



Resilient Neighbors Network

Minutes of RNN Community Meeting of
Friday, *February 28, 2020*, 11:00 am ET

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

RNN Mission

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

RNN Vision

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

AGENDA FOR RNN COMMUNITY MEETING OF February 28, 2020:

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

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

1) ROLL CALL:

Present:

Tim Trautman (Charlotte-Mecklenburg)

Chelsea Blair (Lycoming County)

Gene Henry (Hillsborough County, FL)

Ned Swanberg (State of Vermont)

Erin Capps (NHMA Board)

Jim Murphy (NHMA Board)

Mary Baker (NHMA Board)

Vince Brown (FEMA)

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were tabled.

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

Erin Capps announced that Chelsea Blair's community in Lycoming County will receive the *Excellence in Mitigation Innovation Award*. An announcement about this was circulated to the NHMA membership and the RNN Communities. We want to do a write up on this when we have pictures from EMI which will be at the HMA Summit, right before the NEMA Conference, around March 24 & 25th. Tom Hughes is also receiving the *Mitigation Leadership Award*. We are very proud of these extraordinary individuals and their teams! We want to capture photos from both of those award ceremonies and make sure that we talk about them on our social media platforms and have a write up about both of them posted.

Chelsea Blair shared that she and her co-workers were very surprised by the Award, as their innovative practices are so routine to them that she had to explain to her department why their work was so innovative. They are still working through a lot of things, but it is wonderful confirmation to receive this Award, and it is a very high honor. Chelsea acknowledged it was only made possible through a lot of help from their state and federal agencies as well as the tremendous support of Tom Hughes which demonstrates his excellent leadership and that his Leadership Award is very well deserved.

Tim Trautman (Region 3) shared that his community has been going through a whirlwind related to challenges around use of buyouts for open space.

For a while now Charlotte-Mecklenburg has been having issues with FEMA Headquarters and their FEMA Region related to the use of buyouts for open space. They've been working with them on it through the state and also through the Association of State Flood Plain Managers and are learning that FEMA is being very limiting as to how these properties can be used for open space. FEMA isn't allowing the creation of sidewalks and trails and things like that, for instance, which are part of open space use. His community is waiting for further information, potential approval, and potentially more flexible guidance in the future from FEMA on this. It has been consuming a lot of his time, as it's a big interest and could be a turning point for their county as well as other communities throughout the country with regard to wanting to do any FEMA-related buyouts in the future.

Erin Capps expressed surprise as this is usually considered a Best Practice for open space.

Tim Trautman explained that FEMA has a policy / perception issue about impervious surfaces - typically sidewalks and trails - as not being allowed. Tim is saying that that's not the case so it's really a matter of interpretation of the Federal Code of Regulations. It's not buildings, or things that would flood, it's the natural function of the flood plains, and how much allowing people to use the property via paved walking surfaces and trails is allowed or not allowed. Tim has been working on this issue for over six months. Just this last month or so they've had Regional staff come in to visit

and take pictures and have been engaging Headquarter Leadership through the Floodplain Manager's Association and will see where it goes from there.

Gene Henry (Region 4) shared that Hillsborough County is having the exact same problem. They have severe repetitive loss on one of their riverine systems. The amount of loss is remarkable and it's a 'flag lot' so part of the driveway still exists. As in Tim's community, they're having the same problem about impervious surfaces, and are going to have to work with the other property owners in order to dig up the original driveway - all the way back to the main road - and then work up an Agreement with the other property owners whereby they can only use their part of that. His guess is that the County will have to go back and help pave their site.

Gene observed that it is remarkable how this tight interpretation is being applied. We need to come together, he suggested, hopefully, through the NHMA which can be a very strong voice for this. Because FEMA is imposing these very strict limitations and interpretations of impervious cover to any part within the Special Flood Hazard Area, it discourages any use of the open space for the community. His County did a subdivision a while back and made it into a nice public area, but they wouldn't be able to do that under these interpretations and have people benefit from the open space.

Chelsea Blair (Region 3) shared that the Muncy area has run into an issue around planting trees in Pennsylvania. The FEMA interpretation at this time is that a full H&H study is required for the planting of trees.

Tim Trautman shared that the same requirement is being made in his Region. They are viewing a tree as an actual permanent structure.

Ned Swanberg (Region 1) shared that the State of Vermont also had to deal with this and came to an agreement with their Region about allowing tree planting in the floodway as not being structures and not being encroachments and not requiring permits.

Tim asked if the Region agreed to that and Ned confirmed that they did.

Tim observed that it appears that towns are exempted by state but [FEMA] is going through their big state checkup, so they'll see if they pick up on that as an issue.

Gene Henry shared that his county has been told it's a Headquarters guidance and interpretation and a policy related to impervious area, not necessarily trees.

Chelsea Blair concurred that Pennsylvania is also being told it's a Headquarters issue.

Erin Capps asked what guidance document or updated Job Aid is FEMA Headquarters citing in its policy interpretation?

Tim Trautman said that apparently this has been the policy for a while, which folks have been dealing with, and its finally becoming more and more of an issue which people are pushing back on and asking questions about. FEMA was planning to issue an updated policy and a Job Aid Guidance for the Regions to guide their job in reviewing it. He is involved behind the scenes with ASFPM working through some of those things. So, this is not something new that came out because [FEMA's] plan was due to solidify some things via an updated Job Aid and Guidance document. Tim is connected in at least helping out via ASFPM, so he's aware of some of the issues.

Erin Capps asked if there's an opportunity for us to put together a statement or White Paper or work concurrently with ASFPM on one if it's already in the works, to try to get some clarity on this.

Tim Trautman suggested that if it gets to a certain point it certainly would be helpful for NHMA to join in, but he is hoping that they can work with [FEMA] before anything comes out that's problematic or makes it even worse.

Mary Baker agreed that especially making trees require an H&H Study is just not practical.

Chelsea Blair shared that at their last Silver Jackets Meeting, someone suggested writing a request letter to FEMA about guidance and actually coming to a general solution; that maybe there's a way to meet in the middle; instead of doing a full H&H Study, maybe we can try to come up with some sort of equation or equal partnership in the sense of understanding their need to try to avoid permanent structures, but at the same time trees are very good for the floodplain. She believed that Tom Hughes and some of the other state agencies in Pennsylvania were planning to work together to write such a letter or something along those lines. It might be good to follow up on that with Tom.

Chelsea added that her understanding is that at the FEMA level, the Mitigation side thinks trees are a great thing. Unfortunately, the Insurance side is saying no, they're going to cause damage when a flood comes through and so are requiring a full H&H Study to find out the risk. Even FEMA Departments don't always agree with one another.

Tim Trautman shared that at the local level his county does flood administration, and he can see the bind. This could be viewed as an interpretation but the NFIP says development is 'any man-made change'. So, if you have a man-

made change where someone goes out and reforests an area of floodway and from a mapping perspective if you remapped it with all those trees, the flood elevations are going to go up six inches or so.

Chelsea Blair agreed but responded that [FEMA] is not even viewing it as just in the floodway, they're applying it to any general buyout property in the 100-year flood zone. So in the Muncy area, which has several buy-outs occurring, they were planning to plant some trees there when all of a sudden this issue started to arise because they were going to change developed areas back into a natural forest area with a park in the middle. Unfortunately, the trees issue came up and they've been tracking it now for the last couple of years. There were several municipalities across Pennsylvania where this became an issue. And they were told it required a full H&H Study for any buyout property.

Gene Henry asked if the trees were going into the floodway, and shared that he has had similar situations in Hillsborough County, where they've shown cumulative impacts and it's easy enough to run the existing model.

Chelsea iterated that the trees were not going into the floodway, they were just going into the flood fringe. She explained that this is the issue they're running across in Region 3. They're being told that planting trees requires an H&H Study. Not only does that mean a lot more money has to be put in for a study, the cost of buying the trees is outweighed by the cost of the study.

Gene Henry offered that the object of buyouts is to try to put the land back to a natural state and reclaim some of the natural habitats. In the case of Hillsborough County, they have a change in coastline, which will have migrating species, some on the Endangered Species List. The thing is that if you leave the land open, trees grow naturally. He can understand if they create a backwater effect, but if you have a way to look at it cumulatively and show FEMA the effect, and then schedule the H&H when you anticipate changing your DFIRMS because then you could incorporate all the cumulative impacts and show FEMA that you're not affecting anybody's property except possibly some of their setbacks.

He has run into this himself between some of the people at FEMA identifying something as just a minimal impact, and advising him not to worry about it, and then all of a sudden it turns into a compliance issue. There are a lot of new people at FEMA - a lot of different perspectives and changes of thought. It would be very nice to be able to help FEMA understand this and write some guidance so we could help them coordinate the insight.

Mary Baker asked if anyone has engaged NSFPM on this?

Tim Trautman replied that they have, and they're involved in both issues. Although he's been working on stuff related to the trees issue unaware that it was such an issue specifically on buyout properties outside the floodway, he will make sure to carry that forward as he works with them and FEMA on the buyout property issue.

Gene Henry asked Tim Trautman if when he talks to ASFPM to please ask if they would help us identify what FEMA's intent is on this. Is it that they want buyout property to go back to a full natural state? If so, that's okay, there will be a lot of forests, though parks are a little easier to maintain. In the State of Florida, they're looking at the way floodways are identified on DFIRMS because they're about to do 17 watersheds. We need to know what FEMA's intent is with the buyout issue. Is it to just do H&H Studies and then turn that over and re-do the DFIRM? If Tim can help us understand the overall intent of the new basis from FEMA, then ASFPM and NHMA can get that out to the membership.

Erin Capps agreed that would be good to know. Glad to know there's already progress and ASFPM is working on this so we'll look to Tim as a lead on how we can help with any statements or discussions on it.

Vince Brown commented that when dealing with Headquarters, there are different Directorates. There is the Mitigation Directorate, and he himself is in the Risk Management Directorate and the Mapping Program. As with any organization, they're very siloed, so what goes on in the Insurance Directorate, or the Mitigation Directorate, a lot of times they won't know anything about. He confirmed that there are a lot of new people with different ideas and backgrounds in Headquarters. There are probably registration or other requirements involved in the issue as well. Agreed that the recommended course of action is a good one and offered to help reach out to the Mitigation Directorate if needed.

Tim Trautman and Gene Henry both thanked Vince for his generous offer of help. Tim confirmed that so far, they seem to be connected to the rights folks through the ASFPM.

Gene Henry asked that if Tim could put something together as a consensus paper to move forward, even if it's very short, we can certainly add our voices to it through NHMA, the RNN and any Committee leads, etc. Gene will certainly sign anything with him on that.

Vince Brown mentioned that he wished the issue had surfaced two, three or four weeks ago as they had their Operating Partners meeting there in D.C. with HUD, ASFP, and NAFSMA. They were putting together the Agenda that each of those entities wanted to talk about and this would have been a good subject to include.

Vince suggested we keep in mind the Operating Partners Quarterly Meetings if we ever have an issue like this come up that could be added to the Agenda. If the Operating Partners are able to pull in FEMA's Mitigation people, as they are able to do in that context, then the Operating Partners also want to know about what is happening with buyouts and impervious surfaces and tree planting and all that kind of stuff, as well. They can have that discussion then.

Tim Trautman will mention this to folks at ASFP for the next call if needed.

Gene Henry shared that he will be leaving Hillsborough County in four weeks. He plans to relax but will be putting some more time into ASFP, NHMA and some of the other groups he works with.

Erin Capps shared that we look forward to his increased involvement in the RNN and asked if there is someone else from Hillsborough County that can sit in to represent them?

Gene Henry said that there are a couple of new departments and they have some larger contractors helping them, like the Resiliency Team Department. The Hazard Mitigation Department will break into four different departments. One of those is a brand-new department working with resiliency and sustainability. A lot of the same things are going on, just different names and younger faces and lots of new initiatives. They'll pick up what's worked really well over the past years and carry them forward. Gene will get the names of those people to Erin for involvement in the RNN. He is working with the Director over there now who is hiring new planners, so he'll make sure that he gets involved with NHMA and also continue with and hopefully put in a lot more support for building Hillsborough County under the RNN as well.

Erin Capps congratulated Gene and thanked him for all his years of service. He is known nationally for what he's done with that county.

Erin also thanked Gene for helping to ensure that we continue with Hillsborough County in the RNN.

Erin Capps shared that we would like to do some outreach and add more communities to the RNN to try to replace those communities we have lost through attrition over the years. There's several that she has contacted and others as well. She proposed that in addition to bringing on new communities we also do a good survey of the RNN members individually to find out what they'd like to see more of and how NHMA can help as an organization.

A Motion was made by Erin Capps that the RNN work to increase its membership and incorporate more communities into the RNN.

The Motion was seconded by Gene Henry.

There being no discussion, it was

VOTED: The RNN will work to increase its membership and incorporate more communities into the RNN.

Erin Capps explained that because of people moving on to different roles and others being brought in, we want to make sure the RNN is as robust as possible. She is reaching out to a couple of possible communities on the West Coast. Katie Skakel who is now working with WSC in Oregon says she has some possible communities there. The City of Baytown, which is outside of Houston, and David Alamia who was with Harris County and has actually done some presentations with NHMA at the Hazards Center, is now the Director with ENC for the City of Baytown. He's a good contributor nationally with his finger on the pulse of what's happening in Mitigation and Resiliency and would be a good addition for the City of Baytown in the RNN as well.

Are there any other recommendations for RNN Communities? Please let Erin Capps know of them and we'll reach out to them. Once we have additional communities on board, we'd like to do another round of polling. That's how we came up with the Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum based on the direct comments of a focus group from the RNN discussing what they needed more training on. We want to make sure we're still tracking on that.

Gene Henry suggested reaching out to the Gulf Coast communities. He just worked with ASFP and NAACO and was fortunate enough to be invited down to Brownsville to assist as they had partnered to work with some target communities on the Gulf Coast. FEMA was involved as well. He suggested that it would be a great evolution of the work that NAACO and ASFP performed there to have these communities get involved in the RNN and continue what was started. It's a group of communities that are open to the idea and also wanting to share all they've done and the support they've received.

Erin Capps stated that we often partner with NACCO on various efforts in terms of conferences, so she is very interested in reaching out. The whole purpose of the RNN is much more than just best practice but continuing to move in resiliency beyond that. We're trying to look at resiliency as a whole. It's not only about recovery but also mitigation and now the focus is on resiliency and programs like CDBG MIT which are just now coming out.

That is another great opportunity for some of the states - both the Carolinas, Florida, Texas, California, and several others, which are getting not only the CDGB funding but also the CDGB MIT, which is going to cover a lot of mitigation activities depending on what each state includes in their action plan. Just speaking for Texas, which has drafted its Action Plan, as Florida has, and though it's not yet approved by HUD, it's out. This is another bucket of funding for communities to use which has been allocated by Congress; but it's the first time something like this has been done and of course it will be following the HUD rules and HUD guidance.

We will continue to see the lessons learned from this because these communities are probably going to receive grants this time next year implementing projects over the next two years. It's something that can really grow and have wings and that we can be a part of in terms of assisting them in refining and implementing their mitigation and resiliency plans.

Vince Brown asked if we have any literature that we can offer to new communities to help bring them in. A fact sheet that outlines the plusses about becoming an RNN member? It could include the above discussion about Brownsville as well the awards announcement for the RNN community that he received a copy of yesterday, all the work on the above issues and the many other things we are doing - these are selling points to potential new RNN communities on the benefits of membership.

Erin Capps responded that we do have that, but it needs to be updated. The Management Team met earlier this week and discussed how to grow the RNN and identify key benefits of participating in it. We need to update our info sheet with the specific things Vince mentioned and a few more. When doing this outreach, we need to let people know why the RNN is so beneficial and what they get out of it as well as the benefits of what they put into it. The goal is for this call to get a lot bigger and a lot more robust and include more voices from across the nation.

Vince Brown mentioned that it's grant time again and asked if the NHMA could add something into their upcoming grant request about this. Can some of the extra funds requested this year be tied in to increasing the RNN membership?

Erin Capps responded that yes, they certainly could. The reason for increasing our grant funding this next cycle is to assist us in either finding a partnership through whom we can leverage a learning management system, or if that's not doable, then to be able to bring in a contractor and do that work internally, which is what we thought of initially as a path. We've been talking about working with PEEKS, or with AMI or IAM for credentialing. We really want to get the Curriculum presented and get it down to a system for consistent outreach and more national recognition. This is a marketing push that we need to do over the course of this next grant, whether we tie in to one of the credentialing organizations or hire a contractor to do it inhouse.

Mary Baker asked if there is a population-based recommendation for RNN Communities. **Erin Capps** responded that we don't have any requirements on that. Initially there was a limit on the number of communities (10) we involved so that the call wouldn't be too unwieldy but there is no limitation on the size of the communities.

Erin Capps mentioned that Ed has been talking about resiliency in South Carolina and the Silver Jackets. Annie Vest is attending a Silver Jackets Workshop and will catch us up on events there.

With regard to future conferences, the Natural Hazards Center Conference is always in July, but the call for proposals is due March 4 - next week. Erin mentioned that Alessandra Jerolleman and Tom Hughes will be participating on the Practitioners' Panel as before - and we are looking at doing a discussion on the DRR and are submitting an abstract. If there are any specifics that anyone would like to discuss, please finish your proposal and get it submitted as quickly as possible. **Erin Capps** mentioned that we're seeing more resiliency conferences too - the ASFPM Conference is coming up; there is also Resilience Conference happening in Austin in April. Erin has submitted several abstracts for that, one of which was accepted (not the one on the DRR) but she will be there talking about resilience planning.

Erin pointed out that with this Curriculum, in addition to doing Pilot programs, getting credentialing, doing the webinars, we want outreach at conferences that might be in your area. Even the local Floodplain Managers Association, or the Emergency Management Conference are good presentation opportunities. We see that mitigation and resilience are being picked up more often at those emergency preparedness and emergency manager conferences, which is wonderful. So, if there are conferences in your area locally, that's where the Curriculum and different modules can be altered to suite and be presented, much like how the ASFPM Foundation has their Foundation presentation that can be pretty much presented at any state chapter. This is another very valuable way of getting the word out about NHMA, the DRR Curriculum, the RNN and what we're doing. Please take a look at the Modules on the website. If there's something specific to pull from, even if you did not write to that specific topic, we can either look at having a subject matter expert go there to present it, or if it's something you feel confident in presenting, we have all the guidance and everything available so you can do so. We haven't discussed that, but that is another way to get the word out about what the DRR is and what the NHMA and the RNN are doing.

With regard to our goal of credentialing the DRR Curriculum, we're not going to just jump from where we're at to full credentialing and continuing education. We do have to build more legitimacy and become much more known around the country than we are right now, and we have to let people know how we can help. So, any way that you can contribute makes a difference. That's why we're doing the webinars, the Pilot Program in Montana in September, and as many presentations around the country as we can. If there's something happening in your area, either a city, county or state that's of interest, let us know how we can help so we can get the word out about the RNN and the DRR Curriculum and the NHMA.

With regard to webinars, we have two webinars coming up. One of them is about the Mitigation Investment Strategy and is set tentatively for March 17th. We'll make sure we have all the details and the timing on that and start announcing it soon. We'll also include Vince Brown on all future correspondence on that as well.

Gene Henry said he would like to hear more about what Erin Capps is doing down in Texas on the Resilience Conference and asked her to please keep us all in the loop. Erin confirmed that we are at the Natural Hazards Center conference this July which is happening in Broomfield, Colorado.

Gene Henry shared that his team has made some contact with APA AICP - Disaster Recovery Response Network Team - which is a pretty big section under APA. They also have their Community Planners assist with assessment teams or assistance teams - they send them out for volunteer work to help communities do various levels of planning. It might be good for us to interact with them as well though we probably already have been.

Erin Capps confirmed that we have been. However, Gene's point with regard to a specific Sector is a very good one. Before it was Jim Schwab but now is Shannon Burke who's on the Board at APA whom we include in those discussions; but that is at the head level of APA versus getting down to a specific sector, where we would get more of a push or involved action when working directly with a Team. Does Gene know somebody who is leading that?

Gene Henry mentioned some folks that he has had the opportunity of working with at the team level. He will send some names to Erin Capps as he gets back involved with it. He also observed that Texas A&M is doing a lot with the small communities along the coastal areas that are still recovering and trying to do good planning as they come back.

Erin Capps shared that there's so much under the Texas A&M System now of course, because they have a C-Grant coming through them.

Vince Brown asked if there was any opportunity to get some funding from those entities to do some DRR stuff down there. Erin said that yes there certainly is and it is tied into the PEEKS arm too which is where Mr. Robison comes in. Tom Robison has excellent connections with PEEK and essentially said that whenever we're ready he will help us open a door there. Erin wants to do a few webinars and bolster the RNN membership a bit before presenting our package to work on teaming up for credentialing. Whenever we're ready, though, Tom Robison can make that call happen for us with PEEK.

The other organization Erin mentioned is IAEM which Tom Hughes has a good connection with. Another organization we have a link with is an organization under the University of Hawaii, and another University as well. We have a lot of opportunities for this, it is just as a slow push to prepare the groundwork so our approach them is fruitful.

Right now, Erin wants to have a good group of materials nailed down with recent webinars and pilots that we can point to. Her goal is this Fall - especially once we get Montana booked to show what we can put together. Montana is another success story that we can showcase with regard to our help to them there.

Vince Brown reported on activities at FEMA but did not have a lot of news to share.

With regard to on RISK RATING 2.0, there's nothing new to report. It has been pushed back for several months to a year, so they're not ready to bring out anything new with that.

With regard to the BRIC program, funding is set to come out on that this Spring. In terms of what the Risk Management Directorate will be doing with the future of flood hazard data, they are still working through that. They collect so much data through the mapping and flood mapping, which just continues piling up and up and they are trying to figure out what they can do with it, what they should do with it, and how they can make better use of that data. That's a big project.

Finally, it is Grant time again. Vince sent out the Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2020 Grants so we can start working on it. He believes the intent of NHMA is still there to ask for an increase of the Grant, and if that's the case, he advises that we definitely go for it but it needs to be clear what the increase in funds will be used for.

Call ended 12:04 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next meeting is **March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** Eastern Time.

*The March RNN meeting has been Rescheduled for **April 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** Eastern Time

ACTION ITEMS:

February 2020 Action Items List

- (Febr-A1) **Tom Hughes and Chelsea Blair** to get photos of their awards ceremonies and send a write up about them to NHMA Admin for posting and publication.
- (Febr-A2) **Tim Trautman** to carry forward an increased awareness about the trees issue and the buyouts issue as he works with FEMA on these and take the lead on how we can help with any statements or discussions on it.
- (Febr-A3) **Tim Trautman** to ask ASFPM if they would help us identify what FEMA's intent is on the buyouts issue so we can understand the overall intent of the new basis from FEMA, and get that information out to the membership.
- (Febr-A4) **Tim Trautman** to put something together as a consensus paper on the FEMA interpretation issue per Gene Henry's request that the RNN and NHMA can add its voices to. **Gene Henry** to sign with him on that.
- (Febr-A5) **Tim Trautman** to mention FEMA's Operating Partners Quarterly Meetings to folks at ASFPM for the next call if any issues need to be explored there.
- (Febr-A6) **Gene Henry** to get the names of people at Hillsborough County over to Erin Capps for their continued involvement in the RNN. He will ensure that the Director over there gets involved with NHMA and continues with support for building Hillsborough County under the RNN.
- (Febr-A7) **All communities in the RNN** to work toward increasing membership and incorporating more communities into the RNN.
- (Febr-A8) **Erin Capps or Gene Henry** to reach out to the Gulf Coast communities to invite them to participate in the RNN.
- (Febr-A9) **Gene Henry** to send names and contact info to Erin Capps for some of the folks he has worked with at the APA AICP Disaster Recovery Response Network Team for outreach of the RNN.
- (Febr-A10) **The NHMA Management Team** to update its one-pager on the RNN.
- (Febr-A11) **RNN Community members** to seek out opportunities to present the DRR Curriculum Modules at conferences in their local areas, tweaking them to suit the need and letting the RNN Community and NHMA know how they can help.