

## **Central HAZUS Users Group Steering Committee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2006**

### **Welcome to New Members**

- Dr. Jon Bartholic, Michigan State University, joined the HAZUS Users Group Steering Committee.

### **State Activity Update**

- Illinois
  - The Illinois EMA will be hosting HAZUS classes in the near future. Details to be announced shortly.
- Wisconsin
  - The Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency is currently conducting a statewide level I flood analysis using HAZUS. It was reported that they had problems in one county in a particularly large flood study case. It was discovered that there was a single reach causing the issue. ABS is currently addressing this issue.
  - Training is being scheduled in early 2006
  - There may be a HAZUS presentation at the state governors conference
- Ohio
  - Kelly Perry reported (by email) that she is working with Cheryl Allen of the Ohio EPA to integrate HAZUS into a project that they are pursuing.
- Indiana
  - Indiana reported that they had just completed a Basic HAZUS course last week. The course included 20 participants from around the state as well as from outside of Indiana.
- Michigan
  - No report on activities
- Minnesota
  - No report on activities

### **CHUG Website Update**

- The CHUG website is up and running. It can be accessed at [www.hazus.org/chug](http://www.hazus.org/chug).

#### **Google Listserv**

- It was determined that we will have one Google group for the CHUG region as opposed to having separate groups for each state. This group will be managed by Shane Hubbard, but everyone is encourage to respond to inquiries and to submit postings.
- The steering committee will circulate a 'What's New in the Region' email to the CHUG Google group following each steering committee meeting. Kevin Mickey volunteered to do the first posting. This responsibility will be shared by the steering committee members and will be assigned at each meeting.
- It was suggested that we encourage each state mitigation agency to post the link to the CHUG site on their state EMA websites. Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin will look into this ASAP. Jonathan Marsch will contact the Michigan EMA to encourage them to make this posting.

### **National Users Group Updates (Jamie Caplan reporting)**

- DisasterHelp.gov – will include a HAZUS presence – this will be a national resource. More information will be provided in the near future.

- There is a new HAZUS users group in Pittsburgh (Three Rivers) headed by Jaime Mitchum. Jamie is helping Jamie Caplin put together a University HAZUS Users Group. Jamie requested a list of university users from this group as well. She needs this list ASAP.

#### **ESRI Decision Makers Webinar Status**

- Kevin Mickey reported that he will be going to Redlands, CA next week to tape a 'HAZUS for Decision Makers' webinar. This joint FEMA/ESRI resource should be available at no cost to viewers from the ESRI website toward the end of January. More information will follow once the taping is complete.

#### **CHUG User Conference**

- It was determined that the CHUG will target early summer 2006 to hold its second users conference. This will be a one day event to be held, if possible, at the FEMA Region V office in Chicago, IL. Jonathan Marsch will confirm the availability of the FEMA facility ASAP.
- The proposed agenda will include presentations about HAZUS activities occurring in the region in the morning and breakout sessions in the afternoon that are targeted toward identifying products to be developed by the CHUG during 2006.
- Two working committees were formed that will meet before the next meeting to address agenda topics and to develop a participant list.
  - Agenda Committee (Kevin Mickey (chair), Jaime Caplan, Jonathan Marsch, Pam Soule)
  - Participant Committee (Tony Bellovary (chair), Jan Crider, Shane Hubbard, Jon Bartholic)

#### **Next meeting**

The next CHUG steering committee call will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from noon to 1:30 pm EST. The dial in for this call is 1-800-320-4330 and the passcode is 719216.