Greetings from your President

Ladies and gentlemen,

I reminded everyone at the last meeting that nominations for the next officer slating is now open- Jason Butler is the committee lead that will collect these names. If you want to volunteer or nominate someone else in our chapter, I encourage you to please reach out and put a name in the hat!

Also, please remember that the Order of the Engineer is coming up in May. We will be soliciting for volunteers to join this elite group. If you haven’t heard of the Order of the Engineer, essentially, it’s the Hippocratic oath for engineers. As engineers, we are often in positions where our decisions can have wide sweeping effects on people, facilities, and even the environment. The more I practice engineering and the more engineers I run across, the more I realize how important it is that we always strive to maintain a high moral aptitude, despite what our client or possibly our management may want. The Order of the Engineer is a way of attesting to your commitment to always doing what’s right, even when it isn’t popular. If you want to know more, ask one of your officers or any of our chapter members wearing their OE ring.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th!

Cheers,
Rob Plonski

Directions to TBoonz Steakhouse
TBoonz is at 2856 Washington Road, Augusta, GA. Take I-20 West and take exit 199. Turn left and the restaurant will be at the top of hill on your right. Parking is available around the restaurant.

RSVP: Nick Everett
at jameseverett2014@gmail.com
OR
Sign up using the Website!
Meeting Highlights 20, 2018
CSRA - SFPE January, 2019 Meeting Minutes

President Rob Plonski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed members and guests.
A motion with second to approve the meeting minutes from the November meeting passed a voice vote.

There was no treasurer’s report.

OLD BUSINESS
Chapter members are encouraged to join the National SFPE organization and the SFPE outreach organizations.
The Mercy Ministries project was stalled over the holidays. They are hoping to have the water supply line installed by the end of the month. After the supply line has been installed, we can finish the project.

NEW BUSINESS
The order of the Engineer ceremony is coming up in May. New members are encouraged to join.
The NSPE annual conference will be held June 5th through 9th in Greenville, SC.
A presentation titled “The Testing and Development of New Technologies for the Fire Industry” was given by Andy Lynch of Fire Solutions Group.

NEXT MEETING
The February meeting will be held at TBonz Steakhouse in Augusta, GA on February 19, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Everett

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer's Report for January 2019

CAPTURED IN MEETING MINUTES: The January Treasurer’s Report as submitted to the Newsletter. The website cost increased again this year, and is paid to date. The website has also notified us of an additional charge change, which begins at our next billing in January 2020. The charge is 20% of our website costs ($540 x .20 = $108), which will make the website expense total ($540 + $108 + $16.20 = $660.20). The additional fee is for not using the internal payment system (we use PayPal). The additional $16.20 is an export fee we already pay for the transaction overseas, where the services are based.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of 01/31/2019:
Checking: $4,187.27
Savings: $2,410.87
PayPal Transfer: $415.73
Credit Balance: ($556.20)
Petty Cash (for Mtg. Exp.): $50.00
Total: $6,507.67

Membership before tonight’s Meeting: 37
Returning Members at the Meeting:
Renewals of Supporters:
Renewals of Corporate Sponsors:
Guests:
New Members:
Winner of the 50/50: No 50/50 drawing at the last meeting.
The SFPE Corporate 100 Partner Program was founded in 1976 to give organizations and individuals an opportunity to show their support of SFPE’s mission. With the financial support of Corporate 100 Partners and the dedication of both volunteers and staff, SFPE has made groundbreaking strides to define and improve the practice of fire protection engineering. For questions or more information contact SFPE Membership and Chapter Relations Manager contact Julie Gordon at jgordon@sfpe.org or (301) 915-9721 or to view information on the Corporate 100 Program follow the link below:

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Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:
LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC
PE Review Manual

The fourth edition of the *Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Examination in Fire Protection Engineering Review Manual* has been revised to include items previously listed in the errata and feature an updated specification sheet in the annex to reflect current NCEES PE Exam requirements. The review manual has been submitted to the publisher and is expected to be back in stock by the end of April. If you plan to take the exam this fall, this book is a must! [Click here to order](#).

Membership Chair Message

As of January, the chapter has 35 active members. Please take some time to welcome our new members joining the CSRA Chapter in 2018: Hannah Curry, Kelsey Foster, Jack Smeck, and Nick Zielinski. This is a special time for our chapter to continue its record of excellence, and we need an active membership to do that. To do this we should encourage others to attend meetings, participate in our service activities, and look to actively grow our membership, including international membership.

If you are not currently a member of SFPE International, consider joining. Benefits of international membership include continuing industry education, unparalleled networking opportunities, and increased professional credibility. Whether you get involved in technical committees, engage with others in the online community, or take advantage of the educational opportunities, your fire protection knowledge base is sure to expand.

There are a lot of opportunities for the chapter in the coming year. One of the most important is getting others to come out to meetings and join the local chapter. Invite a guest to the next meeting, be it a co-worker or even a friend. I appreciate everyone’s support of our Chapter.
Please consider promoting your company in the CSRA Newsletter and on our website. Just complete the Sponsor Form attached to this newsletter and send your business card and check payable to SFPE – CSRA Chapter in care of Will Cosey, 118 Beauregard Lane, Aiken, SC 29803. All proceeds are invested into Chapter activities and operations, including but not limited to special projects and efforts within our communities.