Greetings from your President

CSRA Friends and Family,

In case you missed it, we voted for the next slate of officers and they are as follows.

President: Rob Plonski
Vice-President: Robby Hanson
Treasurer: Will Cosey
Secretary: Nick Everett

It's an honor to serve our chapter, but it can also be difficult and time consuming, so I encourage everyone to reach out and show your appreciation.

This is our last meeting of the Chapter Year and our annual Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony is in May. Our speaker will be with our chapter founder, Mr. Bernie Till. His talks are always informative and thought-provoking, I highly encourage everyone to attend.

We’re also going to have a brief presentation on a new educational proposal with opportunities to partner with Aiken Tech to help develop, profess, and administer fire safety/engineering courses. If you have an interest in this topic, please come out and get involved!

See you-all soon!

Cheers,

Rob Plonski

Directions to Aiken Brewing Company
Aiken Brewing Company
Aiken, SC 29801
Parking is available on the street
RSVP:
Stan Maciaszek
at csmaciaszek@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Speaker: Bernie Till
Organization: Bernie Till & Associates
Topic: “The Cruelest Month”
Location: Aiken Brewing Company
140 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Highlights February 20, 2018

President Rob Plonski called the meeting to order at 6:02 and welcomed returning members, guests, presenter, and sponsors noting no new members.

A motion with second to approve the meeting minutes from the March meeting passed a voice vote with two corrections. Robert O’Neill’s name was added to the list of persons participating in the PE problem writing session and the spelling of George McCall’s name was corrected.

A motion with second to approve treasurer’s report from the March meeting passed a voice vote.

Old Business
Mercy Ministries update – We have started interfacing with Fire Tech for the design of the attic suppression system.
The Chapter Excellence Award application was submitted to SFPE on Monday, April 16. We had a score of 97 out of 100 possible points.

New Business
No new nominations for officers were received from the floor. The slate of officers. A motion with second was accepted from the floor to approve the slate as proposed passed a voice vote. The officers for 2019 will be: Rob Plonski (President), Rob Hanson (Vice-President), Nick Everett (Secretary) and Will Cosey (Treasurer).

Nominations for Fellow are due April 20.

The SFPE annual conference is in Nashville, TN October 27 – Nov 2. SFPE is still looking for presentation topics.

A motion and second to close the business meeting passed. Rob Plonski introduced Dal Brazzell of Siemens whose presentation was titled “Lessons Learned - NFPA 72 Code Changes for South Carolina.”

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Maciaszek
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
Poster Session Announced for North America Conference

SFPE’s annual North America conference will be held October 28–30, 2018, in Nashville, TN. The program committee is busy reviewing proposals for speakers, but there will also be a poster session for fire protection engineering research. The SFPE community is always excited to see what is coming next and the new developments that arise through research.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to present your poster in Nashville, click here for the details. Submissions will be accepted through July 27, 2018.

Young Engineers in SFPE

A task group has been formed to revitalize the young professionals in the society. This group is focused on developing content and resources to assist the professional development of the next generation of engineers who are early in their careers. Keep a lookout for more announcements coming from this group soon, and expect to see a presence from them at our North American Annual Conference in Nashville, TN, this October.

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.

Higher Education Subcommittee Focuses on Model Curricula

The Higher Education Subcommittee continues to make progress in outlining model curricula for our profession with the newly undertaken task of developing a Fire Protection Engineering Technology model curriculum. This follows the recently finished projects of developing model curricula for both bachelor of science and master’s in science for fire protection engineering degrees.

The subcommittee seeks interested and experienced professionals to participate in these and future efforts. If you are interested in joining the subcommittee, please reach out to Louis Guerrazzi, manager of Professional Practice.

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METHOD A - MEASURE FINGER WITH PAPER SIZER

1. Carefully cut along the outline of the sizer. Make a small slit in the left end of the sizer.
2. Wrap the sizer around the intended finger with the numbers facing out.
3. Slide the pointed end of the sizer through the slit.
4. Move the sizer to the largest part of the finger; this may be the knuckle.
5. Pull tightly. The sizer must fit snugly to produce an accurate size.
6. The number that lines up at the slit represents the ring size for that finger.

NOTES FOR ACCURATE MEASURING
- Avoid measuring cold fingers as this is when fingers are at their smallest.
- Measure your finger when it is at its largest, at the end of the day.

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METHOD B - MEASURE CURRENT RING

1. Select a ring that properly fits the intended finger. The "ring finger" is located between the little finger and middle finger. Engagement and wedding rings are traditionally worn on the ring finger on the left hand in the United States.
2. Place the ring over the circles below, matching the inside edge of the ring to the circle nearest in size. This measurement refers to the diameter of the ring.
3. If the ring falls between two sizes, order the larger size.

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