



MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Locations: Las Vegas: *UNLV, CBC, Bldg. B, Rm. 117 (4505 S. Maryland Pkwy)*
Reno: *Regional Training Center, 5190 Spectrum Blvd., Rm110*
Elko: *Great Basin College, 1500 College Pkwy, High Tech Center, Rm 137*
Attendees: Available upon request

President Reginald McCollins called the meeting to order at 1305 hours with Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko connected via interactive video.

WELCOME to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members and guests. Special welcome and recognition to Greg Victor, today's presenter from the International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

Pres. McCollins requested comments regarding necessary changes to the meeting minutes from May 21, 2008. No motions made. Minutes were accepted following agreement of all attendees. No further comments or questions.

Treasurer's Report

Tawni Petropolous is the new Treasurer. The decision was made by members during a previous meeting to auto-elect the person with the second-highest number of votes if an elected officer declines or resigns a position. Due to unexpected obligations, elected Treasurer Sherri Wilcox declined the nomination; Tawni Petropolous is now in office.

As the former Treasurer, Rick Rozier gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 6/30/08 is \$ 19,334. The YFS Account is now inactive/closed.

Strategic Plan

FPAN is progressing well under the new strategic plan. This is a reminder that the document was created for change; it is meant to be evaluated and adjusted, so your feedback and participation are vital. Much member-communication takes place via E-mail. **Please send Reggie McCollins (rmccollins@lasvegasnevada.gov) your updated email address!** Many members are not getting training notices, etc. due to old contact information.

Reports from Member Agencies

Nevada State Fire Marshal's (SFM's) Report

www.nv.state.fire.us

Code Adoptions

Chad Hastings, Assistant State Fire Marshal, reports that the Final Action Code Hearing for proposed NAC 477 Fire Regulations [adopting the 2006 International Fire Code] is scheduled for July 25, 2008 at 107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City. If no comments come forth and there are no objections relative to small-business impact, the revisions will be in effect.

Portable Fire-Extinguisher Testing

Doug Sartain asked for any possible information regarding decisions by SFM relative to the NFPA Standard for 5-year obstruction testing of portable fire extinguishers. SFM had just completed meetings regarding this topic with area AHJ's (authorities having jurisdiction).

Dep. Chief Hastings stated that an opinion will be posted on the SFM Website. Mr. Sartain voiced his concern over some companies trying to enforce the obstruction-test Standard now and issuing discrepancy reports on customers. Dep. Chief Hastings confirmed that the Standard does not take effect until September 2009, as it was adopted in September 2004. Mr. Sartain asked SFM to emphasize this with all stakeholders.

National Fire Sprinkler Association

www.nfsa.org

Upon the request of the Training Committee, Doyle Sutton, Southwest Regional Manager, verified the release of the new NFSA Training Catalogue. Instructors are top-industry experts, and a lot of variety is offered. CEU's are available. Chief Sutton encourages anyone with questions to contact him: Sutton@nfsa.org

National Code Services Association (formerly UFCA)

www.ncsaonline.net

International Fire Marshals Association

www.nfpa.org

International Code Council

www.iccsafe.org

Due to a tight timeline, members are encouraged to watch email for updates on/ notices from the remaining member agencies, above.

Committee Reports

Training:

The training committee is working on dates for numerous training classes. Nine NFA classes will be offered by October of 2009, in addition to a Haz Mat Awareness for Inspectors class (NCSA is working on curriculum) and an after-incident briefing workshop regarding lessons learned from the Mitzpah and Monte Carlo incidents. The Haz-Mat Awareness serves a dual purpose, as it will also help make inspectors aware of WMD concerns. Renewed partnership with Educode is being explored. Training presentations during the FPAN meetings will continue. Many additional classes are available through our Chapter affiliations. Please let E-Board members know if you have special requests!

Golf Tournament Committee:

The golf tournament is back! ...Due to popular demand of players and sponsors: **September 13th, 7:00 a.m. tee time at Sienna Golf Club in Las Vegas.**

Sell-out is anticipated~Register your team now! This year it will be limited to 36 teams and 4-somes only. Emphasis is on fun; many FPAN golfers play only this one tournament each year. Cars and possibly a motorcycle will be available as Hole-in-One prizes for select holes. Larry Kusler announced a Grand-prize teaser. There may be a huge surprise Grand Prize beyond anyone's expectations for the raffle drawing...15 teams are already registered so hurry!

Fireworks Committee:

No fatalities over the holiday this year; booths are closed and gone. Following a get-together with the AHJ's, the committee will hold a post-July 4 meeting to discuss lessons learned and any changes foreseen for next year.

Old Business

Support life-safety code funding: Building/Fire Code Enforcement Funds

Michelle Peltier motioned that FPAN consider officially supporting the *Community Building Code Administration Grants* (CBCAG). Email details will be sent out regarding potential FPAN support of Federal enactment of this funding, which supports Building Safety/Code Compliance. This is the first potential opportunity for fire and building code officials to receive federal grant funding, possibly similar to the Fire Act Grants. Proposed funding is \$100 million a year for 5 years. The Bill has now passed the House. Access info and submit personal letters/sign support petitions Online at ICC.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/government/congressional/code-grant/index.html>

Memberships in Arrears

Delinquent members are scheduled to be dropped today. At the request of Eric Guevin of Storey County, who has not been receiving emails due to countywide change, further attempt will first be made to contact these members personally.

Good & Welfare of the Association

Congratulations to “Ozzie” Mirkhah, for his July 9th certification as an Chief Fire Officer. He is now one of only 602 who holds this title.

PRESENTATION

Final Action Hearings: September 20-22, Minneapolis MN

~Travel Stipends Available. Just 4 steps to follow.

Greg Victor, representing the International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Association (also former fire Marshal and 30-year member of Glendale Fire Dept.), provided members with information regarding the upcoming Final Action Hearings for Amendments to the 2006 I-Codes. Amendments that pass will be published within the 2009 I-Codes. Participation is especially encouraged because the Residential Fire Sprinkler Initiative mandating protection in new 1-2 family dwellings is on the table. Travel stipends are available for voting ICC members. Fire Service participation is essential to pass this revision, which "strikes directly at the very heart of America's fire problem" protecting citizens and firefighters alike. Remember that fire sprinklers not only save the lives of citizens and protect property, they also save fire fighters' lives and help protect the environment.

Stipends pay roundtrip airfare and two nights of lodging. There are only 4 things you need to do to attend and vote outlined on the FAH Summary (www.iccsafe.org). Please be sure to download the Government Voter Form to update your agency's voter information. Numbers of voters per agency vary by population served. Las Vegas Fire and Las Vegas Building Dept., for example, each have 12 votes. This is not an attempt to persuade members to vote a particular way; it is to encourage participation.

Members are welcome to contact Greg with questions or for assistance:

Voice: 602-619-5088 Email: gvictor@cox.net

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008: Interactive Video with presentation about Fire Stop by Jeff Dicker of Rector Seal.

President McCollins entertained a motion to adjourn. Niki Henley motioned; Chuck Murphy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1440.