Greetings from your President

Colleagues and Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well in these difficult times. It will be nice to meet all together again even if it is virtually. Please bear with us as this will be our first attempt at a virtual meeting. It will be a little awkward as we hold our business meeting through Skype and then switch to Microsoft Teams for our technical presentation.

We plan to keep everyone aware of any online technical webinars or seminars to help keep everyone up to date.

We will discuss our future meetings including when we plan to vote for new officers during our business meeting. If you are interested in running for an office please reach out to an officer!

See you there (virtually),

Rob Hanson
Treasurer's Report for May 2020

Balances as of 05/06/2020:

Checking: $1,667.06
Savings: $4,925.16
Credit: ($0.00)
Petty Cash: $50.00
Total: $6,642.22

Income: $1720.37

Expenses:

Website: $556.20
SFPE Foundation: $675.00
Future City: $300.00
Credit card fees: $44.74
Total: $1,575.94

Active Members: 35

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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
Next SFPE Member Only Webinar Topic: A Framework for Fire Safety in Informal Settlements

Date/Time: May 18th, 2020 @ 11:00AM EDT

Recordings of previous webinars are available to members HERE.

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Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:

LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC
SFPE Message on COVID-19

Dear SFPE Members,

I want to send you an update from SFPE during what we know are challenging times for all of us globally.

First and most importantly, our team at SFPE is healthy and safe, for which we are grateful. I hope the same is true for you, your families, and staff.

Like many of you, yesterday we instituted a mandatory telework policy for all of our staff to help prevent the further spread of the coronavirus. Fortunately, SFPE has invested heavily in our remote capabilities over the past year to ensure that we can serve our members from virtually any location. So, the need to immediately transition to mandatory telework has been a rather smooth one and, so far, a fairly seamless transition for our team -- making us 100 percent operational. Similarly, all staff travel has been suspended until further notice and our face-to-face educational events (Symposium in Rome and professional development seminars) have been postponed to a future date.

With this in mind, we do not anticipate any unsurmountable challenges fulfilling our responsibilities to the membership to advance our mission in the weeks and months ahead. However, we realize that the current environment is extraordinarily challenging for many of our members and colleagues, and that in order to successfully navigate each day, we may need to adjust timing of certain committee elements and deliverables, in particular continuing professional development courses which were scheduled over the next few months. The staff is meeting daily and we are working with our committees to adapt schedules and transform work plans as needed. As most of you know, much can be done through remote meetings, and we will continue to utilize and enhance our delivery through this medium.

As we get past the immediate crisis, we anticipate that the needs of the profession will change over the rest of this year, significantly in some cases. We will be developing new products and ways of delivering content to help us all come out stronger at the other end of this. We would also ask that our chapters take similar steps to ensure the safety and health of their members and communities. I’ll close with my best wishes for safety and health for you, your families, and your colleagues, as we pull together as a global community to address this challenge.

Sincerely,

Nicole Boston, CAE
CEO
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