

To the Editor:

I was so happy to see the recent edition of the Floodwatch and the article on the new Rodney Edwin Emmer Award. You couldn't have picked a better namesake for an award that recognizes meritorious achievement in floodplain management.

I first met Rod at the 1985 ASFPM conference in New Orleans. He briefed everyone on the field trip in such a way that we learned as much from the briefing as we did from the field work.

Since then, I was lucky enough to work with Rod on different projects over the years and was always impressed by his professionalism and devotion to the field. The thing I remember about him most was that he always shot for the highest standards. He would constantly remind us (in his calm, soft-spoken, way) that we shouldn't settle for minimum compliance or just getting by. We should not forget what was right and remember what makes for good floodplain management as opposed to just meeting some program requirements.

Rod lived the life of a true floodplain manager. I'm so glad to see the LFMA is recognizing those who strive to meet his ideals.

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