Greetings from Your President

Welcome back CSRA-SFPE chapter members and friends!

As you know, we started the 2020/2021 year off with a fantastic presentation by Mr. Will Cosey going over the SFPE Recommended Minimum Technical Competencies for the Practice of Fire Protection Engineering. Prior to that, we covered the survey results on what the chapter would like for presentations this year based on those technical competencies. We also asked for your input on specific topical areas of interest beyond the generic categories identified in the survey. To date, we have not received many responses and would like to get your input as soon as possible. For our next meeting, we will use Microsoft Teams again. The free version of Teams should have all the capability we need.

We will also attempt to have two social events this year, COVID-19 and state health guidelines permitting. It is also our goal to continue to have both the virtual, and eventually, face to face meetings. This is a work and progress and may not come to fruition depending on the technology available to us.

As always, be safe and stay healthy my friends. See you all on the 22nd!
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**Old Business**

New Officers

President: Rob Plonski

Vice President: Steve (Homer) Waidelich

Treasurer: Eric Mondor

Secretary: Willy Ramos

Chapter Service Project update – Mercy Ministries has been fighting with cite for approvals; COVID has complicated things and we have had no progress. We are actively looking for a new service project; Steve has reached out to a few.

**New Business**

We are waiting to hear from SFPE International as to what the chapter excellence form will have for this year so we can align our chapters efforts with SFPEs rating scheme.

SFPE North American Conference came out today for registration as a virtual conference. 1st day is free, the other two days require payment ($250 for members, $299 for non-members)

Conference in June (3rd -5th) 2021

We got the Gold Chapters excellence award for the 16th year in a row; we aren’t certain how we will physically receive it. We are the longest running gold chapter excellence award

I’d like to link up with the other virtual chapter meetings and ask some representatives of our chapter to attend other chapter’s meetings.

We went through the results of the survey. 10 respondents. STI is coming in October (passive)

At the last officer’s meeting, we talked about having a face-to-face BBQ. The survey results showed that social distancing is something that people want. Mark Legrand asked if we spoke to Odell Weeks; Steve said that Aiken and Augusta are limiting attendance of in-person events but would reach out to Odell Weeks. Cooking with the chapter buying food or catering was suggested by those on the call.

We asked everyone to review the bylaws; they haven’t been updated in 4+ years and are in need of updating. They are available on the website.

No new business at this time; business meeting closed at approximately 1800.

Will Cosey presented on the SFPE Core Competencies.

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**Treasurer’s Report for September 2020—Eric Mondor**

Active Members: 25  
Pending Renewal: 17

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SFPE Webinars

**Promoting Growth While Regulating High Density Development**
*Dates:* October 12, 2020  
*Time:* 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

**NFPA 770: The New Standard for Hybrid Fire Extinguishing Systems**
*Dates:* October 20, 2020  
*Time:* 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

Recorded Webinars are available on SFPE.org for members

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.

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**(Click Here)**

**Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:**

LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC
SFPE Annual Conference & Expo 2020

Conference: Nov 8-10
Seminars: Nov 11-13
Go to SFPE.org for more information for this virtual conference

SFPE 2020 Candidate Slate

The 2020 Nominating Committee, comprised of Brian Meacham (Chair), Kees Both, Martin Feeney, Ray Grill, Renato Molina and Maria Theodori have completed their work and are submitting to the SFPE membership the following candidates for next year’s Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

Board of Directors Candidates
For President-Elect (one-year term)
Beth Tubbs, PE, FSFPE, International Code Council (USA)

For Secretary-Treasurer (one-year term)
Amanda Kimball, PE, FSFPE, National Fire Protection Association (USA)

For Director (three to be elected to a three-year term and one to a one-year term)
Warren Bonisch, PE, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (USA)
Kiyoshi Fukui, ADF (Japan)
Venkatesh Kodur PhD, PEng, FSFPE, FASCE, FACI, FSEI, FIINA, Michigan State University (USA)
Fang Li, FSFPE, Abundance (USA)
Bob Libby, PE, FSFPE, Coffman Engineers (USA)
Armelle Muller, CNPP (France)
Shamim Rashid-Sumar, PE, FSFPE, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (USA)
Albert Simeoni, PhD, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (USA)

2020 Nominating Committee Candidates (three to be elected to a one-year term)
Renato Molina, PE, Coffman Engineers (USA)
Ai Sekizawa, D.Eng, FSFPE, Tokyo University of Science (Japan)
J Sargent Slicer, FSFPE, Slicer & Associates (USA)
Craig Vesely, PE, Alliant Energy (USA)

The ballot will be sent out electronically on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and will include photos, background information and statements from all of the candidates. Voting will be open for 30 days and will end on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM US Eastern Time

Future City Competition

We have a tremendous opportunity to participate again with the regional Future City competition. This year due to Covid 19, it will be entirely virtual. Please contact any officer if interested. We will need at least one member by the end of October to be able to support.

CSRA – SFPE Opportunities

Membership committee chair Mr. Ralph Foster is looking for two additional members to assist with working our membership rolls. Please contract Ralph directly.

September 2020
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