

Resilient Neighbors Network
Minutes of Meeting of Friday, *January 18, 2019*, 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 UPCOMING MEETING OF February 22, 2018:

1. Roll call
 2. Approval of Minutes (November, December 2018 and January 2019)
 3. Review of Action Items
Rebecca Joyce is back with RNN and the NHMA Board!!
 4. RNN Future Activities
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 13. Adjourn
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11:00 am ET - CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL:

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: **Ed Thomas** (NHMA Board Member); **Joe Rossi** (Marshfield Coastal Coalition, MA); **Roger Faris** (Seattle, WA); **Jim Murphy** (NHMA Board Member); **Tom Hughes** (NHMA Board Member); **Veronica Criscitiello** (Wightman & Associates); **Gene Henry** (Hillsborough County, FL); **Rebecca Joyce** (Shenandoah Valley Region, VA); **Vincent Brown** (FEMA); **Ned Swanberg** (State of Vermont);

Ed Thomas noted the need to reach out to RNN communities and find out what they need to be more engaged.

- Rebecca Joyce suggested a short survey and will follow up with NHMA Admin.
- Vince Brown to get some FEMA staff to come on the calls and discuss happenings in FEMA.

Ed Thomas working on the ABA book.

Ned Swanberg taking notes until NHMA Admin reconnects to call.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - TABLED

Quorum not present.

3. Review of Action Items

Ed Thomas reported progress being made on the ABA book:

- Anyone wanting to look at it or make comments are welcome;
- They have significantly changed their approach and will be including material on the Denis Mileti approach as documented in the *Hide From the Wind* report;
- They are looking for specific suggestions on what people should be doing and how they should be doing it;
- Would like to run it past Roger Faris, who was looking for a wildfire author;
 - Could Roger find somebody with specific solutions or examples of what communities have done with regard to wildfire?
 - Might make use of some of the materials we're going to be working on for FEMA;
 - Would like to include any materials that anyone has on information dissemination.

DISCUSSION:

Gene Henry reported that he is now finishing up working nationally with another group.

- One of the things that people are looking at is when FEMA goes in to assist local communities, many times there's no information to assist those communities in understanding the process of stepping into long term recovery, other land uses and zoning.
 - This is what some of our courses are about regarding wildfire, flooding and so on.
- How can we engage better – where there's a response issue for instance, they're looking at the life lines and seeing how people can get back up and running.
 - It would be nice to begin looking at and helping FEMA actually understand all the work that has been performed that they have paid for and get that information into the hands of local planners, administrators and elected leadership about what they can do to make their communities a little bit more resilient early on.
- This could be something that RNN could focus on or at least be referenced in regard to.
- I don't know how to make that happen, I just know that right now a lot of emphasis is being put on the response and having life lines established and FEMA's putting in a lot effort with that, and a lot of effort also into long term recovery, working with us, and such, as well.

Ed Thomas shared that this is actually what we are trying to do with the help of Vince Brown and his management;

- We were putting this together for Florida two months ago for post disaster recovery, but the state decided it was not interested in hearing from us on this.
 - However, we did develop a skinned-down, post disaster long-term recovery document.
- We could focus on having available RNN Members come in to teach some stuff on exactly what Gene Henry just described on a peer to peer basis going in post disaster.
 - We have picked up a lot of knowledge and experience over the years and can offer some tricks of the trade and show how other people have done it; 'it's an enormous challenge to leadership and here's how it can be done'
- This would be something incredibly worth doing.
 - It is the fundamental basis of the old *Patchwork Quilt* document and is very much along the lines of what we want as an organization.
 - We've worked with Matt Campbell and Michael Gumperg from the FEMA Long Term Recovery Group to try and have that happen.
 - Michael has developed what he at one time called a Curriculum (and now calls something else) which is a sort of very large education of how FEMA does business;
 - The concept of going across silos, about how do we weave in HUD, how do we weave in the foundations, the charities, pulling this all together from the point of view of long-term resilience and recovery.
 - This is a great idea project for RNN and fits into what Ned and Roger Faris are working on in coming up with a vision of how to do stuff; and also what Barb has been working on with Roger Faris on what do you do when there's no disaster declaration;
- So, this is right in our wheelhouse –how do we make that happen?
 - Veronica and Wightman Associates can help us with that - we have some staffing – it doesn't all have to be done by volunteers.

Gene Henry agreed.

- Bob Frietag and a lot of folks have been working on the life lines, then we get lost with do we build, rebuild, etc.
 - Gene Henry has been working with Bob Frietag for years.
- If at the time of the event of a disaster, while folks are getting into looking at their recovery, all the information's there - groups can work with us.
 - if we can show our local communities through RNN or some other means before you have to step into response, but if they knew their areas of vulnerability, both the sustainable vulnerable areas as well as the ones that aren't so sustainable, then we have a whole slew of recommended courses of action from construction to land development and we can just make a recommendation.
- It's just finding some method of delivery saying 'here's your areas of vulnerability and we have the plans at the state and local levels', and you identify the simple techniques and offer a deeper dive into the rest of our materials.
 - If we can add that to our toolbox, then it may help communities initially say 'oh yes, we do have vulnerabilities' in these areas.

Ed Thomas asked the group to continue this discussion:

- Gene's remarks are spot on and fit right into how do we get more folks interest in RNN and wanting to participate.
- This is certainly a potential project for RNN to work with the other volunteers in NHMA - professionals like Roger Faris - and really do something that would be of enormous value to society.

Gene Henry extended remarks:

- Gene shared he just had some sessions with building officials earlier in the week.
 - Because of the state's requirements in having to bring in their codes and compliance, everyone's a little behind, but at least they have something under state statutes they can fall back on.
 - They still have to bring their codes into compliance with the State of Florida building code.
- Gene noticed there's still some confusion, especially from - in their case - the building officials, because they aren't looking over at the Land Development Code, and then a lot of communities are stepping into resiliency, so a lot of updates are occurring without any integrated perspective with the Land Development Code or long-term resiliency or sustainability of these communities.
 - Again, FEMA has worked on both lines – they've helped communities understand their life lines, their mitigation, and they're also helping them do exercises in pre-disaster reviews and such.

- If you went to some of the communities after a disaster when they're saying 'okay, we're having to deal with our damage assessment, we have to get these people in for permitting and review of substantial damages' and so on and so forth, if FEMA *at that point in time could say* 'hey, here's a brochure; this is a good time, especially as you start working on an after-action report, not only do you look at sustaining your life lines and how you can get those back up if they fail while you're in a disaster, everyone understands the construction code, here's some things that you could do and add these items in for Firewise, or No Adverse Impact – and then show them we've got the material - its beautiful.
 - If FEMA could then work with these communities, it opens the door for community networking.
 - Saying, 'if you want to check somebody out and call them, here's the network, these are the standards, and by the way, we helped bring these together so if you are looking to figure out how to make yourself more resilient to these wildfires and then follow up to the flooding in the following season, we have that for you';
- FEMA has it - they pay, they work with NHMA, they work with ASFPM, they work with the International Code folks.
 - We have all the pieces and parts and we've done a great job, and the team under Natural Hazard Mitigation has brought that together very well - so it's already done.
 - What else would FEMA like to see in order to hand that out to communities that are trying to figure out how to work with reconstruction? They all have to renew their codes anyway.

Tom Hughes shared:

- Very glad that Gene brought this up.
- They ran a pilot with a couple of communities in Pennsylvania that got hit really hard in 2011.
 - Tom wanted to do a test of DR4408 in the field with a document exactly like what Gene is talking about.
 - The municipalities are a little overwhelmed with people and with documents, asking what's the checklist?
 - So, Tom and his team actually put together a checklist so communities can sit down and see what to do.
- In his state, they don't have the capacity to sit and talk about substantial damages determinations.
 - They have codes enforcement officers that may not be looking at the flood side of it because they're not even contracted for that.
- So, they didn't do that in 2011. And, like Gene said about the land use - all that has to be tied together, and they actually now have a document that they worked up with the risk in-house people in FEMA Region III, and worked with the Flood Plain Managers and the NHMA, and they will have a document that will talk about everything that Gene Henry just spoke about.
 - The document was recently tried in another state - one of the other communities in the coastal part of Virginia.
 - Tom has been pushing to have it included as part of their strategy: even if the document's not 100%, it's at least 95%, so 'let's get it out there'.

Ed Thomas mentioned:

- One of NHMA's long-term volunteers, Alessandra Jerolleman, has stepped forward and is very interested in re-establishing a monthly webinars series that has languished in NHMA for some time.
 - Might this be a good topic for our first webinar?
- Tom Hughes said that he is still trying to pull the checklist together for approval but will share it with the group once it's okayed.
 - It may be a week or two before it comes out.
- Can we stimulate them a little bit by saying we want to do a webinar on this?
 - Maybe Gene Henry and some other folks can be the presenters – the peer to peer networking of the RNN communities is one of the critical components of RNN and its great advantage.
- Instead of a webinar, can we just have a webex – we could work with the communities and let them have an interaction.
- Ed Thomas clarified that when he said webinar, he really meant interactive webex.
 - Peer to peer interaction with folks being treated as experts - even the ones that don't think of themselves as experts, are really experts on why things aren't happening. They're experts on what impediments they have.

- This would be an incredible resource to have available in short pieces and could easily be folded into the concept of the NHMA Curriculum.

Tom Hughes added with regard to the Ambassador Curriculum:

- There are unofficial people in the community with regard to resilience that have picked up the ball to at least do the legwork – for example, his call two days ago where they had someone who wasn't a zoning official, but went around and took pictures of impacted property for them, and that kind of thing;
 - If the community had a checklist, the officials could just hand it to these folks and magnify their capabilities, even in a rural area – say, a retiree, asking them 'could you do this for me, at night we'll get together and sit down and add that in'.
 - We just want to be able to give communities the basic tools.

Joe Rossi shared:

- On their Board at the Mass Coastal Coalition, they have the Massachusetts American Institute for Architects' Post Disaster Coordinator. Her job is, after an event, she organizes disaster response professionals in the field to do recognition – exactly what Tom was talking about.
 - Joe will ask her if there's a resource she can pull together to do some type of webinar on what we're talking about.

Ed Thomas observed:

- How do we get Gene Henry's idea organized and put into practice?
 - With the work we're already doing in NHMA, hopefully there will be other people available to help carry the load here – 'many hands making light work'.
- We need to convey to Alessandra the concept of doing a webex:
 - To work with Tom to get permission to use this material;
 - And to suggest this as part of our monthly exercise of information dissemination and discussion in the RNN.

Tom Hughes added with regard to the FEMA VOAD program:

- FEMA pays for material and volunteers who actually do the work for repairs.
 - Pennsylvania didn't get a disaster declaration on their recent event but are going to do a state VOAD program.
 - There's money put aside through it to help get people back in their homes.
 - One of the things they noticed is that it would take between 8 and 12 months to try to get somebody bought out.
 - If they're going to spend state dollars toward those repairs, maybe they also need to look at the state harvesting programs.
 - If they put in a furnace or a water heater and invest dollars in that, they're going to see if they can't harvest those dollars back and actually use them for the low-income folks.
 - If FEMA will allow them to buy the homes, once they have a harvesting plan in place they can do it. But it has to be done ahead of time.
 - Getting ahead of the curve right now, they prepared a template for the counties so that they can put the harvesting plan in place for each and every county.

Donna Boyce shared:

- Post Sandy in Sussex County, when they did the Post Satisfaction Survey for the homeowners, that's something they specifically requested.
 - Community support - they were able to consider that.
 - Very glad to hear that this is something that might happen.
- Found that some of the smaller fixes like the water heaters were smaller in size, so if you were thinking to reuse, might that be more toward multi-family units?
 - If you had a townhouse program or something, and maybe work with the HUD offices that do affordable housing programs or get CDFIs?
 - The local VOAD is a nice place to start.
- Tom Hughes observed that her experience in New Jersey could be part of the strategy

- Donna will send Tom Hughes her thoughts on harvesting so he can include New Jersey's experience as part of the template strategy – the greater the integrity of the template, the better.

DISCUSSION:

- Have they done any whole building relocation?
 - Not in Pennsylvania because it's very expensive. They lean more toward demo-rebuild.

Ned Swanberg shared:

- In terms of Vermont, they did recently update some stuff related to FISS on their website for communities.
 - A lot of them don't have much familiarity so they built out a simple procedure and put it on line so that it's basic by default.
 - The way the communities work through FISS - if they choose otherwise ahead of time so it helps with outreach.
- Also, Florida has a very sophisticated package of post disaster materials for communities – it would be interesting to get somebody from Florida to talk about this particular fit and its advocacy.

Gene Henry asked: Can this checklist can be shared with us?

- He would be happy to share it regionally or with peers through their All Hazards Group and the Florida Flood Plain Managers in order to get it out, because:
 - When someone's working 18 hours, and FEMA comes up and says 'listen, did you do your Fed for all those structures you've identified as destroyed?' it would be a great help.
 - In a day any shortcut helps.
 - Maybe we can tweak it up and put it in some brochures and things.
- Vince Brown also requested a link be sent.

Gene Henry remarked:

- His was one of the initial communities for post disaster development.
- He was charged with the Assistant County Administrator to look at their long-term reconstruction plan.
- He had a Planner call around and talk to all the communities that had one. There were less than six.
 - No one fully activated their long-term reconstruction plan; only a few even partially used it, and then only used it for the human needs side. They went back to business as usual when they went back to reconstruction.
- So, that is absolutely right: He found they spent a lot of years working on the long-term reconstruction plan process and it served well for those communities that used it. However, none of them used it to look at full reconstruction.
 - In Gene's case they just had two riverines that were significantly flooded, and they know what they need to do there.
- He understands that they sent contractors down from Monroe County to actually start redeveloping a post disaster redevelopment plan. And sort of in sync with what happened after in 2004, coastal communities had to have post disaster redevelopment plans – they were very poorly done in the early 2000s and late 1990s, and there seems to be an inability to pull up those reconstruction standards and higher standards after the disaster.
- But they serve very well if there are components for human needs and if the regional services and social services are tied into the process.
- That's an over-simplification; but Gene was actually tasked with finding this out for their community because they're stepping in in the coming year or next couple years.
- So that's the reality of folks using their long-term post disaster reconstruction funds.

Ed Thomas asked:

- How can we keep this discussion going?
 - Is the first step to ask Tom to work with through the JFO and work with Alessandra to get this up as a webex?
 - As a discussion for us to get the information from Ned Swanberg incorporated into the ongoing discussion that Traci Sears is taking the lead on in documenting best practices for substantial damage post disaster that she had worked up with Maria Lamb from South Carolina?

- Is that the way forward for us to ask Traci to work with Maria and Ned together on coming up with something simple for other communities along the lines of what Vermont is doing and Montana has done, and South Carolina has done?
- Maybe eventually producing something on sort of a model substantial damage thing for communities to consider post disaster and then have a webex on the discussion that has taken place here?

Tom Hughes to do several Action Items:

- Get together with Alessandra Jerolleman on a webinar / webex to talk about the document and harvesting;
- Get a copy of the checklist document approved to use in the webex;
- Reach out to the states of Illinois and New Jersey for information about their mutual aid for flood plain administrators – they have a team name and responsibilities – to hear how they are able to build capacity for local communities.
- Tom to have these done within the next month.
 - *It will probably take at least 18 months to actually go live.*

Tom Hughes suggested another resource to consider is the use of FEMA Corp folks that come in after a disaster.

- FEMA has resources through FEMA Corp for local folks who may not know to ask. A lot of the states wouldn't even think about using them.
 - His state put them to work in their JFO;
 - In Texas they did a substantial damage determination for the locals there.

Vince Brown suggested adding FEMA's internships for college and high school students as an additional resource.

Ed Thomas observed these are all excellent ideas - this is incredibly good progress today;

- Some potential follow-through from Tom Hughes,
- Possibly incorporating this into an RNN Work Plan as we go forward, as this is what the RNN wants to work on together for the sake of the communities;
- Share this information and get this out which is all along with our vision with respect to the RNN.

Vince Brown suggested holding another meeting to pull this all together:

- Tom Hughes to get with Alessandra Jerolleman to learn her schedule and when she would be available for a follow-on meeting.
- May be able to build a webinar series just based on what we've got on that.

Ed Thomas proposed a friendly amendment that per Gene Henry's suggestion, "webinar" should instead be "webex".

- Veronica Criscitiello to loop in Gina Wightman on all of this as she has been working with Michael Gumpert from FEMA on related topics.
- Vince Brown to get information developed on this and loop in his management who will likely be very interested in what we're trying to do.

Tom Hughes suggested the series that's being written on wildfires in California best practices would be good to have as part of one of these monthly webexes.

- Tom, Alessandra, Veronica, and Gina to loop in Roger Faris and get folks working with Roger.

Veronica Criscitiello reported that Wightman is currently working on the technical assistance post-disaster hand out.

- Asked the RNN for their contributions:
 - Want to get their experience on how does a local community get technical assistance directly:
 - What is the first step after an event?
 - Who do you contact if one is looking for engineering assistance to put together a project or a grant writing effort?
 - Who do you go directly to?
 - Do you go to the state, do you go directly to FEMA?
- If anyone could share their experience, she would like to document it and include it in the technical assistance materials.

Veronica Criscitiello will send out an e-mail on this and people can respond with some bullet items and then perhaps follow up with a phone call for more information.

- NHMA Admin to assist Veronica in getting this out to all RNN members.
- Vince Brown to be included on this so he can socialize the information around FEMA and let folks know that the Grant is working and has produced a group that is doing some wonderful things; whether it's a meeting set up or a whole program, please keep him informed.

Veronica Criscitiello to forward links to Vince Brown on:

- Status update of the DRR Curriculum and the workshops that have gone on;
- Post disaster resource on funding from the NHMA website (skinnied-down version developed for Florida)
 - Send out a copy of the Checklist to the RNN
 - Send out a link to the Checklist to the RNN and to Vince Brown

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Ed Thomas gently urged Ned Swanberg to write a brief article on what they are doing in Vermont:

- Just to say, 'This is something we're doing in Vermont, for the purposes of our communities, would like to share this with folks, it's a nice simple checklist and its an approach on substantial damage estimation.'
 - That, and as much info as he would like to write, can then go into Vince Brown's newsletter, into the NHMA Newsletter, and can in turn then go to the Florida Flood Plain Managers and get disseminated far and wide;
- Then feedback can come in to tweak it.
 - This is part of the national conversation we want to have.
 - If Ned could write that short little piece up then we'll put it into the NHMA Newsletter and Gene can take it and run with it and give it to Vince for his newsletter.
 - The CTPS are also always looking for stuff.
 - This is something we can show to FEMA that they're getting something for their investment.
 - Roger Faris is one of the best writers we know, who can look at it and tweak it up a bit if it needs it.

Ned Swanberg to write up a short article about what they are doing in Vermont and include a copy of their checklist as an approach on substantial damage estimation.

- Tom Hughes and Alessandra Jerolleman to incorporate this into the webex series to help people think about how to maximize the opportunity that's presented by horrific natural disaster in their lives.
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Veronica Criscitiello reported on status of the DRR Curriculum:

- An update on all the Modules was sent out this morning with a full list of the Modules.
- So far, 22 out of 24 are in development:
 - The Wildfire/Flood Connection Module has been sent out for review;

- Traci Sears will look at it as well.
- The Thunderstorm-Tornado Safe Room Module has been sent out for review;
 - This will also be sent to Ken when he returns from his vacation.
- The Leadership Module is in process: we are working on questions.
 - The idea is to get interviews via iPhone videos from different leaders throughout the country who have been 'change champions'.
 - Once we have those questions, we'll send them out to whoever wants to look at them – or who have time to look at them - and provide feedback or can recommend a 'change champion' who would be good to answer those questions.
- We'd love input from the RNN Communities.

Ed Thomas added that part of the Curriculum will be specific items that we can, if necessary, get help from Wightman & Associates on in terms of helping refine them.

- We've had other volunteer services, the directors ongoing webinar series, and hopefully - with the help of Rebecca Joyce and Barb Miller - we're going to have an energized RNN, so this is a very exciting call today.

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Joe Rossi reported on recovery in the case of no disaster declaration:

- He has been appointed to the Silver Jackets Team in Massachusetts.
- One of the efforts that they're working on is bringing this post disaster outreach as part of the Silver Jackets in terms of making it an activity built into what happens after an event occurs.
- The other thing they're doing is trying to solidify the outreach as a standard program.
 - They have currently built a partnership with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and sometime this year are hoping to present the curriculum that they've put together to their Mayors' Council so every mayor in the state of Massachusetts will see their presentation to make sure that they're aware that their resources are available.
 - In addition to that, they are solidifying this in written form, as ongoing, compiling it together to make sure it can be used as part of the Curriculum that we've talked about here before.

Ed Thomas shared that this information is very exciting.

- Ed has a number of things going on that Joe Rossi and he can talk about separately.
- Ed mentioned that Tom Robison, the head of NHMA's Policy and Public Affairs Committee, will be heading up an effort to prepare suggestions from NHMA with respect to the reform of the National Flood Insurance Program – a very exciting effort.
- Dr. John Wiener will be helping him with this, Jim Murphy will be providing some input as well, and we certainly want to run that effort past Joe Rossi.
- Ed Thomas offered to support Joe Rossi's efforts with the Silver Jackets in Massachusetts when he returns to Massachusetts in April.
 - Ed shared that we spent a huge amount of time working with the Silver Jackets in South Carolina, with the presentations that were done by Tom Hughes and John Marshall and many other folks last July.
 - Ed will be happy to coordinate with Joe Rossi by phone, or upon his return to Massachusetts, with regard to making use of the DRR Curriculum materials in any way that we can incorporate the Massachusetts Coastal Coalition's efforts into our program materials, and also similar materials we've got, with respect to Massachusetts Silver Jackets.

7. Next Steps for RNN-DRR Curriculum Future Meeting? Discussion of CTP Grant

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Ed Thomas shared that NHMA will almost certainly be putting in some suggestions for panels at the Hazards Workshop.

- It may be something for us to consider if we want to do an RNN Meeting as part of the Hazards Workshop or whether we want to do an alternative venue and space for an RNN Meeting separately.

9. Status of Practical Community Resilience Project in South Carolina & Silver Jackets link

10. Comments from Vincent Brown of FEMA on the many things happening at FEMA

Vincent Brown reported that he and Ed Thomas had talked about setting up a meeting at FEMA headquarters so that whomever from NHMA can talk to folks here about what's going on with NHMA and RNN so that FEMA folks can know what's going on with the Grant.

- Susan of NAFSMA may come in; Vince would like to talk to Ed about doing a joint presentation.
- FEMA's Planning Program is setting up an Awards process for giving communities awards for innovative planning processes. This will 'up the game' for the Planning part of FEMA's RISK MAP Program.
- They are going to provide a link to the RNN and newsletter in their Risk Map NewsFlash newsletter which links it directly to NHMA's newsletter.

11. Status of Island Press Interest, Articles for NHMA Newsletter and/or ABA

There are many opportunities to publish articles about what we are doing in resilience.

12. Comments/Issues/Good News

Gene Henry shared that he went with his family to Dallas, Texas on a camping trip.

- While they were there, the campground flooded.
 - Other than the National Weather Service, they didn't have any warning system; nothing came from the city that they were in, which was North of Dallas.
 - While they took their time going to Mississippi and other places, Gene pointed out that the land they drove through was flooded all the way from Dallas, Texas through Mobile, Alabama.
 - A few spots they passed had people in boats tied up outside of strip centers instead of cars.
- Everything that RNN is doing is also applicable to small communities which can use those same techniques to work with their businesses during a disaster.
 - Good techniques and standards that people can use to protect themselves or their customers don't always have to come through the Emergency Management Office or the Planning Office.
- It's remarkable how we're being shared at the National Headquarters and FEMA and such; but everything that's being done is applicable in the smallest community and the smallest little RV park, and there's so much going on, it's truly needed.
- We need to permeate all this information into the hands of people like us in the small communities.

- There is a need for this throughout the nation at all levels but especially in small communities because they don't have the economies of scale to go in there and work with a disaster for years or even months. They have to do something right away, and if its not captured at that point, then the resiliency efforts can't be performed and the response for the customers, for whom we all serve, can't be done very well either.

Ed Thomas agreed that this is a tremendous challenge.

- What Gene Henry is talking about is an enormous challenge that our nation faces in terms of dealing with disasters, emergencies and communicating to small governments. But it is also a challenge to large governments too.
- Ed shared that he has had discussions with some people at pretty high levels of very large and supposedly sophisticated governments and heard just jaw-dropping comments as to their analysis of disaster preparation and preparedness.
- NHMA Admin to write up what Gene's remarks.

13. Adjourn

Ed Thomas gave particular thanks to Ned Swanberg who agreed to pick up the Minutes when NHMA Admin couldn't get back on the line.

- Great reports from everyone.
- It looks like we have the beginnings of a wonderful work plan.
- Liked what Gene Henry laid out as a challenge and suggested we should incorporate that into the RNN Mission.
 - Meeting that information need on a peer-to-peer basis is what the RNN and NHMA are all about.

Vince Brown to speak to Ed Thomas and talk about who he can round up for a presentation or presentations to his people.

Rebecca Joyce to be looped into that discussion with Barb Miller and anybody else Rebecca says is appropriate so that we can do a more exciting agenda perhaps for the next RNN call and attract more folks into it.

Meeting ended at 12:20 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2019:

- Rebecca Joyce to send out a short survey to RNN communities and find out what they need to be more engaged; Rebecca will follow up with NHMA Admin.
- Vince Brown to get some FEMA staff to come on the calls and discuss happenings in FEMA.
- Ed Thomas to run suggestions on the ABA book past Roger Faris who is looking for a wildfire author.
 - Could Roger find somebody with specific solutions or examples of what communities have done with regard to wildfire?
- Vince Brown to speak to Ed Thomas and talk about who he can round up for a presentation or presentations to his people.
- Rebecca Joyce to be looped into that discussion with Barb Miller and anybody else Rebecca says is appropriate so that we can do a more exciting agenda for the next RNN call and attract more folks into it.
- Tom Hughes to do several Action Items within the next month:
 - Get together with Alessandra Jerolleman on a webinar / webex to talk about the document and harvesting;
 - Get a copy of the checklist document approved to use in the webex;
 - Reach out to the states of Illinois and New Jersey for information about their mutual aid for flood plain administrators – they have a team name and responsibilities – to hear how they are able to build capacity for local communities.
 - Get with Alessandra Jerolleman to learn her schedule and when she would be available for a follow-on meeting.
- Donna Boyce will send Tom Hughes her thoughts on harvesting so he can include New Jersey's experience as part of the template strategy – the greater the integrity of the template, the better.
- Veronica Criscitiello to loop in Gina Wightman on the webex series as she has been working with Michael Gumpert from FEMA on related topics.
- Vince Brown to get information developed on ideas for the webex series and loop in his management who will likely be very interested in what we're trying to do.
- Tom, Alessandra, Veronica, and Gina to loop in Roger Faris on the webex series and get folks working with Roger on wildfire best practices for it.

Veronica Criscitiello to send out an e-mail with questions for the RNN about the Technical Assistance Post Disaster Handout. People can respond with some bullet items and then perhaps follow up with a phone call for more information.

- NHMA Admin to assist Veronica in getting this out to all RNN members.
- Vince Brown to be included on this so he can socialize the information around FEMA and let folks know that the Grant is working and has produced a group that is doing some wonderful things; whether it's a meeting set up or a whole program, please keep him informed.

Veronica Criscitiello to forward links to Vince Brown on:

- Status update of the DRR Curriculum and the workshops that have gone on;
- Post disaster resource on funding from the NHMA website (skinnied-down version developed for Florida)
- Ned Swanberg to write up a short article about what they are doing in Vermont and include a copy of their checklist as an approach on substantial damage estimation.
- Tom Hughes and Alessandra Jerolleman to incorporate this into the webex series to help people think about how to maximize the opportunity that's presented by horrific natural disaster in their lives.
- Ned Swanberg to send out a link to the Checklist for the RNN and Vince Brown.
- NHMA Admin to write up Gene's Henry's remarks.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, JANUARY 18, 2019:

- A1. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will invite Newport, Oregon to participate in an upcoming RNN meeting to introduce themselves as a potential new member of the RNN.
- A2. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will coordinate with Jim Mullen on any ideas he may have about other communities that would be good for us to approach in the Pacific Northwest or any of their friends at FEMA.
- A3. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will find out if Newport, Oregon has done anything curriculum-wise for the school system in terms of mitigation, resilience, flood mapping, etc.
- A4. **Status?** - Vince Brown will send Roger Faris some materials from New Jersey that would be great to show the folks at Newport, Oregon.

REPORT:

- Roger Faris has not gotten together yet with Jim Mullen, but did reach out to Lincoln County, Newport, Oregon, and is very hopeful that it will work out that they will become a new RNN Community member.
 - He is still waiting to hear back from them;
 - He is very excited about the many things they are doing.
 - Roger will follow up with them.
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- (Nov)-A1. **ONGOING** - Joe Rossi to capture a few thoughts about activities of the Marshfield Coastal Coalition for the NHMA Newsletter, website and as a Best Practice to send around to the RNN, including links to the website, etc.
- (Nov)-A2. **ONGOING** - Joe Rossi to send copies of the Marshfield Coastal Coalition Messaging Plan out for everyone in the RNN to see how it talks about CRS messaging.
- (Nov)-A3. **ONGOING** - Tim Trautman to add ideas to the write up from Joe Rossi for distribution to RNN, website, Newsletter, etc.
- (Nov)-A4. **ONGOING** - Tim Trautman and Joe Rossi to share information on their respective Best Practices and write up something for posting to the website, the Newsletter, and the RNN Communities.
 - This article to stimulate the RNN with ideas on things like how to do mitigation, pre-disaster preparation, terms of community resilience, better design, rainy day fund to help minimize flood risk, etc.

REPORT:

- We're talking about following up further with what Joe Rossi has done in Massachusetts and what Traci Sears has done in Montana, with regard to what to do when you don't have an individual assistance disaster declaration, but you've got people that are substantially damaged.
 - This involves working with others who have done things on that because:
 - More and more we're going to be seeing folks that need to be doing mitigation, to be encouraged to be doing mitigation, or just simply to rebuild their lives following a disaster that is non-declared.
 - We've got some incredibly good materials on what to do following a declared disaster:
 - The old *Patchwork Quilt* that we're now calling the *Roadmap to Resilience*;

- Other simplified materials that we developed more recently - this is something that will be forthcoming;
 - Hopefully Barb Miller will be able to work with Roger Faris, Rebecca Joyce and Joe Rossi on this.
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- A1. **STATUS?**: Ned Swanberg and Tim Lovell to write up their thoughts on 'what the RNN means to me' as part of building this into the DRR Curriculum and showing the benefits of involvement in the RNN.
- A2. **STATUS?**: Ned Swanberg, Ed Thomas, to write up their thoughts on mitigation accountability and think about how we can take this further forward.

REPORT:

- Ned Swanberg and Tim Lovell have not yet written up their thoughts on these.
 - Ed Thomas also has not yet written up his thoughts on mitigation accountability. He is trying to fold this into the ABA Book that he will mention later.
 - At the top of the list with regard to writing stuff up everyone is urged to please consider:
 - The NHMA Newsletter and the NHMA website are always seeking articles from the RNN
 - The door is wide open at FEMA for contributed articles for the FEMA Newsletter on mitigation;
 - The ABA is also seeking articles on mitigation if anyone has something they want to put in there;
 - Anyone that feels like writing - it would be well worth doing and can have a tremendous and powerful impact.
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- A5. **IN PROCESS** - Veronica Criscitiello to work with Gina Wightman, Roger Faris, and anybody else that wants to chime in, to get Success Stories and any other information on what we're doing out to Vince Brown to make it easy for him to promote our activities with the Curriculum for the CTP Award.

REPORT:

- Roger Faris continues looking for success stories;
 - We want to fold in the Success Story that Traci Sears did with the help of Maria Lamb on doing substantial damage enforcement in Montana, coupled with:
 - What do you do when you don't have a disaster declaration?
 - How can you help people?
 - There is a lot that can be done, as we saw from Joe Rossi, and that is something well worth doing.
 - Tom Hughes also had some excellent ideas on how they approached this in Pennsylvania.
- Roger is still hoping to get more info about the Montana story.
 - He did get some information about the community outreach efforts and programs that Joe Rossi produced and is almost done with that;
 - He would love to hear more about Montana, so if anyone could send him anything about that it would be great.

- (Dec)-A6. Veronica Criscitiello to incorporate the strategies and practices from the NHMA best practices as shown on the website into the Wildfire modules.
 - (Dec)-A7. Joe Rossi, Traci Sears, Roger Faris, and Tom Hughes to working up some best practices including what do you do when you don't get a disaster declaration. Barb Miller and Rebecca Joyce also to assist on this.
 - (Dec)-A8. Barb Miller to get some information for Roger Faris on The West Virginia VOAD and write up some material on that as a really a good success story.
 - (Dec)-A9. Ed Thomas to try to get together with Barb Miller to move forward writing up something about VOAD for the ABA, the Young Lawyers group and others.
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November Action Items:

Planning the Advisory Committee Meeting:

- (Nov)-A5. Tim Trautman to work with Chuck Wallace and Vince Brown to figure out options for putting together the *Advisory Committee Meeting*.
- (Nov)-A6. Chuck Wallace and Vince Brown to work with Tim Trautman on planning the Advisory Committee Meeting for the RNN

CRS and Insurance Education:

- (Nov)-A7. Joe Rossi and Ed Thomas to think about CRS with regard to insurance and how we can transfer that knowledge – maybe put it up on the RNN website - and couple it with some Roger Faris materials on Best Practices to bang the drum on Tulsa along with this element of the CRS and get it out to the marketplace of ideas.

CTP to Address Travel Funding for the RNN:

- (Nov)-A8. CTP Manager (David Mallory) and Contractor (Gina Wightman) to examine how to set up RNN post-disaster 'listening and learning sessions' and peer-to-peer networking activities to cover travel by RNN Community members under the Provision for Technical Assistance/Technical Support for Presidentially Declared Disasters by FEMA through the Sharing Agreement between the states.

Joe Rossi to Write up Best Practices on the Marshfield Coastal Coalition:

- (Nov)-A9. **ONGOING** - Joe Rossi to capture a few thoughts about activities of the Marshfield Coastal Coalition for the NHMA Newsletter, website and as a Best Practice to send around to the RNN, including links to the website, etc.
- (Nov)-A10. **ONGOING** - Joe Rossi to send copies of the Marshfield Coastal Coalition Messaging Plan out for everyone in the RNN to see how it talks about CRS messaging.

Tim Trautman to Add Ideas to the Write Up from Joe Rossi

- (Nov)-A11. **ONGOING** - Tim Trautman to add ideas to the write up from Joe Rossi for distribution to RNN, website, Newsletter, etc.

(Nov)-A12. **ONGOING** - Tim Trautman and Joe Rossi to share information on their respective Best Practices and write up something for posting to the website, the Newsletter, and the RNN Communities.

- This article to stimulate the RNN with ideas on things like how to do mitigation, pre-disaster preparation, terms of community resilience, better design, rainy day fund to help minimize flood risk, etc.

RNN to Put Together A Little Guide Book

(Nov)-A13. The RNN Communities to put together a little Guide Book on “What to Do When You Don’t Have a Presidentially Declared Disaster”.

- This can be started now just by adding in Best Practices from each community, beginning with contributions from Joe Rossi, Tim Trautman and Ned Swanberg.

FEMA Operating Partners Meeting/Other FEMA Meetings

(Nov)-A14. Vince Brown will be getting NHMA on the Agenda for The **Operating Partners Meeting**.

(Nov)-A15. Vince Brown will try to home in on what the Risk Management Directorate of FIMA/FEMA plans to do in terms of Partnerships with their new Contractor.

(Nov)-A16. Vince Brown will try to get us involved and make sure the Risk Management Director knows he has the RNN Communities organization.

(Nov)-A17. There is some opportunity to let this new Contractor know what the RNN is and stands for, and that is something we might want to do.

Articles for Vincent Brown of FEMA

(Nov)-A18. Ed Thomas to send Vince Brown copies of articles he has done so Vince can forward them to various newsletters.

(Nov)-A19. Ed Thomas will send Vince a list of other publications we have done.

(Nov)-A20. NHMA Admin to work with Veronica Crisciatiello on sending out some of the other things we have that Vince can distribute to the new contractor and other folks that would be interested in the material we’ve developed. - **Ongoing**

(Nov)-A21. Vince Brown will send the latest copy of the NewsFlash for distribution to the RNN Communities.

- Ed Thomas (?) to add a note and put it up on the website and distribute to NHMA members for supporting synergy.

October Action Items:

JIM MURPHY MEMO On Under-Represented, Disadvantaged, and Economically Challenged Communities with GIS Overlay Suggestion for FEMA:

A6. Ed Thomas to get Jim Murphy copies of presentations forthwith by Jo Anne Howard, John Marshall and Erin Capps, as well as an attorney from Dallas working with the impoverished in the South Dallas area, along with descriptions of the workshops which will be available on the ABA website shortly as webinars.

DRR CURRICULUM / Wightman Associates:

A7. Veronica Criscitiello to get out some material and a report to the RNN communities:

- a. Veronica Criscitiello and NHMA Admin to get this material out in writing:
 - i. We want to emphasize in our note to the RNN Communities the outcome that we want from the Training which are actionable steps that can be taken by communities and individuals right now - what they can do to achieve disaster risk reduction along the lines of the concepts developed so incredibly well by Dr. Dennis Mileti. – STATUS?
 - ii. These concepts are most clearly articulated in the NHMA publication *Hide from the Wind*, in the preface, talking about Dr. Mileti's theories and how they can be implemented.
 - iii. We've got an incredibly fine product. There is nobody else with material that combines Dr. Mileti's thoughts with actionable material across the hazards along with a clear understanding of the enormous benefits of the Flood Insurance Program as well as its limitations.
 - iv. We've really got some incredible expertise that has gone into this material and we need to get it into the marketplace of ideas.
 - v. What we're doing now is developing the material that NHMA Admin with the help of Veronica Criscitiello will get out in writing to the RNN Communities for those not on the call.
 - vi. We have notes from yesterday's Board Meeting that we can include in this.

A8. Veronica Criscitiello to put out a note to the RNN to see if anyone has anything they think should or should not be included in the remaining Modules of the Curriculum as well as any learning objectives.

A9. Ed Thomas to work with Jim Mullen and Tom Hughes to see what we can do to market the DRR Curriculum and get it included as a normal part of funded training by the states and within NEMA.

YOUTH CURRICULUM:

A10. Ed Thomas to look at materials sent him by Vince Brown about what some folks are doing with regard to youth curriculum materials. If appropriate Ed to have it distributed to the Board or put into the Newsletter. No rush on this.

A11. Ed Thomas and Erin Capps to see where we stand with regard to Vanderbilt University on developing a hazard mitigation curriculum for high school students, get info on that out to the group, and produce an article for the Newsletter & post to social media.

CTP PROGRAM:

A12. Vince Brown to get information to Ed Thomas about the CTP Program for the RNN Communities.

A13. Ed Thomas will have NHMA get this information out to the CTPs and out on social media as well, to the extent that FEMA wants to promote CTP involvement.

A14. Vince Brown will submit information about NHMA for the CTP Awards committee for the communication efforts that we're doing.

- A15. **ONGOING** - Veronica Criscitiello to work with Gina Wightman, Roger Faris, and anybody else that wants to chime in, to get Success Stories and any other information on what we're doing out to Vince Brown to make it easy for him to promote our activities with the Curriculum for the CTP Award.

NEW RNN COMMUNITY MEMBER:

- A16. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will invite Newport, Oregon to participate in an upcoming RNN meeting to introduce themselves as a potential new member of the RNN.
- A17. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will coordinate with Jim Mullen on any ideas he may have about other communities that would be good for us to approach in the Pacific Northwest or any of their friends at FEMA.
- A18. **Ongoing** - Roger Faris will find out if Newport, Oregon has done anything curriculum-wise for the school system in terms of mitigation, resilience, flood mapping, etc.
- A19. **Status?** - Vince Brown will send Roger Faris some materials from New Jersey that would be great to show the folks at Newport, Oregon.

NEWSLETTER MATERIALS FOR FEMA:

- A20. Vince Brown to pick something out of the NHMA Newsletter to put into the FEMA Newsletter (the NewsFlash), which comes out monthly, as well as the CTP Newsletter.
- A21. NHMA Admin to send Vince Brown Word versions of any of these articles.- *IN PROCESS*

BEST PRACTICES / SUCCESS STORIES:

- A22. **ONGOING:** Ed Thomas shared that one of the things really worth talking about is RNN Community member Joe Rossi and his Massachusetts Coastal Coalition – the stuff they did for hazard mitigation, harm prevention and for the people after the flooding on the Massachusetts coast was fantastic.
- A23. **ONGOING:** Roger Faris will work with Joe Rossi on coming up with a best practice success story to document the efforts of the Massachusetts Coastal Coalition in hazard mitigation and harm prevention and produce an article for Vince Brown focusing on how tremendously successful their presentations were.
- A24. Ed Thomas to get Joe Rossi's phone number to Roger Faris.
- A25. Ned Swanberg to flesh out this draft into an article from him complete with links for use in the NHMA Newsletter.
- A26. A copy of Ned's finished article to be posted to the NHMA and RNN websites, included in the NHMA Newsletter, distributed through social media, and sent to Vince Brown for distribution through FEMA to the marketplace of ideas.
- A27. **STATUS?:** Roger Faris to do another Best Practice story on Vermont for posting.
- A28. **STATUS?:** Roger Faris to write up his own observations about the Vermont practices as a testimonial for publishing and posting to the NHMA website and Newsletter, as well as distribute it through social media and forward to Vince Brown along with links to the Vermont story.

INCREASING RNN PARTICIPATION

- A29. **STATUS?:** The RNN to consider whether they want to put out a Doodle Poll or something to the RNN communities to ask if a different meeting time would be better and ask them to pick the day and time that they want to meet in order to increase participation.

Action Items from September Meeting

RNN IN-PERSON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting:

- A1: - **STATUS?:** The Community Meeting is an Action item for the RNN Communities and the NHMA Board and the Committee Chairs that we'll come up with a team that's going to organize this meeting;
- A2: - **ONGOING:** John Weiner's draft called "Brief Note to RNN from John Wiener" to be used as an organizational approach for the Advisory Committee meeting.
- A3: - **ONGOING:** Tim Trautman, Chuck Wallace, and Vince Brown to work together to figure out options for putting the Advisory Committee Meeting together.
- A4: - Comments from everyone requested on this.

Success Stories and Blurbs:

- A5: - **STATUS?:** Roger Faris to get more info from Joe Rossi to write up a Success Story about his work with the Massachusetts Coastal Coalition and impacted communities in Massachusetts.
- A6: - **STATUS?:** Barb Miller will write up her experience about her volunteer effort to improve her new community's CRS rating and get it to Roger Faris as an important Success Story.
- A7: - **STATUS?:** Barb Miller will summarize her comments on helping her new community achieve CRS for Vince Brown;
- A8: - **STATUS?:** Roger Faris will write up Barb Miller's community CRS story;
- A9: - Ed Thomas will get Roger Faris some materials he promised on Montana.
- A10: - Ed Thomas will get out to everyone a little nugget he put together for the Hazards Workshop on bridging the gap between people who believe in Climate Change, and those who don't believe in Climate Change and the process of de-politicizing the whole concept of hazard mitigation and disaster risk reduction
- A11: - **STATUS?:** (Wightman & Associates?) will be writing up some additional things on the training we did in Utah, Montana, Colorado, South Carolina, as well as the Hazards Workshop.
- A12: - **ONGOING:** David Mallory and Ed Thomas will get out some material on Colorado and will work with Veronica Criscitiello and Gina Wightman to get the South Carolina materials written up.
- A13: - **STATUS?:** Ed Thomas, Roger Faris and Traci Sears to work together on documenting Traci Sears' work on Substantial Damage Requirements from the South Carolina presentation as a best practice;
- A14: - **ONGOING:** Vincent Brown will send everybody the latest copy of the Newsflash.

- A15: - **STATUS?:** Joe Rossi will work with Roger Faris and possibly Ed Thomas to write something up on the presentation he did in Montana, as well as his work with the Massachusetts Coastal Coalition for Vince to use.
- A16: - **STATUS?:** Veronica Criscitiello to add Mr. Brian Varrella of the ASFPM Board to the distribution as we seek to improve and expand our relationship with the ASFPM Board.
- A17: - **STATUS?:** Veronica Criscitiello to add Rebecca Joyce to the distribution, as her community is very wild fire and flood prone, and it might be good to include her on this as something that might pull her back into the group.
- A18: - **STATUS?:** Veronica Criscitiello to add John Weiner's suggestion for an informational Module as a potential new Module.
- A19: - **STATUS?:** Ed Thomas to follow up with David Vaughn, the Professor of Practice, who is heading that for Clemson University, and see if we can get something written up on the Practical Community Resilient Project effort and how the NHMA and FEMA-funded CTP is used to support that on an ongoing basis.
- A20: - **STATUS?:** Vince Brown will get information out to us on the Building Codes Report.
- A21: - **STATUS?:** Vince Brown will send a slide presentation on the Culture of Preparedness for us to look at and see where we can further combine what FEMA is doing with NHMA and RNN, and see where Resilience Organization is going
- A22: - **STATUS?:** Vince Brown to send us a write-up on the High-Water Mark Initiative that we can put out in our Newsletter and up on our website.
- A23: - **STATUS?:** Barb Miller to write up information on the NOFA and PDA grants for the NHMA Newsletter, so we can get that out and also put in a little plug for her new company.
- A24: - **STATUS?:** Barb Miller will get a copy of her notes on these to Vince Brown so he can track down these PowerPoint presentations.
- A25: - **STATUS?:** Barb Miller will communicate directly with Vince and pass these on to the RNN and NHMA communities.
- A26: - **STATUS?:** Vincent Brown will get us copy of the PowerPoints named: FY2018 FMA NOFO and FY2018 PDM NOFO.

Action Items from July Meeting:

- A3. **STATUS?:** Roger Faris and/or Veronica Criscitiello to write up the work that Traci Sears is doing, and Florida is doing, as a way of giving people an on-the-ground view of what is required by FEMA which is different from what FEMA used to expect.
- A4. **STATUS?:** Roger Faris to work on writing up the Montana Workshop as a model presentation and get out the benefits of the idea of coming to a workshop where you have planners, engineers, flood plain managers, and attorneys in the room at the same time.
- A5. **STATUS?:** Veronica Criscitiello to help put a map up on our website showing areas of the country where we have SMEs or at least come up with a way of showing where we have this availability. This would also help identify gaps where we don't yet have expertise to assist in other parts of the country.

Action Items from the June Meeting:

- A6. **Who would like to work on a committee to pick a date, location, etc. for the RNN Community in-person meeting?**
- A7. **ONGOING:** NHMA Admin to ask Jaime Marso, our webmaster, if there's a way of tracking the downloading of new materials as we turn them out. Can we spot where interest is in topics and location? – **DONE – Report in process.**
- A8. **ONGOING:** Ed Thomas to work with Vince Brown and FEMA to distribute the new post-disaster materials.
- A9. **ONGOING:** RNN Community members to distribute information about the new materials via word of mouth effort. That's one of the purposes we've designed and carefully put this material out there for.
- A10. **ONGOING -** Ned Swanberg and Tim Lovell to write up their thoughts on 'what the RNN means to me' as part of building this into the DRR Curriculum and showing the benefits of involvement in the RNN.
- A11. **ONGOING -** Ned Swanberg, Ed Thomas, to write up their thoughts on mitigation accountability and think about how we can take this further forward.

Action Items from April & May Meetings:

- A12. **ONGOING:** Roger Faris requested a reminder on the Agenda that success stories are still needed from members of the RNN Community. His role is to get from each person a little story about what their most proud of that their community has accomplished with regard to hazard mitigation. **STATUS:** Roger Faris reported he has received several excellent Success Stories and is looking now for about ten more. More stories are needed and welcome.
- A13. **ONGOING:** Vince Brown to offer more information next month on status of inviting Regional Coordinators to participate in the RNN calls.
- A14. **ONGOING:** NHMA Admin awaiting confirmation from RNN Community members regarding their info in the Contacts List and their approval to post this to the website.
- A15. **STATUS?:** RNN Communities to provide comments to Tom Hughes on Multi-Hazard Mitigation material (copy of Emergency Response Guide and Emergency Checklist).
- A16. **STATUS?:** RNN Communities to provide feedback to Tom Hughes on External Stakeholders Workgroup PDFs he sent out for their next meeting in August.
- A17. **STATUS?:** 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.
- A18. **ONGOING:** Tom Hughes and NHMA Admin to collaborate on sending something to Vince Brown to publish about the RNN.