" book, as multiple people from the RNN Community and the NHMA contributed to it. It was a huge multi-year effort. It either has gone or is going to the printers this week.

**Ed Thomas** thanked everyone that was involved in the writing of this book. Even those that didn't write portions of it, if they look through it, will see things that they have contributed to and worked on together. Traci Sears; Joe Rossi has a chapter in the Book; Donna Boyce has material in it; it includes materials from a lot of people directly or indirectly who are on this call, concepts and thoughts that we have all worked on and developed over the years.

**Ed Thomas** discussed promotion of the book after it is published. **Traci Sears** to take back to our friends at ASFPM the news that there is a chunk in this book on the whole concept of *No Adverse Impact* which references Dr. Cussler's papers, Ed Thomas's papers, and others. It cross-links to efforts that ASFPM seems to be resuscitation with regard to legal analysis, so we have a lot of materials in there that are very supportive of the NAI concept and are hoping that ASFPM will be willing to work with us to promote the book and the concepts in the book.

We also hope ASFPM may work with us on webinars and other things related to this as so much of the core of the book is about the legal aspects of hazard mitigation, the support for higher standards which were pioneered by ASFPM, the NAI, and of course built upon John Cussler's work with so many of the concepts in the book and its materials.

The Ed Hecker/ David Vaughn piece will make a very nice webinar or webinar series. We would love to see a webinar on Joe Rossi's material: It is a brilliant concept that we first heard him talk about when we were in Montana for one of Traci Sears's wonderful seminar series.

Most importantly, we have a lot of materials that will now say *American Bar Association*. That is hugely important and will make a difference by increasing the receptivity of audiences nationwide to our information. Ed has personally experienced the value of this when doing lectures to very skeptical audiences; when citing material from an article posted on the ABA website, the receptivity of the audience noticeably shifted in a positive way. That is because the ABA association gives creditability to the material.

This will help us profoundly in pushing our message into the community on the whole idea of hazard mitigation/climate adaptation. It will be up to all of us to grab that opportunity and link this to anything that's going on: We can talk about how floods relate to wildfire; we can talk about how preparedness and how thinking ahead and taking the long-term view of things relates to CORONAVIRUS. We can and need to link our materials into the topic of the day, whether it's a flood, tornado, fire, or whatever, thinking about how we, who have these thoughts and have this knowledge, can bring this out in a way that the public can receive it and use it.

More to come on the ABA Book and then the follow on to that, as we promote the Curriculum, because the Curriculum is referenced in multiple places in the book.

**Traci Sears** shared that the timing on this book is really significant. She has been mentioning the book at the ASFPM, and right now she is not sure if everyone is aware that a lot of the state chapters have potential for DRR Curriculum presentations at their conferences - especially now with folks scrambling to get their CFM education credits. Right now, ASFPM is putting together a series of webinars that they're offering for CE in light of this CORONAVIRUS situation. They're still debating on holding a conference in May - her thought is that it probably won't happen then, so they're looking at alternate dates and platforms - whether to push it to the Fall or to do a kind of on-line platform.

**Traci Sears and Ed Thomas will talk offline** about sending an e-mail to Tad and Ingrid at the ASFPM as they plan their CFM webinars to see if they might include some of the DRR Modules.

**Erin Capps** reminded everyone that any questions or ideas on things they want to put together on COVID19 please send them to the group by email. Others not on the call might be interested as well. We will try to organize some thoughts about this.

**Jim Murphy will write a letter** to his contact at DHS who coordinates their infrastructure and let her know that Ed Thomas and Erin Capps will be working with the ABA on some of these issues and with their permission will give her their names to get additional information. He will also mention that, as it relates to the infrastructure bill, will tell her that we ought to include climate change, or uncertainty, or anything else they want to call it so they don't upset anyone that occupies the White House, in that.

Call ended 12:04 p.m.

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The Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next meeting is **April 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** Eastern Time.

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*[ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW.]*



## March 2020 Action Items List

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### CORONAVIRUS:

- (March)-A1. **NHMA Admin** to send out an e-mail to the RNN Communities asking for any questions or input on CORONAVIRUS policy.
- (March)-A2. **Erin Capps** reminded everyone that any questions or ideas on things they want to put together on COVID-19 please send them to the group by email. Others not on the call might be interested as well. We will try to organize some thoughts about this.
- (March)-A3. **Chelsea Blair** to reach out to Lycoming County Department of Public Safety to see what questions they might have on CORONAVIRUS policy from the point of view of what they are seeing.
- (March)-A4. **Jim Murphy** to write a letter to his contact at DHS who coordinates their infrastructure and let her know that Ed Thomas and Erin Capps will be working with the ABA on some of these issues and give her their names and contact information. He will also mention that as it relates to the infrastructure bill will tell her that we ought to include climate change, or uncertainty, or anything else they want to call it so they don't upset anyone that occupies the White House, in it.
- (March)-A5. **Annie Vest** to help or help get information from Oklahoma or any other states in their Region.
- (March)-A6. **Erin Capps and Ed Thomas** to connect with the ABA as an organization, along with anyone else from the RNN who's willing. Suggested we gather thoughts from those on this call and the RNN Communities via an e-mail to gather some of the questions that we want to try to address.
- (March)-A7. **NHMA** to write something on CORONAVIRUS policy and submit a list of questions from the RNN Communities to the ABA, Ernie Abbott, the State and Local Government Law and the Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee along with the ABA Coronavirus Task Force, and at the same time raise some of these questions through what Jim Murphy is doing per request of the DHS.

### NHMA GRANTS FOLLOW UP:

- (March)-A8. **David Mallory** to include some contractor support or other type of financial support for any effort we do that cross links into ABA - particularly with regard to the infrastructure bill coming up, or anything we can do to turn things around with respect to the pandemic.

### DRR CURRICULUM:

- (March)-A9. **Annie Vest** to help David Mallory with looking at the Curriculum, making sure it's still applicable and relevant.
- (March)-A10. **David Mallory** to connect with Annie Vest on reviewing the Curriculum.

### CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

- (March)-A11. **Erin Capps** to follow up by e-mail on the Region 6 Mitigation Summit.
- (March)-A12. **Traci Sears** to begin planning the Curriculum presentation for the State of Montana Resource Seminar.
- (March)-A13. **Traci Sears and Ed Thomas to talk offline** about sending an e-mail to Tad and Ingrid at the ASFPM to see if they might include some of the DRR Modules in their CFM webinars.