

John Johnston, P.E., CFM

Position: Vice President

Describe your qualifications, past TFMA involvement, etc:



Mr. Johnston is a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer and Nationally Certified Floodplain Manager. He has been recognized as the 1999 City of Victoria Public Works Employee of the Year by the APWA Southeast Texas Branch and the 2000-2001 Local Floodplain Manager of the Year by the Texas Floodplain Managers Association.

He is a Life Member of the TFMA, served on the 2015-2017 TFMA Board of Directors representing Region 8. Mr. Johnston testified before the Texas Natural Resources Committee regarding floodplain management legislation being considered by the Texas House of Representatives. As TFMA Region 8 Director, Mr. Johnston assisted the TFMA Board of Directors through a major expansion period. Mr. Johnston works closely with TFMA's Training Committee to offer training statewide, proctors the National CFM Exam and has edited several FEMA floodplain training courses to include Texas specific agencies and regulations related to floodplain management.

Mr. Johnston was born and raised in Victoria, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station in August 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He worked in the Dallas/Fort Worth area from 1983 to 1989 as a graduate design engineer for private engineering companies. From 1989 to 1992, Mr. Johnston served the City of North Richland Hills, Texas as the Assistant Director of Public Works and Floodplain Administrator.

John has served in various roles during his tenure with the City of Victoria since 1992 including Director of Engineering, Director of Public Works, Development Engineer and Floodplain Administrator.

Mr. Johnston has been married to his wife Kelly since 1981. They share two sons and three granddaughters. John holds a General Class Amateur Radio License, is an avid golfer, enjoys travel and outdoor activities with his family.

Summarize why you think you would be the best candidate for this role.

From its inception, TFMA was established to provide support, training and networking opportunities for floodplain management professionals. TFMA partners with FEMA, Texas Water Development Board, the National Weather Service and other state and national agencies and associations. The current 2014 TFMA bylaws establish the vice-president duties to stand in for the president, when required, discharge duties as required by the board and be the liaison between the board and various TFMA committees.

TFMA is the largest of the 37 state chapters of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Texas also leads the nation in the number of Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) and with this achievement comes the need to offer floodplain management training to TFMA members and CFMs. Networking and training opportunities are offered at the well-organized TFMA conferences and regional meetings. Not every member is available to attend every conference or regional meeting. TFMA needs seasoned floodplain managers to share their experiences and provide training.

TFMA committees are vital outreach tool to the TFMA membership recommending policy, providing training and opportunities for the willing members to participate in the mission of TFMA. The TFMA committees are a great way for members to get involved with TFMA and join the board and the TFMA staff in providing services to TFMA members. There are numerous board members that started their service with TFMA as a committee member or chair.

As vice-president, I plan to work with the board, committees and TFMA staff to equip and empower the committees and recruit new committee members and trainers in the delivery of services to the membership.