Greetings from Your President

Welcome back CSRA-SFPE chapter members and friends!

As you know, we’ve rolled our meetings through the summer to make up for the few we missed earlier this year due to COVID confusion. When I was nominated president in July, we decided to skip the August meeting to allow the new officers an opportunity to meet and strategize for the new year. We actually met in person at World of Beer, and it was delicious. As excited as I am about delicious beverages, I’m even MORE excited for what this year holds.

To kick things off, I’ve asked Will Cosey to present on the SFPE technical competencies. Following that presentation, I will quickly cover the results of the survey that was sent out last month so we can discuss the requested technical topics this upcoming year.

Our goal is to provide a selection of technical presentation topics for the year that are in alignment with the SFPE’s Core Technical Competencies and also in alignment with the YOUR most-desired topical areas.

We will again attempt to have our meeting via Microsoft Teams. The free version of Teams should have all the capability we need.

See you all on the 22nd!

-Rob Plonski

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

Speaker: Will Cosey
Organization: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
Topic: Recommended Minimum Technical Competencies for the Practice of Fire Protection Engineering
Location: Virtual Meeting
Times: 5:30 PM EDT Virtual Business Meeting 6:00 PM EDT Virtual Technical Presentation

Virtual Meeting
RSVP: Will Ramos at wramos@wpi.edu OR Sign up using the Website!
Meeting link below
Click here to join the meeting
Treasurer’s Report for September 2020—Eric Mondor
Active Members: 20
Pending Renewal: 22

Balances as of 09/05/2020:

- Checking: $2,735.85
- Savings: $4925.32
- Credit: ($0.00)
- Petty Cash: $90.00
- Total: $7,751.17

Income: $980.04

Expenses:
- Website: $0.00
- SFPE Foundation: $0.00
- Service Projects: $0.00
- Credit card fees: $27.14
- Total: $27.14

July 28, 2020
Meeting Highlights

Officer Reports
Meeting Minutes from Nov—Asked for Motion to approve
  Motion approved with amendment to include info for ODE link info
Treasury Report in Newsletter—Asked for Motion to approve
  Approved

Old Business
SC PE Conference now August 12-15 – virtual conference, no longer has a fire track
Join SFPE International…discounts on conference, handbook, etc (e-learning)
SFPE Conference Nov 8-13, check back for changes
PE problem writing session will need to be rescheduled – something to watch for
No College Night

New Business
Jason Butler gave us our candidates:
  President: Rob Plonski
  Vice President: Steve Waidelich
  Treasurer: Eric Mondor
  Secretary: Will Ramos

No additional nominations
Couldn’t find anything that allows the secretary to make the one vote when candidates are unopposed in Robert’s rule of order but maybe it’s something we could add to our bylaws
Vote online set up by Plonski. It was open for week.
Video conference career discussions and fire demonstrations
Ideas for chapter to help members during this time

Respectfully Submitted
Rob Hanson
SFPE Webinars

Next SFPE Member Only Webinar: [External Fire Spread - A Risk Based Approach](#)
**Date/Time:** September 24, 2020 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Next SFPE Member Only Webinar: [Sponsored Power Hour: Freeze Protection and Corrosion Mitigation in Fire Sprinkler System](#)
**Date/Time:** September 30, 2020 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

Recordings of previous webinars are available to members [HERE](#).

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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SFPE Corporate 100

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:**

LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC

(Deadline to submit comment is September 25, 2020)


The purpose of this guide is to identify the unique fire safety challenges related to very tall buildings and provide the professionals engaged in the design of these buildings with information on the topics that affect the performance of very tall buildings and their occupants during a fire. This guide addresses these topics as part of the overall building design process using performance-based fire protection engineering concepts.

Please submit one form per comment. All comments are required to have a substantiation to be considered. Comments are due before 25 September 2020.

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, FINAE, 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.
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