Greetings from Your President

Friends & Family of the CSRA,

I’ve been encouraged by the number of attendees in our virtual meetings over the past few months. I know times are challenging and I want to personally say “Thank You” to every member of our chapter. If it weren’t for your efforts and dedication, we wouldn’t be the Gold standard by which all other chapters are compared against.

As we move into Fall after adjusting our clocks, it’s important to remember that this the time of year that we should all change out the batteries in our home smoke detectors. While you’re there, take a look at how old it is. Remember, nearly all of the home smoke detectors expire after 10-years and should be replaced. As fire safety professionals, we need to lead the way and not only take action in our own homes, but also encourage others to do the same.

And finally, as promised, we will be holding a social event this month. In order to maximize social distancing, we will have a BBQ in my back yard. I want to encourage everyone to take the steps necessary to ensure you are being safe, bring your personal hand sanitizer, bring your masks, and if you feel even a little sniffly then just stay home :). The chapter will buy food and we will BBQ it up. Although we will have plenty of bottled water, if you want anything other than that, please bring it with you. We will also try and set up a virtual attendance option for those that cannot attend but would like to log in and see the fun. More on that when we send out the BBQ newsletter in the coming week.

See you all at the BBQ on the 21st!

-Rob Plonski

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, November 21st

Speaker: None—Having a BBQ!
Organization: CSRA-SFPE
Topic: Food, Drinks, and Good Conversation
Location: 2011 Autumn Chase, Augusta, GA 30907
Times: 15:30 (3:30 PM) EDT—Drinks, Snacks, Social
       16:30 PM (4:30 PM) EDT—BBQ & Social
       20:00 PM (8:00 PM) EDT—BBQ Ends, Afterparty Begins!

Virtual Meeting

RSVP: Ralph Foster at Ralph@FosterEngr.com

OR Sign up using the Website!

Meeting link below
Officer Reports

- Meeting Minutes from Sep—Asked for Motion to approve
  ◊ Motion approved
- Treasury Report in Newsletter—Asked for Motion to approve
  ◊ Motion approved

Old Business
- No Old Business -

New Business

We are still 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. Until such a time, we will continue to use the former rating scheme.

Not too late for SFPE North American Conference (Nov 8-10) and Seminars (Nov 11-13)

$250 members; 299 non-members

SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show in June 2021.

Social Event (BBQ, look for details)

Rob asked for ambassadors for CSRA-SFPE to attend another chapters virtual meetings. It was noted that Ralph Foster already does that, no one else volunteered.

Future City due Nov 17th. Rob Hanson is interested in being on the panel (depending on date/time). We will send out a chapter e-mail with that information.

Voted on contribution to SFPE Educational & Scientific Foundation. Voted to increase to $700 (failed); voted to decrease to $600 (passed).
SFPE Webinars

Next SFPE Member Only Webinar: KRESNIK – A TOP-DOWN APPROACH TO FIRE SAFETY IN BUILDING FACADES | REGISTRATION
Date/Time: November 16, 2020 @ 1400-1500 EDT

Recordings of previous SFPE webinars are available to members [HERE].

Next NFPA Webinar: Engaging Local Officials to Bring Sustainability to Local Wildfire Risk Reduction
Organizations that are trying to implement policies engaging residents to reduce wildfire risk have found it difficult to get buy-in from local officials, which is necessary for effective and sustainable wildfire risk reduction. This webinar will be prefaced with a high-level overview of a case study review of how nine wildfire-prone communities around the world are engaging residents and local officials for wildfire risk reduction and sustaining their efforts. Following this overview, there will be a panel discussion with implementers and elected officials from two separate communities (in the US and Spain) to discuss what is being done to reduce wildfire risks in the region and how they are working with government officials to help sustain the risk reduction efforts.

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
The SFPE Guide for Peer Review in the Fire Protection Design Process (2020 edition) addresses the initiation, scope, conduct, and report of a peer review of a fire protection engineering work product. It provides relevant guidance for fire protection engineers, project engineers of other disciplines, architects, code officials/authorities having jurisdiction, fire department representatives, building owners or owner representatives, and insurance interests.

The new 2020 edition includes:
- A listing of definitions related to peer review terminology
- More defined description of qualifications in line with the SFPE Recommended Minimum Technical Core Competencies for Practice of Fire Protection Engineering
- Information complementing the SFPE Code of Ethics for Fire Protection Engineers
- Added details to the important components of a peer review
- Added content related to the limitations of the document

Available for FREE digital download.

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 was sent out electronically on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and included 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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