Greetings from your President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we head into March, remember that we only have a few meetings left for this year. The meeting this month is going to be very exciting as it takes place in Columbia, following the PE Problem Writing Session, and immediately after St. Patty’s day!

We are also looking for members to step up and volunteer for various rolls in the chapter. If you’re interested in serving in a leadership capacity, please speak to one of your chapter officers and we will get you plugged in. As a reminder, we will vote next month (April) on the incumbent officers for 2018/2019. Although we have folks interested in all positions, everyone is encouraged to run for any position.

And finally, don’t forget that May will be the Order of the Engineer ceremony. As I emphasized last month, this is one of the most important events that we host. We are the only Link in this region and it’s a great honor to be able to take part in it. I encourage every member of our chapter, if not already done so, to take the oath of the Order of the Engineer.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in Columbia!

Cheers,
Rob Plonski

Directions to The Flight Deck

From Aiken/Augusta take I-20 East toward Columbia. Take exit 55, SC-6 West. Turn left onto SC-6. Turn left onto East Main St/US-1. At the intersection with Hwy. 378 stay straight onto Old Chapin Road. The Flight Deck Restaurant (109 Old Chapin Rd, Lexington SC 29072) is on the left behind Rite-Aid Pharmacy.

From Columbia take I-20 West take exit 55 and follow above directions

RSVP: Nick Everett
at jameseverett2014@gmail.com
OR
Sign up using the Website!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Speaker: Gary Paul

Organization: Protectowire


Location: Flight Deck Restaurant
109 Old Chapin Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Highlights February 19, 2019

CSRA-SFPE February, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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 January meeting passed a voice vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter members are encouraged to join the National SFPE organization and the SFPE outreach organizations.

The Mercy Ministries updates:

Submitted tie-in plans for approval, kicked back with comments, will be resubmitted this week

Tie-in design should be done this month, another org will do the install

There will be a PE writing session in March.

NEW BUSINESS

The order of the Engineer ceremony is coming up in May. New members are encouraged to join.

The NSPE annual conference will be held June 5th through 9th in Greenville, SC.

Rob Plonski will be giving a presentation at the American Nuclear Society conference later this year.

A presentation titled “Clean Agent Fire Extinguishment; Sustainability Safety & Uptime” was given by Luis Gonzalez of 3M Corporation.

NEXT MEETING

The March meeting will be held at TBD in Columbia, SC on March 19, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Everett

2019 February Meeting Treasurer’s Notes & Report:

CAPTURED IN MEETING MINUTES: The February Treasurer’s Report as submitted to the Newsletter. The website cost increased again this year, and is paid to date. The website has also notified us of an additional charge change, which begins at our next billing in January 2020. The charge is 20% of our website costs ($540 x .20 = $108), which will make the website expense total ($540 + $108 + $16.20 = $660.20). The additional fee is for not using the internal payment system (we use PayPal). The additional $16.20 is an export fee we already pay for the transaction overseas, where the services are based.

Treasurer’s Report:

Balances as of 02/28/2019:

Checking: $4,026.80
Savings: $2,420.89
PayPal Transfer: $0.00
Credit Balance: ($0.00)
Petty Cash (for Mtg. Exp.): $50.00

Total: $6,497.69

Membership before tonight’s Meeting: 37
Returning Members at the Meeting: ______
Renewals of Supporters: ______
Renewals of Corporate Sponsors: ______
Guests: ______
New Members: ______
Winner of the 50/50: No 50/50 drawing at the last meeting.
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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Next SFPE Member Only Webinar Topic: Combustible Facades, An Integrated Approach
Date/Time: March 20th, 2019 @ 11:00 AM EST

Recordings of previous webinars are available to members HERE.
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 event 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)

PE Problem Writing Session

The CSRA SFPE Chapter will be holding a PE problem writing session in the discipline of Fire Protection Engineering on March 19th, 2019. This event will take place in 3243 Sunset Blvd West Columbia, SC, 29169 and will begin between 8:00-8:30am. The session will go until approximately 4:30pm. Participants are welcome to come and go during this time as needed; however, they are asked to be there between 8:00 & 8:30am to ensure the appropriate documentation is filled out and Official NCEES PE Problem Writing guidance is provided to all participants.

To participate in the problem writing session, you need to have a current PE registration (officially retired is okay too). Please bring your PE registration information with you when you attend (license number, state, & expiration date).

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.
Please consider promoting your company in the CSRA Newsletter and on our website. Just complete the Sponsor Form attached to this newsletter and send your business card and check payable to SFPE – CSRA Chapter in care of Will Cosey, 118 Beauregard Lane, Aiken, SC 29803. All proceeds are invested into Chapter activities and operations, including but not limited to special projects and efforts within our communities.