

December 2016
Winter 2016 Newsletter
A Few Words from our President

The Ed Thomas Challenge

NHMA is essentially an all-volunteer organization. All any of us can do to support the organizations efforts are to donate some combination of:

- * Time
- * Talent
- * Treasure

For those of you who cannot donate much time and talent, please consider donating Treasure-money-appreciated stocks. Donations can be made online and for the next two months will be matched by Ed Thomas-up to an amount disclosed to our Treasurer, David Mallory. Thank you and please give generously.

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Volunteering for NHMA

If you are interested (<http://nhma.info/about/volunteer-with-nhma/>) in volunteering to help with NHMA please keep in mind that there are always many opportunities to help with the DRR Curriculum, developing comments on important regulations, representing NHMA at meetings and so many other possible ways of contributing to developing a safer better, more just and resilient future. .

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NHMA exists and prospers as an important voice urging Disaster Risk Reduction as an element of Resilience because of Volunteers. The NHMA Nominating Committee has been established for 2016 and is actively soliciting volunteers to serve in many ways, including the Advisory Committee, the various committees, and the Board. Due to his incredibly busy schedule long

time NHMA Treasurer, David Mallory must step down at the end of December. The Nominating Committee really needs a volunteer to step forward very soon to understudy David and assume this role.

Interested? Contact Ed Thomas [ed.nhma@gmail.com (mailto:ed.nhma@gmail.com)] or Kim Thiele at nathazma@gmail.com (mailto:nathazma@gmail.com) .

NHMA Board Elections are coming up!

More information coming soon- be on the lookout and start thinking about nominations!

Webinar: Methods of Communication in Disasters— Preparing to Receive, Provide and Act on Critical Information in Times of Crisis

FEMA's DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships and FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division invite you to a webinar on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Representatives from FEMA will be joined by faith and community leaders to highlight various methods that governments and communities can use to communicate with one another and the broader community in disasters. This webinar will also feature preparedness activities and resources to effectively receive, provide and act upon critical information.

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST

Featured Speakers:

- * Antwane Johnson, Director, FEMA Integrated Public Alert & Warning System
- * Martin Pittinger, FEMA Office of the Chief Technology Officer
- * Kaylyn Beck, FEMA External Affairs
- * Chaplain Yisrael Bursztyn, New Jersey Chaplains Association
- * Alicia Hamilton, PACRED and The Revelation Network
- * William Patterson, Los Angeles Amateur Radio Club
- * Moderator: Jannah Scott, DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships

Click here to register (https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1087126544/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=1564274292&_charset_=utf-8)

Introduction of Some Other New Volunteers on the Development of the DRR Curriculum

We recently welcomed Dr. Missy Stults and Nick Lamparelli to those working on the development of our Disaster Risk Reduction Ambassador Curriculum. Missy is an NHMA

member who was one of the leaders of the development of the final Kresge Foundation Community Resilience effort. [FYI, the final Kresge Foundation report Climate Adaptation: The State of Practice in U.S. Communities was released this past Wednesday. It will be posted on the NHMA website soon. Meanwhile, the Kresge materials are available on line at:

<http://kresge.org/climate-adaptation>

Missy is also on the Executive Committee of our sister organization the Society of American Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) and has volunteered to assist in developing the curriculum. I have had the delightful experience of working with Missy on the development of the Kresge Foundation Community Resilience effort for the past two and a half years.

20-year Insurance Professional Nick Lamparelli found us through our website, and asked to meet. He shares a deep commitment to disaster Risk Reduction, has a number of brilliant and innovative ideas for harnessing the forces of Finance & Insurance to promote a safer, better future.

Update on the Disaster Risk Reduction Curriculum: Contractor Hired

Some, but not all of you are aware that NHMA has hired Wightman & Associates as the contractor for the first stage of our work on the DRR Curriculum, scheduled to be concluded by March 2017.

Gina Wightman and her team are highly regarded by many folks for whom we have enormous respect, and will be working with the NHMA Subject Matter Experts to produce the first phase of the Curriculum.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's Bipartisan Digital Coast Act Unanimously Passes the Senate

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (<http://urbanmilwaukee.com/people/tammy-baldwin>) 's bipartisan Digital Coast Act has unanimously passed the U.S. Senate. The legislation will help shoreline communities along the Great Lakes better prepare for storms, cope with varying water levels and strengthen economic development planning efforts continues to move forward and now heads to the House for consideration.

The bipartisan Digital Coast Act was introduced (<https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/press-releases/us-senators-tammy-baldwin-and-lisa-murkowski-introduce-bipartisan-digital-coast-act-to-aid-shoreline-communities>) by Senator Baldwin and Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) last year. The Digital Coast Act is also cosponsored by Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Cory Booker (D-NJ).

Read the entire article here (<http://urbanmilwaukee.com/pressrelease/u-s-senator-tammy-baldwins-bipartisan-digital-coast-act-unanimously-passes-the-senate/>)