



Resilient Neighbors Network **Minutes of Meeting of Friday, *April 20, 2018*, 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.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETING OF *May 18, 2018*:

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Approval of Minutes (April 2018)
- 3) Review of Action Items
- 4) Decision on Montana Meeting/RNN Participation in Montana Training**
- 5) **Veronica Criscitiello (Wightman & Associates) Discuss and Obtain Input on Post-Disaster Risk Reduction Materials.** – (Request for feedback went out to RNN Communities)
 - a) Does anyone have a recommendation for a good candidate to interview as a real life risk reduction leader for the Leadership Module?
- 6) Discussion of Best Practices Documentation-New Best Practice on mitigation based recovery with no Presidential Declaration: Joe Rossi and Coastal Coalition [Material to be sent separately]
- 7) External Stakeholders Workgroup – Tom Hughes
- 8) Rebecca Joyce's Membership Memorandum
- 9) Further Roll Out of RNN/Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum: Hiring a Contractor; Further Presentations in Colorado, South Carolina and Montana
- 10) NHMA DRR Curriculum & Workshop Status:
 - Examining how to further improve fit of the RNN Curriculum to the needs of External Stakeholders; coupling better with existing courses: including FEMA, EPA, NOAA, NGO & private market courses?
 - RNN Volunteers for the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum;
 - How to take advantage of the latest update from the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council on the cost/benefit of Hazard Mitigation.
- 11) NHMA and RNN Community Meeting: Natural Hazards Workshop - July 9-12, 2018?
- 12) Status of Practical Community Resilience Project in South Carolina
- 13) Comments from Vincent Brown of FEMA on Reorganization and the many things happening at FEMA
- 14) Status of Island Press Interest, ABA-Houston Success Story

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11:00 am ET - CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL:

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: **Veronica Criscitiello** (Wightman & Associates); **Tom Hughes** (NHMA Board Member), **Joe Rossi** (Marshfield Coastal Coalition), **Vincent Brown** (FEMA), **Roger Faris** (Seattle, WA), **Janice Roper-Graham** (NHMA Board Member), **Chuck Wallace** (Grays Harbor, WA), **Traci Sears** (State of Montana),

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Joe Rossi;
The Motion was **seconded** by Chuck Wallace;
There being no discussion, it was
VOTED, the Minutes were approved

A Motion to approve the February Minutes was made by Chuck Wallace;
The Motion was **seconded** by Joe Rossi;
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A Motion to approve the Supplemental Best Practices Meeting Minutes was made by Chuck Wallace;
The Motion was **seconded** by Joe Rossi;
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3. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS – Outstanding Items:

- **ONGOING**: Roger Faris requests a reminder on the Agenda that success stories are still needed from members of the RNN Community.

- **ONGOING**: Barb Miller to present a portion of the DRR Curriculum at the West Virginia Flood Plain Managers Conference in June.

- **ONGOING**: Vince Brown to offer more information next month on status of inviting Regional Coordinators to participate in the RNN calls.

- **ONGOING**: Barb Miller and Vince Brown to contact RNN Community members to learn how to increase participation in the monthly calls.

- NHMA Admin to send them a contacts list. - **DONE**

- **ONGOING**: RNN Communities to provide comments to Tom Hughes on Multi-Hazard Mitigation material (copy of Emergency Response Guide and Emergency Checklist).

- **DONE / ONGOING**: RNN Communities to provide feedback to Tom Hughes on External Stakeholders Workgroup PDFs he sent out for their next meeting in August.

- **ONGOING**: Still needing feedback from RNN members to Ed Thomas on whether they want to be part of NHMA's response to Keith Porter on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council's draft Cost Benefits of Hazard Mitigation.

- **ONGOING**: Discussion of Membership Memorandum to continue on next month's agenda. – **DONE**

- NEW ITEMS:

- **DONE:** Veronica Criscitiello to provide list of topics to NHMA Admin to forward to the RNN Communities for feedback on Post-Disaster Risk Reduction Materials.

- **DONE:** NHMA Admin to send Vince Brown a link to NHMA's posted Comments on FEMA Risk Management Division Strategy.

- **DONE / ONGOING:** NHMA Admin to send out Doodle Poll for Montana Meeting (week of July 16th; whole week long event) and Colorado (July 8 - 11th - Broomfield) to learn best time / venue for the RNN. – *IN PROCESS, AWAITING FEEDBACK*

- **DONE:** Vince Brown to send copy of April edition of the Risk Management Directorate newsletter - *Risk Management Directorate NewsFlash*.

- **ONGOING:** Tom Hughes and NHMA Admin to collaborate on sending something to Vince Brown to publish about the RNN.

- **ONGOING:** Vince Brown to get us information on FIMA's 50th Anniversary Celebration Program. The RNN to let Vince know if there's anything we'd like to get involved with.

4. NHMA COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Tabled for next meeting.

5. VERONICA CRISCITIELLO (WIGHTMAN & ASSOCIATES) - DISCUSS AND OBTAIN INPUT ON POST-DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MATERIALS

Veronica Criscitiello discussed topics for 5 stand-alone informational resources for post disaster use. These are short informational resources featuring 10 specific topics with links, examples and success stories and will be excerpted from the Roadmap. Wightman & Associates are asking the RNN members to prioritize 5 specific topics and for them and / or add other topics that might be more important:

1. Ten Keys – tips on how to stay on the path to resilience during disaster recovery.
2. "Well Begun is Half Done" – about higher standards for new development.
3. Limitations of FEMA Flood Maps for Predicting Future Flooding – to help local elected officials understand that the minimum NFIP requirements are not enough to protect a community from flooding.
4. Post Disaster Funding Sources and Funding Mechanisms for Resilient Recovery – provides a synopsis with links to the various resources
5. How to Obtain and Utilize Technical Assistance.

New Action Item: Veronica Criscitiello to provide this list to NHMA Admin to forward to the RNN Communities for feedback. - **DONE**

6. EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS WORKGROUP - TOM HUGHES

Meets again in August for two days. Tom Hughes requests feedback from the RNN Community on the PDFs he has sent out.

7. REBECCA JOYCE'S MEMBERSHIP MEMORANDUM

Tabled for next meeting.

8. FURTHER ROLL OUT OF RNN/DISASTER RISK REDUCTION CURRICULUM: HIRING A CONTRACTOR; FURTHER PRESENTATIONS IN COLORADO, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MONTANA

Multi-hazard mitigation material has been sent out per Tom Hughes; needs RNN feedback please.

9. NHMA DRR CURRICULUM & WORKSHOP STATUS:

The Hazards Workshop has asked us to do a Roundtable / panel discussion this year – we are waiting to get more information from Lori Peek. We may also have either a dinner or breakfast, and sponsor a trivia night, as we did last year. Great opportunity for practitioners to rub shoulders with the Universities.

10. DISCUSSION OF AN RNN MEETING IN MONTANA

Montana – Week of July 16th – whole week – 1 day for legal, other days waiting to see how to fit into the RNN Schedule.

NHMA Admin to send out a Doodle Poll comparing this scheduled to Colorado (July 8-11th or week of July 16th) to gauge everyone's availability for these two meetings.- **DONE**

11. NHMA AND RNN COMMUNITY MEETING:

The RNN Community needs to decide where they want to hold their annual meeting this year. We have a terrific opportunity to meet in Montana to do a rollout of the DRR Curriculum with the RNN Community presenting as SMEs.

12. STATUS OF PRACTICAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROJECT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Tabled for next meeting.

13. COMMENTS FROM VINCENT BROWN OF FEMA ON THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT FEMA

Vincent Brown discussed the changes happening at FIMA; mentioned the release of the FEMA Strategic Plan; the National Mitigation Reference Guides and Mitigation Saves materials, which have all been sent out.

- a) FIMA is working on doubling the number of flood insurance policies by 2023; they have brought on board two senior executives to help with this.
- b) Publication of the *Mitigation Minute* was discussed – Tom Hughes encouraged anyone interested to sign up for this excellent publication. Its purpose is to keep Mitigation at the forefront.
- c) The Risk Management Directorate also has a newsletter - *Risk Management Directorate NewsFlash* - Vince Brown will provide us copies and has offered to publish something about the RNN in it. Vince will send us the April edition so we can see what it looks like.
- d) Tom Hughes and NHMA Admin to come up with something to send it on to Vince.
- e) Vince Brown to get us information on FIMA's 50th Anniversary Celebration Program. Coming up with factoids, talking points, etc. The RNN to let Vince know if there's anything we'd like to get involved with.

14. STATUS OF ISLAND PRESS INTEREST, ABA-HOUSTON SUCCESS STORY

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15. COMMENTS/ISSUES/GOOD NEWS

16. ADJOURN

A Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Wallace;
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Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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