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A Decade of Excellence

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SFPE Gold Level  
Chapter Excellence Award

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SOCIETY OF FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERS

Greetings from Your President

CSRA Friends & Family,

As send winter packing and run full steam into spring, I want to thank all of you for the support through this challenging time. We're finally starting to emerge from the COVID pandemic and things are starting to open up. Hopefully everyone that has wanted or needed a vaccine has received one by now. As such, we're very hopeful that we can have a face to face social event very soon — we're looking at possibly June, but we're open to suggestions.

As noted at the last meeting, we've sent off the chapter excellence award to National and we're hopeful that we will get the gold award again. Although it's been difficult, we've done a really good job at banning together and working well as a team. Speaking of which, as noted before, we're wrapping up the nominations for officer and will be starting the online voting after our next meeting. I'll present who has been nominated, ask for any new nominations, and the polls will open soon thereafter. The results will be presented at the May meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting!

*Rob Plonski*



NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, April 20, 2021

Speaker : Jessica Walker and Francisco Joglar

Organization: Jensen Hughes

Topic: RiskAdvisr – Using Technology to Prevent Human Performance Errors

Location: Virtual – Teams

Times: 5:30 – Business Meeting  
5:45 PM – 7PM – Technical Presentation

Virtual Meeting

RSVP: Ralph Foster at [Ralph@FosterEngr.com](mailto:Ralph@FosterEngr.com)

OR [Sign up using the Website!](#)

[Use Microsoft Teams link on the event page](#) or [HERE](#)



## Treasurer's Report for April — Eric Mondor

Balances as of 03/30/2021:

Checking:	\$1,763.68
Savings:	\$4,925.60
Credit:	(\$0.00)
<u>Petty Cash:</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total:	\$6,739.28

Active Members: 29

Income:	\$1,480.28
Expenses:	
Website:	\$556.20
SFPE Foundation:	\$600.00
Future City Sponsor:	\$300.00
<u>Credit card fees:</u>	<u>\$43.11</u>
Total:	\$1,499.31

## February 16, 2021 Meeting Highlights

### Officer and Committee Reports

Steve opened the meeting by recognizing our SFPE Corporate Members Foster Engineering & Legrand Engineering and thanked them for their support. Steve asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes for our January meeting published in the newsletter. The motion carried unanimously. Steve asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report published in the newsletter. Eric added there was an interest increase to the checking account of 4 Cents since last month! The motion carried unanimously.

### Old Business:

Steve told us we had an opportunity to participate in the National Future City Compton. He ask for interested people to e-mail him. Steve said the Chapter Excellence Award report is complete and Rob is giving it the final review. Nominations are due for various SFPE awards and you are encouraged to nominate a deserving colleague. For more information [Click Here](#). Steve asked for members to let the Board know of any engineering organizations they are participating in such as another SFPE chapter, NSPE, etc.

### New Business:

The SFPE Subcommittee for Standards Oversight Approved a new scope for the Standard on Performance-Based Design.

SFPE is seeking public comments on the roles within Fire Protection Engineering—comments are due April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The SFPE North America Conference is scheduled for October 6-8 in Vancouver, BC! [More information to come soon!](#)

Ralph shared the Greater Atlanta Conference was a success. Dates for the 2022 Conference are March 15-16. The conference committee is seeking active committee members! If interested contact Ralph.

The SC Engineering Conference and Trade show is June 3-5 in Myrtle Beach. Our chapter is looking for speakers to present of Fire Protection Engineering topics. If interested, please contact Ralph for more information.

The chapter is still looking into a possible spring social depending on the COVID number.

Steve asked for a motion to close the business meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Speaker:

Steve introduced our speakers from Otis Elevator. Their topic is "IBC Two Way Elevator Two Way Communication Changes."

*Respectfully submitted - Ralph Foster*



## Upcoming Event

**PE PROBLEM WRITING SESSSION UPDATE:** A tentative in person problem writing session is set for May 4, from 10 am to 3:30 PM at An Shu Asian Fusion Restaurant in woodside village off silver bluff Road , in Aiken SC g Mr. Rob Plonski, has proctor our in person problem writing session . The proposal is that we will pay \$50 for the room and chapter will pay for lunch for those in attendance. Typical the chapter has around 8 to 10 participates. All PE's are invited to participate. This year we are proposing a group problem writing session as opposed to individual problems. With the PE exam going to computer based testing not as many problems are needed, and this may speed the process. Questions maybe address to any board officer .



## 2021 SC Engineering Conference and Trade Show Call for Presentations

June 3 - 5, 2021

Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach  
Kingston Plantation  
9800 Queensway Blvd  
Myrtle Beach, SC

### PREMIUM EVENTS AND SEMINARS

# SFPE Perspective Webinar Sponsored by Reliable

When: May 21, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (ET)

Sponsored by Reliable

More Info to Come!



## SFPE Webinars

### Recorded Webinars

All live webinars are recorded to ensure that SFPE members have access to what they may have missed and are available [on demand](#).

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### Professional Development and Continuing Education

SFPE is proud to offer Professional Development Hours (PDH) and Continuing Education Units (CEU) for those who need them. Earning PDHs and CEUs are only granted to individuals who participate in any webinar. Alternatively, SFPE members can earn PDHs and CEUs for past webinars by accessing our [e-Learning portal](#).

## 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:](#)

LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC



## SFPE International News

### A Message from SFPE President Michael J. Madden on the Future of Fire Protection Engineering Magazine

In 1950, a group of fire protection engineers banded together and established SFPE as a component of NFPA. Sixty-five years later, SFPE has grown to be a thriving independent professional society made up of more than 4,000 members across more than 80 countries, all of whom are actively working towards SFPE's vision of being the leaders in engineering a fire safe world.

For the past 15 years, SFPE has partnered with Penton to publish Fire Protection Engineering magazine. This partnership enabled SFPE to publish a high-quality technical publication at a time when the Society did not have the resources to self-publish. We are grateful to Penton for helping us grow Fire Protection Engineering into a resource valued by many within the fields of fire protection and life safety.

In 2014, SFPE's Board of Directors developed a dynamic strategic plan for the organization aimed at strengthening the Society's value proposition to members. One of the tenets of SFPE's value proposition, as defined in the new strategic plan, is "SFPE is the source for related technical knowledge and information." Fire Protection Engineering, as the official magazine of SFPE, is one of the cornerstones of this information exchange. The members of the Fire Protection Engineering Advisory Board and the Technical Editor, Chris Jelenewicz, work hard to develop content for the magazine; it only serves to reason that the resulting high-quality content should be available to those equally invested in helping SFPE achieve its mission: its members.

Accordingly, after 15 years of delivering the magazine to anyone interested in fire protection and fire safety engineering, starting with the Q1 issue in 2016, SFPE has decided to make Fire Protection Engineering magazine a members-only benefit.

If you're already a member of SFPE, you will continue to receive the magazine as you always have. If you're not yet a member, we hope that you value the news and information in Fire Protection Engineering enough to join SFPE so you'll be able to continue receiving the magazine in 2016 and beyond. Fire Protection Engineering will continue to be the only magazine written and peer-reviewed by fire protection and fire safety engineers, delivering quality technical content and product information about the latest trends and topics in the field. Additionally, with the launch of the newly designed magazine in 2016, it will also include new features such as member profiles, feature articles, SFPE member news and more. SFPE will also be offering members a digital edition of the magazine that can be viewed on all mobile devices and tablets.

SFPE relies on the support of its members to achieve its mission: to define, develop, and advance the use of engineering best practices; expand the scientific and technical knowledge base; and educate the global fire safety community, in order to reduce fire risk. It's a mission that matters to me, personally, and one that I hope also matters enough to you that, if you're not already a member, you'll consider joining now. By doing so, not only will you continue to receive Fire Protection Engineering and have access to the many other benefits of membership, you'll become an integral part of the largest professional society dedicated exclusively to fire protection and fire safety engineering.

Thank you for your readership, and I hope you'll join us on this journey – if you haven't already – to making our world a fire safe place.

Sincerely,  
Michael Madden, PE, FSFPE  
SFPE President



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