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Greetings from your President

It is that time of year again! SFPE International is holding their 2015 North America Conference & Expo: Freedom to Design in Philadelphia, PA, from November 8th to 13th. This annual event is the source for technical information and technology for fire protection engineers and allied professionals. In addition, Tom Allison will be receiving the Hat's Off Award and our Chapter will be receiving the Gold Chapter Excellence Award.

Members interested in becoming more involved in the chapter and giving back to the fire protection community, please contact one of the officers. We are always looking for volunteers or committee chairs.

As many holidays are approaching in the next few months, please keep fire safety a priority and remember that this is the leading time of year for home fires. Check out NFPA and USFA tips for ensuring a happy and fire-safe holiday season ([Click Here](#)).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Aiken on November 17th. Please remember that we do not have a regularly scheduled meeting in December, and we will pick back up again in January.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,

Jason

PDH Stamp

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:

Rob

By NOON on Friday, Nov 13th

at RobPlonski@YourFPE.com

OR

[Sign up using the Website!](#)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Speaker: Karen McCabe, CIC, CWCP, CWCA, SDA, Principal
Organization: Insurance Management Consultants, Inc.
Topic: Professional Liability 101
Location: Aiken Brewing Company (803) 502-0707
 Aiken, SC
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
 7:00 PM-Technical Presentation

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for November 2015

Treasurer's report was not submitted for publishing in the newsletter. The Treasure's Report will be made during the November Meeting by William "Will" Cosey, Treasurer.

Current balances as of 11/5/15:

Checking	\$1,550.80
Savings	<u>\$2,217.86</u>
Total	\$3,768.66

Meeting Highlights October 20, 2015

CSRA SFPE Chapter Meeting - October 20, 2015

Meeting kicked off at 1824, 24-minutes late due to technical difficulties with the presentation equipment. The local chapter President, Jason Butler, called the meeting to order by welcoming returning and new members (Mark LeGrand renewal), followed by thanking this year's sponsors and recognizing those who were present, Legrand Engineering and Foster Engineering.

Jason Butler provided the President's Annual Report and listed the chapter's accomplishments for 2014-2015. He also listed planned events for 2015-2016.

New Business:

Approve meeting minutes & Treasurer's report – Motion Passed. 50/50 – (\$2.00) won by Tom Allison

Meeting deal – 8 meetings for the price of 5 (\$15) – only available the first two meetings of the year

Leadercast - May 6, 2016 - Jason encouraged all those that can to take part in this opportunity.

Motion to donate \$50.00 to the Fire Chief Scholarship Fund on behalf of Howard McCall P.E. was passed unanimously.

McCall, who passed away in October, was an asset to the Fire Protection community and a great loss to those that knew him.

SFPE handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 5th Edition available for \$299 for members and \$959 for non-members; this is available as both an electronic download and hard copy.

Old Business:

CAPA House – Ralph

Aiken Heritage Museum – Mark

Jason reminded everyone about the SFPE Annual Conference on Nov. 8-13 in Philadelphia.

Jason reported our chapter received the Gold Chapter Excellence Award for 2015. Our 11th straight Gold Award.

Tom Allison will receive a Hat's Off Award at the SFPE Annual Conference this year for his 12 years of service.

Jason encourage PE candidates to take their licensing exam early. South Carolina now allows early testing.

Join SFPE International – discounts, webinars, resources, etc.

Jason asked for a motion to close Business Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul introduced our speaker Mr. Skip Westbrook with Chemguard. Skip presented on Military Aircraft Hangar Fire Protection – Major Changes for 2015 and Beyond

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Plonski

Chapter Announcements

Volunteers Needed!

Members interested in becoming more involved in the chapter and giving back to the fire protection community, please contact one of the officers. We are always looking for volunteers or committee chairs (e.g. Audit Committee, Sprinkler Installation Projects, Order of the Engineer, Event Coordinator, Nominating Committee). Remember your volunteer commitment could be as simple as helping recruit a speaker for a meeting; manning a booth for one night; or bring supplies to an event!

All help with your chapter is appreciated!

New SFPE Handbook

SFPE handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 5th Edition is now available!

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Future Meeting Dates

2015-2016 Dates & Locations

January 19th – Aiken

New FM Storage Criteria - Dennis Phillips

February 16th – Augusta

Corrosion Protection Alternatives - Dan Burton

March 8th – Columbia

PE problem writing session held before meeting

TBD - Chris Jelenewicz, P.E.

April 19th – Augusta

TBD - TBD

May 17th – Aiken

Order of the Engineer Ceremony

Note - Topics and speakers may change based on speaker availability

CSRA Website—Are You Signed up?



CSRA Website

The CSRA website has:

- ⇒ Meeting registration,
- ⇒ Membership renewal,
- ⇒ Newsletters e-mails,
- ⇒ Archive of past newsletters,
- ⇒ Photos of chapter members at work, and
- ⇒ Chapter announcements, and more!

Come check it out!

www.csra-sfpe.org

Save the Dates

SFPE's Greater Atlanta Chapter 12th Annual Fire Safety Conference is coming to the Gwinnett Center, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth, GA on Tuesday, March 15th and Wednesday, March 16th! The conference will offer several partial and full day seminars to choose from and will include important topics such as:

- Design, Selection, Installation, and Testing of Fire Pumps
- Industrial Special Hazards Fire Protection;
- Structural Fire Protection;
- NICET Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Certification Prep Courses; and
- Much, much more!

Professional development and NICET hours will be earned for those attending seminars. There will also be an exhibitor showcase so attendees can learn more about the latest and greatest in fire safety technology.

Be sure to pre-register to reserve your spot!

Registration will open in January 2016!



Membership Chair Message

Greetings - The Chapter is off to another great year with 33 active members. We have 18 members who have not renewed their membership. We will be contacting these member this month to check with them about their continued interest in SFPE. We would really appreciate anyone who would be interested in reaching out to our "lost" members!

Remember the many benefits of joining SFPE International, which includes networking opportunities, knowledge of new industry developments, continuing education programs, and discounted publications.

Thank you,

Stan Hill

SFPE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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.

[Start your membership today—Click Here](#)

SFPE Corporate 100

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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