

**HHUG Monthly Conference Call**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2010**

Dial-in Number: 1-866-203-6896

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**Attendees:**

Sue Evers

Shelia Dale

Rodney Odom

April Bowman

Arnold Radloff

Jaime Caplan

**Minutes:**

Jaime Caplan, a FEMA contractor, led today's meeting because Shanna Michael had another meeting she had to attend.

Jaime discussed the need to improve HHUG's website that she maintains. There is also a forum thread for the HHUG. There is national HUG conference calls that everyone is invited to attend. If there is anything that we would like to have posted on the HHUG's website, please contact Jaime.

Jaime mentioned HAZUS HERC (HAZUS Higher Education Research Consortium) link on the USEHAZUS website. HHUG should try to combine resources with their group; maybe have a joint conference call to discuss what each group is doing and how we can help each other.

HAZUS Compendium- glorified tips & trick newsletter in the FEMA online library. It can be viewed on USEHAZUS website Wiki.

HAZUS Conference proceedings are now out and published, there are links on the USEHAZUS website to the proceedings.

Topic specific conference calls are now available via podcasts- there are links to the podcasts on USEHAZUS website.

Arnold gave a presentation on HAZUS- Flood Riverine estimates (modeling) at GIS Day for Professional Development at the Norfolk Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College. Elkhorn River flood 500 year flood event (Flood occurred June 15, 2010). He needs more cooperation with Madison County EM to validate his model results. Sue advised to offer ranges of numbers instead of actual numbers. Round down instead of up.

Arnold sent an e-mail to Shanna, Sue, Mike, and Jaime about the 2011 Nebraska GIS Conference in April 2011. It is Tuesday-Thursday, April 19-21 in La Vista, NE. It might be nice to have a HAZUS booth there and/or training. [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org) Registration is \$200/person. Booths are \$400 for 8' x 10' area. Arnold is going to try to give a presentation, maybe a workshop, and submit a poster. Attendance is normally about 120-130 participants from eastern NE, western IA (Rod's estimates). Maybe a poster or other smaller exhibit would be better for this size of event (and for the money). Maybe the HHUG can distribute flyers to the attendees? Arnold will look into this. So far Arnold is the only person on the call that will be attending the conference. Sue is going to put the conference on her conference wish list. At this point, sending the whole HAZUS booth to the conference sounds like it might not be worth the trouble and money.

Jaime is going to work with Arnold to create a HAZUS Success Story from the work that Arnold has done. It looks like there is a lot going on with HAZUS in Nebraska now.

The meeting concluded at 2:46 PM. Minutes by April Bowman.