



# CSRA NEWS



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## Greetings from your President

### Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday and New Year's. This year will bring lots of new and interesting adventures.

We will begin the installation of the sprinkler system in the CAPA House in early January. In March, Chris Jelenewicz will be conducting the PE problem writing session. Our annual Order of the Engineer ceremony will be held during the April meeting. Please come and support our chapter at each of these functions.

Thank you to all the members who supported Ralph Foster at the joint meeting with the ASCE Midlands Chapter in West Columbia, SC. Ralph's ongoing support makes him a huge asset to this chapter. His patronage and commitment is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ralph, for all your hard work and dedication, not only to the chapter, but to fire protection as a whole.

Our January monthly meeting will be held at the Aiken Brewing Company Restaurant in Aiken, SC, on Tuesday the 20th. Guests are welcomed and encouraged at our meetings.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Respectfully,

*Jason*

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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:

Will Cosey

By NOON on Thursday, Jan. 15th  
at [will.cosey@gmail.com](mailto:will.cosey@gmail.com)

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### Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

**Speaker:** Lucas Kirn, PE  
**Organization:** Engineered Corrosion Solutions  
**Topic:** Nitrogen Inerting for Corrosion Control in Fire Sprinkler Systems—Theory and Practice  
**Location:** Aiken Brewing Company (803) 502-0707  
 Aiken, SC  
**Times:** 5:30 PM-Social Time  
 7:00 PM-Technical Presentation  
**Meal Price:** Member \$3 and Guest \$5—Attendee pays for meal

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Nov/Dec 2014

The meeting held November 18 had meeting receipts of \$50 in cash and \$12 through PayPal. Five memberships were received in cash, PayPal and Credit Cards for \$125. Nick Everett won the 50/50 for \$8 and \$8 went to the Chapter. The account earned \$0.03 in interest. Expenses included \$23.30 for the speaker's meal and \$2.24 in PayPal and credit card fees. The web-page incurred a \$270 annual fee in December. In addition, we made a \$600 donation to the SFPE Education & Scientific Foundation. Total income was \$195.03 and total expense was \$895.54, for a net decrease of \$700.51. This brings the balance in Checking and Savings to \$4,160.28. We currently have 39 paid members in the Chapter, with one more pending payment.

Thoughtfully submitted,

*Thomas L. Allison—Treasurer*

## Meeting Highlights November 18, 2014

[\(Click Here for Full Meeting Minutes\)](#)

Jason called the meeting to order and welcomed our members and a special welcome to Mrs. DeBruhl as our guest. New/renewing members: Michael Dean, Nick Everett, Richard Mellish, Willy Ramos, and Bernie Till. Also, thank you to our Newsletter sponsors.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes available by link on the SFPE Chapter website was made and passed.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the October newsletter was made and passed.

Old Business:

CAPA House: Volunteers will be sought out in January for help installing the sprinkler system. An email will be sent to solicit those wishing to participate. The date for installation was selected to be January 17th.

Committee Chair's: Solicitation for volunteers to Chair other committees was made including the Sprinkler Installation Projects, Order of the Engineer, & Media Relations. Interested members need to contact a board member.

The CSRA-SFPE.org website can be used for event registration, reservations, as well as membership/membership renewal and donations. If using the website and you do not make it to the meeting, you will not be charged. However, registering is better than not registering. We need a head count for participants at meeting locations in order to accommodate seating.

New Business:

Past President's Recognition & Award: Stan Maciaszek presented Eric Johnson with his President's Pin and Award plaque. Eric provided a brief speech upon receiving the award and gave credit back to the Chapter members for the Chapter's success.

Jason asked Will Cosey to relay the pass-through information from his attendance at the SC Professional Engineer's (SCPE) meeting. Will Cosey conveyed that the SCPE Chapter is looking for members. The Chairman of the PE Board also wanted to pass along that it is no longer necessary to wait for the required years of service completion before taking the P.E. Exam. A person could conceivably pass the E.I.T. exam and sit for their professional engineer's exam the next available date.

Jason reported that last year, we donated \$575 and would like to donate \$600 this year to the SFPE Educational & Scientific Foundation. A motion was made and passed unanimously to increase this year's donation will be increased to \$600.

Jason Butler discussed the new SFPE International Logo. The website has already been updated to the new logo. Stan Maciaszek presented the new logo on apparel at the last meeting, as he was wearing one of the new shirts.

Bernie Till will work to find a distributor/vendor that would produce apparel with the new CSRA SFPE logo.

Summary respectfully submitted,

*Will Cosey*

## Joint Meeting with ASCE Columbia Chapter

The CSRA Chapter had a joint meeting with the Columbia ASCE Chapter on December 17, 2014 at the Brookland Baptist Church's Conference Center.

Ralph Foster made a presentation about fire protection underground piping. The presentation detailed the requirements in NFPA 24, Fire Sprinkler Specification Sheets of underground piping, and the requirements of the State Fire Marshal's Office of plan review.

Civil engineers frequently get pulled in to the plan review process when a utility contractor installed the underground fire protection piping as allowed by the Sprinkler Act. Utility contractors don't generate shop drawings but install the piping based on the engineer's drawings for the project. Making the engineer's drawings the only drawing for the SFM to review.

The presentation was well received. One attendee said "This was the most complete and concise presentation on fire protection systems he had seen!"



### Don't Miss the CSRA Website

### Membership Chair Message

#### Greetings!

January marks a new year for the chapter. I am pleased to report the CSRA chapter is starting 2015 with a boom!

As of the end of December, the chapter has 39 active members. Of those, 21 are currently members of SFPE International. This keeps our SFPE International membership ratio above 50% and keeps us above the average membership ratio.

Let's everyone try to bring a guest to our next meeting. Guests pay the member rate for their first meeting. We would love to set a new membership record in 2015!

Thanks,

*Stan Hill*



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- ⇒ Past Newsletters, and
- ⇒ Chapter announcements, and more!!!

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**Come on and join us!!!**

## Save the Dates



### SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter - 11th Annual Fire Safety Conference

This informative conference will be held March 17th and 18th, 2014 at the Gwinnett Center located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth, GA. The conference will offer several full and partial day seminars to choose from.

To sign up— [\(Click Here\)](#)

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



### ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

The CSRA chapter has many individuals on our mailing list who do not qualify for Professional or Associate Member status with SFPE but are still interested in the services that the organization provides. In 2000, SFPE began to recognize such individuals and has created the Allied Professionals program to reach out to such individuals to give them the opportunity to interact with the fire protection engineering community, without membership in SFPE. This is a special program to meet the needs of those with whom the engineering community works on a daily basis. To learn more about the program, please visit the SFPE website at:

[\(Click Here\)](#)



### SFPE Corporate 100

The SFPE Corporate 100 Program was founded in 1976 to strengthen the relationship between industry and the fire protection engineering community. Membership in the program recognizes those who support the objectives of SFPE and have a genuine concern for the safety of life and property from fire. To join the Corporate 100 Program (Business Membership in SFPE) please contact Julie Gordon at 301- 915-9721. To view the Corporate 100 Program brochure and application:

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