



# CSRA NEWS



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## Greetings from your President

Greetings CSRA Chapter Members!

Mr. Rob O'Neill will be our speaker for our March 21 meeting. His presentation will be "Fire Protection Engineering's Amazing Founder." This sounds like an incredible talk, be sure to make plans to join us at Aiken Brewing Company.

In February we were joined by Chris Jelenewicz for our annual PE Problem Writing Session. A hearty THANK YOU to SimplexGrinnell for their hospitality. Many thanks to Jason (first timer) and Tom (veteran) for their time and efforts!

Jason Butler is chairing our Nominating Committee and will present the proposed Slate of Nominees at the March Meeting. If you are interested in volunteering as an Officer next year, please contact Jason.

Please consider attending the Greater Atlanta's Annual Fire Safety Conference on March 14 and 15. A number of our chapter members are helping with the planning of this wonderful conference. A strong showing of CSRA Chapter Members would help make the CSRA Chapter shine! If you want to attend the Atlanta Fire Safety Conference [sign up here](#).

Our annual Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony is coming up at our May meeting. If you are interested in joining the Order, or know of any Engineering program graduate who is interested (need not be a Fire Protection Engineer), please find the application [here on our website](#). We need forms and payments back by Friday 21 April to ensure delivery of Rings and Certificates.

Paul

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## 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 Hanson

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OR

[Sign up using the Website!](#)



## Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

**Speaker:** Robert (Bob) O'Neill  
**Organization:** Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC  
**Topic:** Fire Protection Engineering's Amazing Founder  
**Location:** Aiken Brewing Company  
 140 Laurens St SW, Aiken, SC 29801  
**Times:** 5:30 PM-Social Time  
 6:00 PM-Technical Presentation  
**Meal Price:** Member \$3 and Guest \$5 — Attendee pays for their meal

## Treasurer's Report

### Treasurer's Report for February 2017

A great big "Thank you!", to our Vice President, Rob Plonski for covering the Treasurer's duties, while I attended a family function during the scheduled meeting. The account balances as of 2/21/2017 are follows:

Checking: \$1,895.18 (this reflects the \$650 Foundation donation sent)

Savings: \$2,294.39

Credit Card Balance: \$0

Petty Cash (for Mtg. Exp.): \$125 (\$119 original plus \$6 from last meeting's 50/50)

Total: \$4,314.57

Other Items: I would like to get a vote during the next meeting to authorize the purchase of a chip card reader for the Chapter. The cost will be estimated at less than \$100 while on sale. The Executive Board would like to purchase the card reader so we can continue accepting credit cards during Chapter events. The block reader we currently use will need to be replaced in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

*Will Cosey*



## Meeting Highlights February 21, 2017

President Paul Anslow opened the meeting at 6:15.

Motioned to approve meeting minutes – Passed

Motioned to approve the treasurer's report – Passed

Old Business:

Paul encouraged everyone to join SFPE International. Benefits mentioned were webinars, resources, and discounts (including one on the 5th Edition of the SFPE Handbook)

Current SFPE International members were also encouraged to upgrade their membership to the Professional level if eligible

Discussion of application of NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R for the Crawford Avenue Rooming House. Although plastic piping could be used in a NFPA 13 system it would be cost prohibitive.

Atlanta Fire Safety Conference will be held March 14-15, 2017

SC Engineering Conference June 8-10, 2017 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

New Business:

Gold Award application is due April 28th

PE problem writing session produced 11 problems

Next meeting is on March 21st, 2017 at the Aiken Brew Pub in Aiken, SC

Motioned to close Business Meeting – Passed

Chris Jelenewicz with SFPE International presented on Structural Fire Engineering  
Respectfully submitted,

*Rob Hanson*



# Chapter Announcements

## PE-Problem Writing Session

The CSRA SFPE hosted our annual NCEES problem writing session in Columbia on Tuesday February 21. Thank you goes out to the SimplexGrinnell office in West Columbia for being our host again this year. Chris Jelenewicz, SFPE International, served as the moderator for the problem writing session. Jason Butler and Thomas Allison submitted 11 new problems to the question pool for the Fire Protection Engineering Exam. NCEES would not be able to offer a PE exam in Fire Protection without the help of volunteers writing questions for the exam.

**Please consider volunteering for next year's problem writing session!**

## CSRA Website - Are You Signed up?



June 8 – 10, 2017

SC Engineering Conference & Trade Show

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

Myrtle Beach, SC

- Earn 15 PDH while attending the conference.
- Network with your peers
- Be a presenter and earn double PHD credit for you program



The CSRA website has:

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

**Come see what you're missing!**

## Save the Dates



**SAVE THE DATES**

SFPE CONFERENCES

**North America Conference & Expo**

- 2017 - Accent on Fire Protection Engineering, October 8-13  
Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montreal, Canada
- 2018 - October 27- November 2, Renaissance Nashville Hotel  
Nashville, TN
- 2019 - October 12-18, Sheraton Grand at Wildhorse Pass  
Chandler, AZ (Phoenix)

**Performance-Based Codes and Fire Safety Design Methods**

- 2018 - April 21-27, Hilton Hawaiian Village  
Oahu, Hawaii

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## Have you participated in SFPE's Members Only Webinars?

### Upcoming Webinars

- March 6th at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. eastern time  
Fires in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities, John Woycheese
- April 24th at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. eastern time  
Wildland Urban Interface Fires – Emerging Challenges for FPEs, Nelson Bryner

Did You know you can watch the recordings in the archives if you miss the webinars? Select the Members Resources tab on the SFPE website and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Member Only Webinar Archives."

## Membership Chair Message

Spring is in the air unfortunately accompanied by lots of pollen. Hopefully seasonal allergies won't get you down. As we prepare for our fifth meeting of year, remember it's not too late to renew your Chapter Membership. You can renew through the website, by mail, or at the next meeting. The Chapter currently has 39 active members with 27 who are members of SFPE International. Let's continue to encourage others to join the Chapter and bring new attendees to the meetings. For those who still haven't joined the International Chapter, it offers several money-saving opportunities including a 75% discount on the SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering as well as significant discounts on other SFPE publications and educational programs.

*Thanks—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](mailto:jgordon@sfpe.org) or (301) 915-9721 or to view information on the Corporate 100 Program follow the link below:

[\(Click Here\)](#)

## Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:

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