



## EXCERPT of Portion of JUNE 26, 2020 RNN MINUTES

### *BRIEF STATUS OF NHMA ACTIVITIES, STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLAN*

**Ed Hecker** reported that over the past few months we have incorporated the Practical Community Resilience Project in South Carolina effort into the overall NHMA Strategic Plan update. The Strategic Plan indicates where we're at with the RNN and where we're going and how it ties in with programs and activities like the Silver Jackets and some others that we want to network with. There will also be an Operations Plan that will play out more specifically, and this is where we'll need a lot of input and feedback from the RNN Communities in terms of what we want to do year by year. We've also had discussions on this call about how to get those ideas played forward, incorporating all the great work that's been done by the RNN to date but also expand the group and connect it to some of the other things we want to do with this evolving concept of Practical Community Resilience. We are using it to 'operationalize' the Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum and connect it to efforts with universities and other engineers to bring resources and support directly to communities. So, we're looking for the Resilient Neighbors Network to be a key enabler for that and expect to have a final draft ready for broader review of the Strategic Plan within the next few days. We'll be getting it out to some of the key folks on this call to give you a chance to look at it, see what makes sense, give us some additional ideas that we can incorporate, and at some point we would love to get everybody together in person and hash some of these new ideas out. We'll have an event of some sort to bring the Board and the RNN Network and the other key players together to really launch this effort and some of that ties right into the ABA Guide that many of us already worked on and which will soon be published. By next call we'll be able to talk more specifically about the NHMA Strategic Plan and Operations Plan and how RNN fits within it and hopefully will already have some initial feedback from the RNN Communities. That's also going to play into the where we're going in terms of the ABA Guide and how that's going to further enable some of these operational activities. Much more to follow over the next month is the bottom line.

**Ed Thomas** mentioned that NHMA is also in the process of hiring some contractors to assist us in the next steps of developing and credentialing the Curriculum. We haven't had a contractor involved with us on this for a couple of years. So, there are fresh opportunities for RNN members to get involved: from reviewing the Curriculum to looking at the Strategic and Operational Plan, to doing webinars and putting on virtual workshops, and more. So, a lot is going on and it's a wonderful opportunity for all of you to participate and many thanks to each of you who do!

**Ed Hecker** added that we are aligning our efforts with many programs that are existing or evolving at the federal level. One program we're specifically focused on connecting with is the BRIC Program which is succeeding the PDM Grant structure. We've interacted with the Program Manager for BRIC at the FEMA Mitigation Directorate in terms of how we can nest some things from the Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum with the idea of practical community resilience, and essentially help FEMA move BRIC forward in a very constructive way while leveraging some things we're trying to do operationally.

The Board also discussed the "BRIC Summer Series" in its meeting yesterday. This is a series of four or five weekly webinars about BRIC starting soon that layout the basic components, purpose and overview of what BRIC is. There's a funding mechanism provided through the Disaster Recovery format so there's substantially more funding available for that program than there has been for other grant programs like it in the past. It also links pre-disaster and post-disaster with grant programs. It would be good if we can put out information on the BRIC Summer Series because that's going to lead to the Notice of Funding Opportunity that they expect to roll out for BRIC in August.

**Gene Henry** observed that there's so much NHMA has done including with the RNN, its' hard to keep a handle on all of it. Is there a summary that we can put up on the NHMA website about that? It would be wonderful to see a document detailing an intent or progress moving forward or a re-bringing of everything out. Also, between BRIC and everything else, NHMA's documents have so many alternatives it's hard for a lot of jurisdictions to understand all the alternatives that are presented here. Is there a summary so I can digest it all?

**Ed Thomas** stated that there isn't a summary available right now, but he requested that we expedite at least this portion of the Minutes and get it out within in the couple of days so folks can see it. Right now we don't have a contractor to help us with summaries and such, but we can certainly move forward, and it will be an opportunity for other volunteers who are not the usual suspects to help prepare things like that. Agreed it is absolutely needed and thinks the idea is brilliant.

**Ed Hecker** added that one thing we have produced is an updated Grant Management Plan which we provided to Vince Brown as our POC at FEMA Risk Management Division. It lays out a fair amount of what we've said, so if it's okay to share that, that's something we could send out to the RNN Community.

**Ed Thomas and Erin Capps** agreed that we go ahead and distribute the updated Grant Management Plan out to the RNN Communities so they can see it.