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Letter from the Chair

Well, I finally made it! After over 10 years on the Board, I am excited to be the new Chair for 2015-2016. Before I go any further, I have to acknowledge what a great job Thomas Plummer has done as our Chair for the last two years. He was able to lead us through two changes in Executive Directors, all the while building us into a more comprehensive and relevant organization. His passions for developing the 2D and Alluvial Fan Symposiums were instrumental in getting us over the many hurdles that presented themselves. He also helped bring us into the 21st Century with development of our Social Media outreach (#greatjobTom!). Thomas may be short in stature (well, at least to me), but he has left some huge shoes to fill.



It is such an honor to serve on your Board of Directors. Not only are we doing what we love to do professionally, we have fun doing it. As with any job, it comes down to the people we get to work with and relationships that grow from it. On that note, as most of you know, we recently appointed Mary Seits as our new Executive Director. What you may or may not know, however, is that Mary is my wife. It has been a joy working with Mary in her role as the Administrative Assistant for the last 4-5 years, but I am even more excited about working with her in her new role. You can imagine what our conversation is about at the dinner table! I am definitely biased, but I know and trust that Mary is going to do a great job as our Executive Director for many years to come.

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Information on Flood Insurance Reform – Rates and Refunds

<https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform-rates-and-refunds>

For information on Fiscal Year 2016 Budget issues visit:

<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy-2016-budget-brief>

To review a copy of Executive Order 13960:

http://floodplain.org/For_Immediate_ReleaseJanuary_30.pdf

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**“Managing Floodplain Development
Through the National Flood Insurance Program”**

November 30- December 3, 2015

Las Vegas, NV

Free course with opportunity to sit for the CFM Exam.

Registration deadline is November 4.

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