

# Texas Floodplain Management Association

## Policy: Retired Member and CFM-Retired



*Approved by TFMA Board on August 27, 2019*

### A. Purpose

To define the TFMA "Retired Member" and add a CFM-Retired designation.

### B. Application

The policy would apply to all TFMA members and current CFMs, as applicable.

### C. Background

Currently, TFMA has a Lifetime Member status available for those who have been active members of TFMA for 25 years. As TFMA members retire from their profession, they have the tendency of less involved with the Association. This lack of participation results with a loss of knowledge and experience that benefit our membership. As an incentive to keep retired members involved with TFMA, the Retired Member and CFM-Retired designation will be offered.

This policy will make a provision for those who are "retired" from the floodplain field but would still like to keep the CFM designation. By definition, the "CFM-Retired" would be an inactive CFM who is no longer using their CFM as a professional.

### D. Policy

It shall be the policy of TFMA to have a Retired Member and CFM-Retired category for those who have been individual members of TFMA. An annual renewal stating they are currently retired and no longer working as a professional in floodplain management will be required at the time of renewal. For the Retired Member, a reduced TFMA membership fee and discount will be offered for TFMA conferences, in which the reduced fee and discount amounts determined by the TFMA Board.

### E. Definitions

1. **Retired Member:** A TFMA member who qualifies as a retired member rate and pays the associated fee. To qualify as a TFMA Retired Member, the person must not be working as a floodplain professional at the time of application for retired status.
2. **CFM:** A person who has successfully passed the CFM Exam and taken the required continuing educational requirements (CECs) to remain in good standing. Working floodplain management professional: An individual who is receiving pay for floodplain

management related work. Unpaid volunteer or mentoring situations would not be considered as working under this definition, nor would reimbursed direct expenses, stipends or honorariums related to volunteer or mentoring situations be considered pay. Related part-time work or contracts would be considered pay, however, regardless of size of contract or hours worked.

3. **CFM-Retired:** The applicant must have had their CFM for a minimum of 5 years. Retention of the letters “CFM-Retired” will be acceptable after the name.

#### **F. Procedure**

1. The application for both Retired Member and CFM-Retired designation title shall be made at the time of annual renewal for membership.
2. Once a person qualifies as a TFMA retired member, and if applicable as a CFM-Retired member, he/she shall retain the designation regardless of their place of residence within the State of Texas.
3. The annual fees for both Retired Member and CFM-Retired shall be collected to cover basic record-keeping and administrative costs.
4. All Retired Members, including CFM-Retired if applicable, will be listed on the website as such, and cannot use their CFM stamp or seal, unless reinstated. The reinstatement process is the same process as a decertified CFM which includes re-taking the exam and rejoining TFMA as an individual with all applicable fees and paperwork.