



**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, November, 17, 2010**

**Location:** Las Vegas: College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus  
Elko: Great Basin College  
**Attendees:** Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 13:08 by FPAN President Reggie McCollins.

**VISITORS**

Charollette Hansen, Child Care Facilities Surveyor, State of Nevada Dept of Health & Human  
Nicole Nichol, Child Care Facilities Surveyor, State of Nevada Dept of Health & Human Svcs  
Ken Riddle, Executive Director, Nevada Fire Chiefs Association  
Frank Dobronte, Marketing Director, Active Safety

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the Sept 15, 2010 meeting by John Panini and seconded by Dennis Bergquist.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Reggie gave the treasurer report and is eagerly anticipating our new Treasurer taking over. The bank account amount is available on request.

**MEMBER AGENCY**

**International Fire Marshals Association**  
**National Code Services Association**  
**International Code Council**

Applicable information is distributed to members via E-mails from these agencies so notices are received in a timely fashion.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Fireworks** - Dennis Bergquist

Testing for 2011 will begin soon. Dennis is now on the board for the Fireworks Testing Lab Association. He is very impressed with how thorough they are. They test all fireworks including commercial and novelty, not just residential.

### **Training** - Ed Kaminski

Ed was not present. Reggie said the feedback from last week's NFSA classes was inconclusive. The surveys received few replies. We need your feedback in order to provide classes that truly benefit our members through training and CEUs to help with recertification. Contact an officer or input info on the Website under training. We want classes for training – not for a sales pitch.

Past classes have primarily focused on sprinklers. In January, there will be a training committee meeting to attempt monthly training classes. Educode will be here at the end of January but unfortunately there is not a lot of training geared for inspectors. The valley fire departments are expected to adopt the International Fire Code so there will be one code for the area. We want to provide training and CEUs.

### **Public Education**

Beverly Bolton has expressed interest in filling the vacant chair position. We also would like to get the Sesame Street program going again. This is a great program to train the children who will train the parents but we will need a few members to donate some time.

We also want to apply for some grants and be pro-active. Grants sources include Walmart, Fireman's Fund and FM Global. Any grants received would be shared between northern and southern region. Other ideas include a smoke detector program but again we will need volunteer to help hand out and install them. We can make a big impact and be preventative. Mike talked about Elko's smoke detector program in which they team up with suppression. Cedric mentioned NLVFD's program that teams up with the Boy Scouts. Both Elko and NLV's program are successful. Chief Riddle offered us 24 smoke detectors to get our program started. We can piggyback off existing programs but **we will need your assistance** to get the programs going and maintain them.

### **Golf Tournament** - Doug Sartain

Doug was not present. Reggie talked the difficult decision to not have a golf tournament this year due to the economy and lack of interest. We are looking forward to next year's tournament and will be starting early next year in getting it set up.

## **ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE**

There was discussion about residential sprinklers. Clark County pushed the vote back because it needs more information. Henderson starts their process on December 7. City Council and County Commissioners did not attend the recent side by side demonstration put on by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue. We do have the burn trailer available to us – maybe we could take it to them to demonstrate.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bylaws** – We need volunteers to assist in reviewing our bylaws to ensure they reflect our mission.

**Membership Dues** – 2011 notices will be sent out in December and will be due thirty days later. We will send a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice only. In order to receive free and reduced cost training and event access and to vote, members must be in good standing—please refer to the bylaws on the Website for details. Members for whom dues are not received will become a member not in good standing.

Problems with membership-dues collection for the last 2 years include: late distribution of bills and a shift with companies/departments unable to pay due to budget or other issues. Many individuals now have to pay themselves versus relying on their agencies for payment, but this cost can often be re-couped through tuition reimbursement and benefits provided to members, i.e. training luncheons and value of continued education and networking. FPAN \$25/year dues are extremely reasonable compared to other memberships. FPAN's newly elected treasurer, Sylvia Lee, has been on medical leave but will return soon. Sylvia sends her thanks and notes that she looks forward to assuming duties shortly.

**Donation Policy** – After receiving many requests for donations, FPAN has established a donation policy that will be published on the Website by Spring of 2011. Funding will be designated through a competitive, streamlined process. Requests must be made in writing and must be in-line with FPAN's mission.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Riddle from Nevada Fire Chief's Association was present and mentioned the previous relationship between NFCA and FPAN. NFCA has been having many of the same issues we have and would like to have a joint partnership for grants and fundraising.

The Southern annual membership luncheon will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. We need a place. Please give us any suggestions you have. We would like to continue our annual tradition and ask you to bring a new Christmas toy for needy children. We are taking suggestions for places to donate these toys. Guest, Nicole Nichol from State of Nevada Dept of Health & Human Svcs said they work with needy families everyday and they could definitely give the toys to families that really need them. The Northern Annual membership luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 1 to include a legislative update of issues pertaining to the fire service and gang awareness.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE FOR THE ASSOCIATION**

Reggie thanked everyone present.

Next meeting will be the annual luncheon, December 15, 2010 for Southern NV and December 01, 2010 for Northern NV.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made at 13:55 by Cedric Williams and seconded by Dennis Bergquist.