Greetings from your President

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we take time this month to enjoy delicious food and reflect on what we are thankful for, I’d like to reach out and say “Thank You” to all of our chapter members and supporters. Without your involvement in our chapter, we wouldn’t have been able to win the Gold Chapter Excellence award so many years running—so Thank You for all that you do!

And now that I’ve thanked you for all that you do, I’m going to ask you to do even more: I encourage everyone to reach out and invite someone new to our meeting this month. Remember, it doesn’t cost anything to attend, and it’s a great way to get involved in the community. Speaking of which, we are always looking for volunteers to help with chapter and national work—so reach out to one of your chapter officers and ask about opportunities!

And finally—please remember that we will not be meeting next month (December). I look forward to seeing each of you on the 28th!

Don’t forget your discount punch card!

Cheers,
Rob Plonski

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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: Stan Maciaszek at csmaciaszek@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Speaker: Bob O’Neill
Organization: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
Topic: Aspirating Smoke Detection
Location: Aiken Brewing Company
140 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
President Rob Plonski called the meeting to order at 6:03 and welcomed returning members and guests. Rob thanked the corporate sponsors. For the good of the society he encouraged members to join SFPE international.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting was seconded and approved. A motion to approve the treasurer's report from the September meeting was seconded and approved.

Old Business
Mercy Ministries – Rob Plonski reported that the design has been submitted to the AHJ for review. There are some issues including the AHJ requiring the attic to be sprinklered which requires an NFPA 13 design vs. a 13R design.

Completion of the chapter financial review was delayed and will be completed by the November meeting.

New Business
Ralph Foster and Rob Plonski attended the SFPE Annual Meeting in Montreal. They accepted the Gold Chapter Excellence Award. Ralph was also recognized as one of the newest Fellows of the society. The chapter made a $675 contribution to the Education foundation.

Rob is seeking ideas to make the meeting more fun.

The Order of the Engineer link is being transferred from USC to the CSRA SFPE chapter.

Paul Anslow was recognized with the Pat President's award.

A motion to close the meeting was second and approved.

Andy Lynch of Fire Solutions Group was introduced. His presentation was titled "The Testing and Development of New Fire Protection Technologies".

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Maciaszek
Who’s Who—Meet Your Chapter Officers

Vice-President for CSRA-SFPE

Stan Maciaszek

Mr. Maciaszek was born in the upstate of South Carolina and attended high school and college in Columbia graduating from The University of South Carolina with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. His professional career spanned 40 years retiring from full time work in June, 2015. He lives in Augusta, GA and continues to work at the Savannah River Site part time as well as working for Foster Engineering and Consulting as needed. He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 2012. He continues to serve on the Professional Qualifications committee. He has previously served the chapter as newsletter editor, secretary, vice-president, and president. As secretary of the chapter Stan is responsible for maintaining the minutes of the chapter meetings and for securing locations for the chapter meetings.

GET INVOLVED!

Are you feeling like you’re career has stagnated or feel that there’s more you can do for your community? Don’t just stand there like a scarecrow in the field, reach out and ask a chapter officer today how you can get involved! Volunteering within your chapter is exceptionally rewarding, both educationally but also socially. There are many opportunities available and much is needed, so reach out today!
SFPE News

Next SFPE Member Only Webinar

Topic: Modeling Gas Release from Lithium-Ion Batteries during Thermal Runaway

Date/Time: December 18, 2017 @ 11:00AM EST

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