Greetings from your President

Colleagues and Friends,

Happy St. Patrick’s Day everyone!

Hopefully y’all won’t mind spending your St. Patrick’s Day with us as we have both our PE problem writing session and March meeting scheduled for the 17th.

We are also looking for members to step up and volunteer for various roles 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. We will institute our nominating committee to begin the process of selecting our officers for next year.

And finally, don’t forget that May will be the Order of the Engineer ceremony. 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.

See you there,
Rob Hanson

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: Will Ramos at wramos@wpi.edu

OR

Sign up using the Website!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Speaker: George McHugh

Organization: AGF Manufacturing

Topic: NFPA 13 Requirements for Air Vents

Location: Flight Deck
109 Old Chapin Rd, Lexington, SC 29072

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Highlights February 18,

CSRA-SFPE February, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Nick Everett 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 March 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

No update on the Mercy Ministries project.

The following updates were given on the internal audit being performed by the Chapter Leadership:

The initial budget of $500 was found to be not enough to conduct a full review by a certified professional based on our available records. Eric will complete a more thorough internal review and report back next meeting. Goal will be to have review completed in April.

NEW BUSINESS

We will be holding a PE problem writing session again this year on March 17th before the monthly meeting. The location will be sent out to the chapter. All PEs are encouraged to attend if able.

We are currently working on our submittal for the SFPE chapter excellence award.

Officer elections will be happening soon. If you or someone you know would like to serve in a leadership role, please let one of the current officers know.

We are looking for presentation for the SCSPE conference in June. If you are willing to present, please contact Ralph Foster.

SFPE HQ has sent out a survey for all current members. Please take a couple minutes to complete this survey.

Rob Plonski of Encompassed Engineering gave a presentation on the ICC Performance Based Design Process.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Flight Deck Restaurant in Lexington, SC on March 17th, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Everett
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SFPE PBD Conference 2020

The 13th International Conference on Performance-Based Codes and Fire Safety Design Methods to be held in Auckland, New Zealand will provide an excellent global opportunity to address current and future trends in building and fire regulatory systems.

Threats to Licensure

You may have seen an announcement from SFPE about threats to licensure around the country. Below are the suggestions for what actions to take.

What Can You Do?

You, as SFPE’s membership, play an important role in the identification, recognition and fight against threats to professional licensure. How can you help?

• Stay Involved.
  ○ Join one or more of the SFPE Standing Committees. Having a strong engineering society will help state representatives and the general public understand the importance of professional licensure, specifically in fire protection engineering.
  ○ Get your local SFPE Chapter involved in this process. Local support within that jurisdiction is always helpful. Consider adding a review of local threats to professional licensure to the role of your Chapter Executive Committee.

• Stay Informed.
  ○ Review the SFPE and NSPE websites related to threats to licensure. If you hear of proposed legislation, civil suits or state Board action that may negatively affect processional licensure or fire protection engineering licensure, let SFPE know.
  ○ Talk to your local state representatives and Board members to show your support of professional licensure and concern for the proposed regulation.

2020 Call for Presentations

June 11 - 13, 2020
Embassy Suites Charleston Convention Center
North Charleston, SC
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