Greetings from your President

Colleagues and Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well in these difficult times and was still able to safely celebrate the Fourth of July. It will be nice to meet all together again even if it is virtually.

Last month’s meeting worked with everything happening through Microsoft Teams so we will utilize that method again.

As this will be my last newsletter as your President, I’d like to personally thank all of our members for working with us through this strange year as we continue to find the best way to serve the local fire protection community. I’d like to especially thank those who have volunteered to take a leadership role for the next year: Rob Plonski, Steve Waidelich, Eric Mondor, and Will Ramos.

We will officially be voting for our officers online through our website. Be sure to know or recover your log in for the website. Our meeting this month is the fourth week to allow for the 30 day requirement from officer nominations.

Hope everyone can still have a somewhat normal summer vacation!

See you there (virtually),

Rob Hanson
Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report for July 2020

Balances as of 07/06/2020:

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Income: $1840.45

Expenses:

- Website: $556.20
- SFPE Foundation: $675.00
- Future City: $300.00
- Credit card fees: $48.81

Total: $1,580.01

Active Members: 38

Eric Mondor

Meeting Highlights June 23

CSRA-SFPE June, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Rob Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Microsoft Teams and welcomed members and guests. A motion with second to approve the meeting minutes from the June meeting passed a voice vote.

A motion with second to approve the Treasurer’s report was passed with a voice vote after discussion on status of internal audit.

OLD BUSINESS

- SC PE Conference is now a virtual conference on August 12-15
- SFPE Conference Nov 8-13, no decision on if it will be as is, virtual, or postponed
- Looking at a virtual PE problem writing session or attending the one before the SFPE Conference

NEW BUSINESS

- CSRA College Night is cancelled for this year
- Jason Butler announced candidates for next year’s officers:
  - President: Rob Plonski
  - VP: Steve Waidelich
  - Treasurer: Eric Mondor
  - Secretary: Will Ramos
- Order of the Engineer will be a virtual renewal ceremony

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held virtually July 28th

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Hanson
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Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:
LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC

Recordings of previous webinars are available to members HERE.

Next SFPE Member Only Webinars: Temporary Fire Protection Pump Systems by Xylem
Date/Time: July 23rd, 2020 @ 11:00AM EDT

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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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A Statement from the SFPE Board of Directors on Racism, Police Brutality, and Discrimination

SFPE is a global organization that holds paramount the value that every individual within the communities where we work, live, and serve is treated with respect and in an inclusive and equitable manner. The recent killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the unjust deaths of so many others before them is unconscionable and underscores the racism and inequalities that persist throughout the world. We understand that the protests we are seeing across the United States are the result of decades of systemic and institutional discrimination faced by Black Americans and people of color. SFPE stands in strong support of those protesting peacefully for change.

As SFPE leaders, we are committed to ensuring that SFPE and the profession are accepting and inclusive of all people. These values are reflected in our Diversity & Inclusion policy. However, we realize that we must do more than write a policy. We must do better and look at our practices and culture to ensure that we are doing all we can to ensure that the Society is continually taking steps to challenge and change systems of inequity that perpetuate racism and bias. This includes engaging and nurturing a broad representation of individuals who value engineering and education, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, mental or physical ability, age, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. In pursuit of advancing fire protection engineering, we promote the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. We will not tolerate bias, prejudice, disrespect, or inequity.

We believe that bias and intolerance are not only unethical but weaken our social fabric. We also know that diversity strengthens the scientific and engineering enterprise and society as a whole. As a society, we stand with those who promote inclusivity and seek to enable all of us to make valued contributions to improving everyday life for everyone.

We look forward to your continued support and personal commitment to advance our mission while making our world more just, equitable, and safe for everyone. We hope you will join us today with your own commitment to this cause so that together we can envision, create, and support a future where all are treated with dignity and respect.

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