Greetings from your President

Happy New Year CSRA-SFPE!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is reenergized and ready to hit the ground running! Some of you could probably use the exercise after eating so much over the break…

For our January meeting, in preparation of a CPVC install (hopefully in the coming months), we are going to all be trained on the proper joining techniques and other pertinent information that we need to know in order to work with CPVC. Even if you aren’t sure if you’ll be able to help with the CPVC install, it’s always good to challenge yourself and learn something new.

So get off your butt and come learn all about CPVC!

Hope to see you all there and 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, January 16, 2018
Speaker: Paul Winstead
Organization: Lubrizol
Topic: CPVC Piping Installation Certification Training
Location: Aiken Brewing Company
140 Laurens St SW, Aiken SC 29801
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Highlights November 28, 2017

Vice President Rob Hanson called meeting to order at 6:15 and welcomed returning members and guests. He thanked the corporate sponsors.

Motions to approve meeting minutes and treasurer's report were postponed to the following meeting due to minimal attendance.

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).
- Mercy Ministries has another court date in early December. More to come.
- The financial audit was delayed again. Plonski was out of the country and other officers didn't have access to an online bank account login. It is anticipated to be completed by our next meeting. Participants: Jason Butler, Rob Hanson, and Rob Plonski.
- The chapter will notify SFPE National that CSRA-SFPE is going to be an incorporated chapter. Our chapter will need to take steps before Dec 2018 to make that happen.

New Business

- Rob stated that the chapter is going to try and include the upcoming Members Only Webinars in the newsletter.
- It is not too late to register for the European Conference in Feb 5th-8th (Non-national members get one free year membership; members get discounted registration fees).
- 2018 N. American SFPE Conference and Trade Show in Nashville Tn Oct 27-Sep 2
- Rob mentioned we already had one BBQ, and we'd like to have another gathering. He encouraged members to contact the chapter with any ideas.
- James Maddry won the $6 50/50 pot and donated it back to the chapter. Thank you James!
- Motion to close business meeting - Passed
- Next meeting is on January 16th in Augusta, GA.
- Robert O'Neill from the Savannah River Site presented on Aspiring Smoke Detection

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Maciaszek

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report for January 2017

NEED A VOTE & CAPTURED IN MEETING MINUTES: As of today, there is only one credit card holder for the Chapter (Treasurer). I need vote (captured in the Meeting Minutes) to establish credit card(s) for the Executive Members (President and/or Vice President). They are required to visit the branch to provide credentials and new signature card, along with establishing their own online username and password.

The website (CSRA SFPE) billing has been updated to the Treasurer’s account credit card. The currently grandfathered costs of maintenance is a recurring payment from the Chapter account.

The account balances are as follows:

Treasurer’s Report

Balances as of 11/28/2017:

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Membership before tonight’s Meeting: 36
Returning Members at the Meeting: 0
Renewals of Supporters: 0
Renewals of Corporate Sponsors: 0
Guests: 1 (Tim Anderson)
New Members: 0
Winner of the 50/50: $6 (James Maddry - donated back to Chapter).

Respectfully submitted,

William “Will” Cosey
CSRA News

Who’s Who—Meet Your Chapter Officers

President for CSRA-SFPE

Rob Plonski

I’m Rob Plonski, your chapter president. I fell into fire protection almost 10-years ago and have enjoyed it every step of the way. I currently work for the Savannah River Site, serving as the FPE for the Savannah River National Laboratory. I have my undergrad in mechanical engineering, masters in fire protection engineering, and am currently pursuing my PhD in systems engineering... As your president, I am responsible for maintaining communication with SFPE International, submitting various chapter documentation, hounding the other officers whenever I am bored, but most of all, leading (or delegating) the chapter meetings that we have every week. I am honored to be here and serving our chapter!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR MESSAGE

Since the last report, 2 prior members have renewed their Chapter membership giving us a total of 36 active members at this time. Of those, 23 (or 63.9%) are members of SFPE International. As we look forward to the holiday season, remember it’s not too late to renew your membership if you have not yet done so. You can do so via the website, by mail, or at the next meeting.

For those who have not joined SFPE International, consider the benefits of membership which include networking opportunities, knowledge of new industry developments, continuing education programs, discounted publications and more.

Let’s continue encouraging others to join the Chapter. Everyone try to bring a guest to the next meeting. Since everyone benefits from an increased awareness of the fire protection industry, consider inviting friends and co-workers as well.

Thank you for continuing to support our Chapter.

Stan Hill
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:

(Click Here)

Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:

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Start your membership today—Click Here

Next SFPE Member Only Webinar Topic: WUI Resiliency: Answering to Climate Change

Date/Time: January 22, 2017 @ 11:00AM EST
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