

NCHUG MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES

9/2/09

2:00 PM

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	Eric Coughlin
ATTENDEES	Jamie Caplan, Moses Wilkins, Steve Newton, Mike Erickson, Rick Burgess, Jessica Phillips, Scott Wade, Andrew Bailey

AGENDA TOPICS

HAZUS CONFERENCE DEBRIEF AND DISCUSSION

ERIC COUGHLIN & JAMIE CAPLAN

Discussion		
<p>The 3rd Annual National HAZUS Conference in Raleigh last month was a resounding success. Great format, excellent speakers, more than 100 attendees from across the country.</p> <p>The conference proceedings will be delivered to attendees on DVD. This will include all session PowerPoints, selected session audio and video as well as the maps displayed in the map gallery.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Consensus was it was good the conference was held separate from ESRI User Conference for the first time. Future HAZUS conferences will be HAZUS-only as well. Next conference to be held somewhere in the Midwest probably in August again. Don't miss it.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Eric will try to make proceedings DVD available to whoever wants it. Send Eric an email if you're interested.	Eric Coughlin	
Conference t-shirts may be available for purchase. Send Eric an email if you're interested.	Eric Coughlin	

HAZUS TRAINING

ERIC COUGHLIN & RICK BURGESS

Discussion		
<p>Clear that there is a need for HAZUS training in North Carolina. Scott Wade at ECU says it should be possible to use their facilities for a class. Most call attendees in agreement that the full EMI-accredited, 3.5 day Basic HAZUS class. There might also be a need for the "executive" 1-day basic class for non-technical folks who just want an overview of the application.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Training needed. Eric and Rick and Scott will work to put together a class soon. Stay turned</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bring HAZUS training to North Carolina	Eric Coughlin	Before next month's meeting

FORMING A NCHUG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ERIC COUGHLIN

Discussion
<p>Expanding the outreach activities of the HUG by putting together an executive committee representing the three geographic regions of our state; coastal plain, piedmont, and mountains. Precise roles or tasks are yet to be defined.</p> <p>Chris Badurek at Appalachian State University and Scott Wade at Eastern Carolina University have agreed to represent the</p>

mountains and coastal plain respectively. Thank you gentlemen.
 Eric would like to recruit a government (state, county or local) employee to represent the piedmont. If you are interested please let him know.

Conclusions

Outreach activity will be critical to expanding the public's awareness of HAZUS technology and promoting disaster-aware communities. Having HUG members represent their region and perform outreach-related activities will be a boon to the group.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Find a piedmont NCHUG representative from government.	TBA. Eric Coughlin	Before next month's meeting

NEXT HUG MEETING

ERIC COUGHLIN

Discussion

We are looking into holding future HUG conference call meetings with "WebEx" capabilities so members can present their HAZUS projects to the rest of the group. We are also exploring recording the meetings and making a podcast available on the website.

Next meeting beginning of October. Details will be emailed and posted on the website soon.

Conclusions

Increasing our meeting technology will enable a more visually interesting monthly meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Explore our meeting technology options.	Eric Coughlin, Jamie Caplan and rick Burgess	Before next month's meeting