Greetings from your President

Greetings CSRA Chapter Members!

Our annual Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony is coming up at our May meeting. Our speaker will be the ever entertaining Mr. Bernie Till. His talk will keynote our Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony. As his talks are always informative and thought-provoking, I highly encourage everyone to attend.

As this will be my last President’s Corner message, I would like to use this opportunity to thank those who have made this year as successful as it has been. Past President Jason Butler has, without a doubt, been a wonderful and steadfast resource. He has provided mentoring and has always been willing to accept a task or challenge to help get things done. My fellow Officers - Rob Plonski (VP); Rob Hansen (Secretary); and Will Cosey (Treasurer) - have worked together to provide wonderful programs and activities for us all. And I would be remiss if I didn’t thank Ralph Foster for “encouraging” me to step up to take the Chapter VP Nomination 3 years ago. A final thank you goes out to all the members, guests, and speakers of the past three years.

May the Chapter experience continued success and growth in the coming years.

Paul

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Speaker: Mr. William Till, MSFPE, CFPS, FSFPE
Organization: Manager, Fire Protection Engineering, WIPP
Topic: Just Because
Location: Aiken Brewing Company
140 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
       6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meal Price: Member $3 and Guest $5 — Attendee pays for their meal

Directions to Aiken Brewing Company
Aiken Brewing Company is at the corner of Laurens St and the Alley in downtown Aiken. 140 Laurens St SW Aiken, SC 29801. Parking is available on the street

RSVP: Rob Hanson
at RobHanson@YourFPE.com
OR
Sign up using the Website!
Meeting Highlights April 18, 2017

Vice President Rob Plonski opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
Rob welcomed returning members and guests
Motioned to approve meeting minutes – Passed
Motioned to approve the treasurer’s report – Passed
Old Business:
Rob encouraged everyone to join SFPE International. Benefits mentioned were webinars, resources, and discounts (including one on the 5th Edition of the SFPE Handbook)
Current SFPE International members were also encouraged to upgrade their membership to the Professional level if eligible
SC Engineering Conference June 8-10, 2017 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort
Mercy Ministries - AHJ has agreed to allow NFPA 13R system with draftstops instead of a NFPA 13
New Business:
50/50 won by James Maddry and donated back to the Chapter, thank you James!
Gold Award application is due April 28th
Election of officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:
President: Rob Plonski
Vice President: Rob Hanson
Treasurer: Will Cosey
Secretary: Stan Maciaszek
Next meeting is on May 16th, 2017 at Aiken Brewing Company in Aiken, SC
Motioned to close Business Meeting – Passed
Ralph Foster from Foster Engineering and Consulting presented on fire protection issues on an international project
Respectfully submitted,

Rob Hanson
Chapter Announcements

2017-2018 Elected CSRA SFPE Officers

The 2017-2018 CSRA SFPE officers were elected as follows:

President: Rob Plonski
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Let a current CSRA SFPE Chapter Officer know if you are interested in volunteering your time to the Chapter!

SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show

June 8 – 10, 2017

SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show
Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC

- Earn 15 PDH while attending the conference.
- Network with your peers
- Be a presenter and earn double PHD credit for your program

The CSRA website has:

⇒ Meeting registration,
⇒ Membership renewal,
⇒ Newsletter E-mails,
⇒ Archive of past newsletters,
⇒ Photos of chapter members at work, and
⇒ Chapter announcements, and more!

Come see what you’re missing!
Save the Dates

Have you participated in SFPE’s Members Only Webinars?

Upcoming Webinars
- May 15th at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
  Marijuana Growth and Extraction Process Hazard Mitigation,
  Brian Lukus
- June 26th at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
  Performance-Based Designs Revisited: Updating Previously Completed Fire and Egress Models for Building Alterations and Additions, Chris Campbell

Did You know you can watch the recordings in the archives if you miss the webinars? Select the Members Resources tab on the SFPE website and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Member Only Webinar Archives.”

Membership Chair Message

As we head into our final meeting before summer, the Chapter has 44 active members. Of those, 28 are members of SFPE International. For those who are not yet members of SFPE International, consider some the benefits of joining which will help you expand your knowledge base, save money, and connect with others in the field:

- Technical knowledge from Fire Protection Engineering magazine
- 20% discount on all SFPE publications, as well as a 75% discount on the new SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering
- Life-long alliances through networking opportunities with over 4,500 colleagues in over 72 countries
- Career opportunities through SFPE’s new job board, Career Connect

Thanks—Stan Hill

SFPE International Membership

SFPE is the professional organization that includes fire protection engineers, fire safety engineers, fire engineers, and allied professionals. Join over 4,000 colleagues in over 60 countries who believe in engineering a fire safe world. SFPE pursues its vision by serving its members and customers globally through world-class information, education, credentialing and advocacy. Connect with the best minds in fire protection and fire safety engineering, advance your career, and make a difference by getting involved. Our strength and the future of the profession rely on the innovative thinking and active participation of engineers - just like you.

Start your membership today—Click Here

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