Assessing Impacts of Disaster on a Professional Association: The International Association of Impact Assessment as a Case Study

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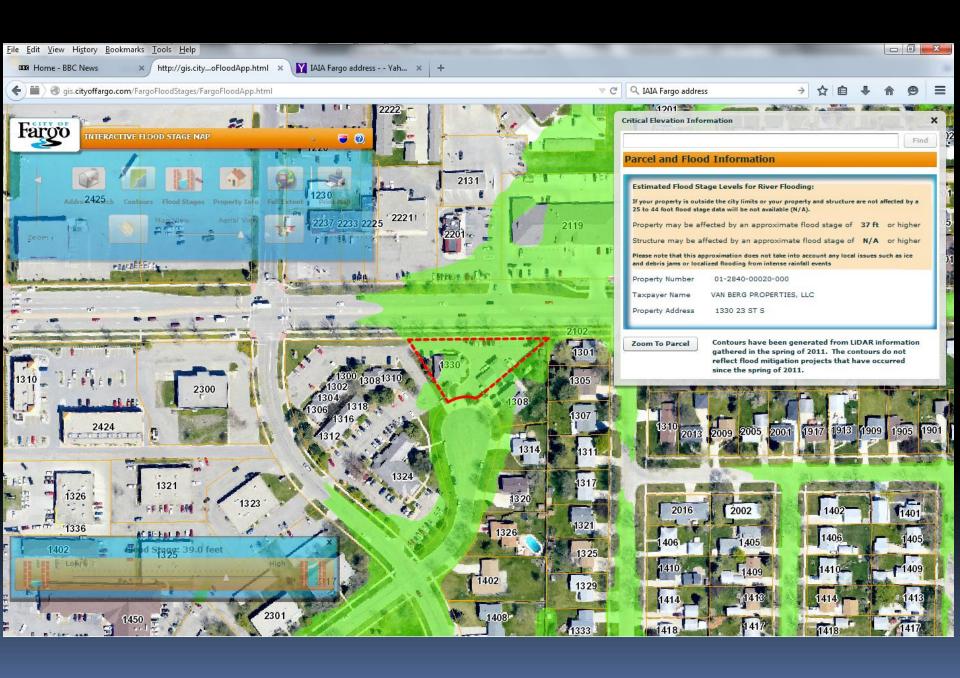
- Professional associations are subject to disasters
- Business continuity plans focus business continuity, not (usually) full spectrum of disaster management
 - Preparedness
 - Warning
 - Response (relief)
 - Recovery
 - Risk Reduction
- Use IAIA as example of non-for-profit disaster <u>management</u> planning
- Benefits in improving resilience of IAIA to disasters and reducing burden on members

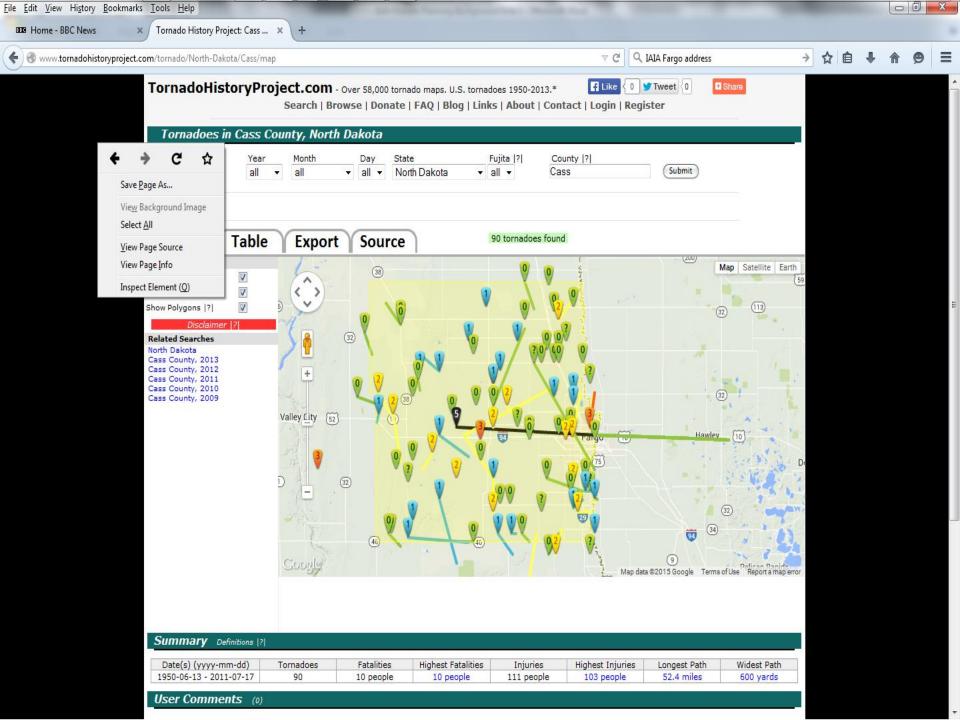
The Importance of Disaster

- >IAIA located in hazardous location
- >Holds meeting in hazardous locations
- Members do dangerous stuff
- ➤IAIA can suffer catastrophic losses due to disaster
- Social responsibility to staff and members: "Do no harm"
- Corporate responsibility to members: survive but keep cost down

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- Winter storms
- Tornados
- Disease, e.g., influenza
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Planning For Disasters

- Commitment
- Plan outline
- Impact (risk) Assessment
- Results which allow for prioritizing risks and management measures
- Decisions on which risks and how they are to be managed - Not possible to get to "0" risk
- Stakeholder acceptance of "acceptable risk" and acceptable cost (cost and benefit analysis)

Risk Assessment	Hazard	Details of Hazard	Local – IAIA		Transitional – Travel		Distant – Conference	
			Office and Staff		Staff and		Staff and	
					Participants		Participants	
			Freque ncy per	Cost per	Frequen	Cost	Frequency	Cost
				person	cy per	Per person	Per year	Per person per year
			year	per year	year	per year		
	Flooding							
	Earthquake							
	Winter							
	storm/Cold							
	wave							
	Summer storm							
	Heat wave							
	Landslide							
	Severe air							
	pollution							
	Terrorist event							
	Air accident							
	Traffic accident							
	Epidemic							
	(human)							
	Poisoning							
	Fire (building)							
	Utilities failure							
	Theft, funds							
	Theft, assets							
	Virus							
	(computer)							

Way Forward?

- Is it worth improving IAIA's disaster risk management?
- How can we generate usable impact assessment results?
- What are stakeholder interests and concerns (perceptions of risks and solutions)?

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Background Notes on:

- Disaster plan development,
- Disaster planning
- Risk assessment