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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: Nick Everett at jameseverett2014@gmail.com
OR
Sign up using the Website!
President Rob Plonski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed members and guests.

A motion with second to approve the meeting minutes from the October meeting passed a voice vote.

A motion with second to approve the treasure’s report passed a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter members are encouraged to join the National SFPE organization.

The chapter contribution for the SFPE Foundation was handed in at the SFPE Conference.

The Mercy Ministries project has stalled over the holidays. The project is expected to start moving forward again in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS

The NC/SC Society of Professional Engineers is looking for presenters for the fire track of their conference 1st week of June.

The Chapter has not received new information on incorporating.

A presentation titled “Corrosion Management in Water-Based Fire Sprinkler Systems” was given by Jeff Kochelek of Engineered Corrosion Solutions.

NEXT MEETING

There will be no meeting in December.

The January meeting will be held at the Aiken Brewing Company in Aiken, SC on January 15, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Everett
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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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.

**Membership Chair Message**

As of January, the chapter has 35 active members. Please take some time to welcome our new members joining the CSRA Chapter in 2018: Hannah Curry, Kelsey Foster, Jack Smeck, and Nick Zielinski. This is a special time for our chapter to continue its record of excellence, and we need an active membership to do that. To do this we should encourage others to attend meetings, participate in our service activities, and look to actively grow our membership, including international membership.

If you are not currently a member of SFPE International, consider joining. Benefits of international membership include continuing industry education, unparalleled networking opportunities, and increased professional credibility. Whether you get involved in technical committees, engage with others in the online community, or take advantage of the educational opportunities, your fire protection knowledge base is sure to expand.

There are a lot of opportunities for the chapter in the coming year. One of the most important is getting others to come out to meetings and join the local chapter. Invite a guest to the next meeting, be it a co-worker or even a friend. I appreciate everyone’s support of our Chapter.

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**2019 Call for Presentations**

June 6 - 8, 2019

Hyatt Regency Greenville

Greenville, SC

CSRA-SFPE was asked if we can help support a fire protection engineering track at the upcoming SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show. This is an annual even put on by SC National Society of Professional Engineers and although we’ve helped in the past, we’d like to increase our presence and possibly get our chapter recognized in their program.

If you have an interest in giving a presentation on any topic, please reach out to Ralph Foster (Ralph@fosterengr.com)
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