

**Chicago Chapter SFPE**  
Combined Executive Committee and Chicago Chapter SFPE Meeting  
Monday, January 12, 2009  
The William Tell (Holiday Inn), 6201 W. Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL  
**Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Marty Pabich  
Jim Lemanski  
Terry Pintar  
DeAndrea Cooley  
Bill Sedlak  
Ann Guglielmo  
Ed Prendergast  
Tom Fangmann  
Nick Ozog  
Joe Talbert  
Lorin Klein

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by Chapter President, Marty Pabich.

**Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on December 8, 2008 were approved via e-mail with no further discussion necessary.

**Officer Reports:**

**President's Report (Marty Pabich):** Marty Pabich stated that the State of the Chicago Chapter SFPE is in good standing.

A nominating committee was formed by Marty Pabich, Jim Lemanski, Terry Pintar, DeAndrea Cooley, Bill Sedlak, and Ann Guglielmo. The following unopposed slate was proposed by Jim Lemanski and second by Terry Pintar. The proposed slate submitted is:

<b>President:</b>	Marty Pabich (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of maximum two-year term)
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Lemanski (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of maximum two-year term)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Terry Pintar (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of two-year term)
<b>Secretary:</b>	DeAndrea Cooley (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of maximum two-year term)

<b>Executive Committee Members:</b>	Tom Fangmann (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)
	Bill Sedlak (1 <sup>st</sup> Year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)
	Jeff Nehal (1 <sup>st</sup> Year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)
	Lorin Klein (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of 1 <sup>st</sup> Term)

M. Pabich-President (1Y); J. Lemanski (1Y); T. Pintar-Treasurer (2Y); D. Cooley –Secretary (1Y); P. Hart-Past President; L. Klein (1Y, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term); T. Fangmann-ECM (2Y, 2nd Term); W. Sedlak-ECM (1Y, 1<sup>st</sup> Term); J. Nehal-ECM (1Y, 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

This slate should be presented to the membership. A minimum of 10% registered Chicago Chapter SFPE members (at least 20 members) are needed to approve the unopposed slate.

The '2009 Engineers Week' is coming up in February (2/15– 2/21). During this week there are three specific events were brought up for discussion and consideration for Chicago Chapter SFPE sponsorship:

**Future Cities Competition at UIC:** In the past the Chicago Chapter SFPE has provided two judges to evaluate the Fire Protection category and contribute a \$250 prize for the best Fire Protection Engineering Award. It was proposed to do the same at the upcoming 2009 event. The judges will be Marty Pabich and Paul Hart.

**Du Page County Engineers Week at IIT West in Wheaton, IL:** In the past the Chicago Chapter SFPE has provided a booth at this event to pass out various fire protection engineering information and educational materials, along with some sort of hands on demonstration of a fire protection related concept. It was proposed that the Chicago Chapter SFPE provide the \$250 fee to participate at the 2009 event. Joe Talbert will coordinate the Chicago Chapter's participation. Mr. Tom Gray will be asked to spear head this event. Chicago Chapter SFPE will need members (7 to 8) to staff the table between 11:00 to 4:00. Contact Joe Talbert at 630 234 5433 or Tom Fangmann to volunteer.

**Chicago land Engineers Week (CEW) Luncheon:** In the past, the Chicago Chapter SFPE provided \$300 sponsorship for one seat at the CEW Luncheon and get our name in the CEW Awards Book for public relation purposes. It was proposed that the Chapter provide this sponsorship.

The Chicago Chapter's participation in all three events was motion by Jim Lemanski and second by Terry Pintar – motion passed unopposed.

The NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition will be held in Chicago, IL June 8 – 11, 2009 as the McCormick Place Convention Center. The Chicago Chapter SFPE plans to sponsor a 'Meet and Greet' on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with a spotlight presentation on 'Chicago Fires impact on fire codes. The presentation will be made by Paul Hart, Ed Prendergast, and Marty Pabich. Marty Pabich will investigate using the CNA Building (top 40<sup>th</sup> floor) as the venue for this event. Chicago Chapter SFPE will need members to plan the event and obtain sponsorship for drinks and snacks.

The International SFPE requested the Chicago Chapter's participation in the PE test preparation. Marty Pabich may be able to acquire space for 30 participants at the Underwriter Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, IL during the first week of June, prior to the NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition. Chicago Chapter SFPE may need to fund drinks and foods. This is to be discussed further.

**Vice President's Report (Jim Lemanski):** Nothing to report. Jim Lemanski commented on the scholarship status. See Scholarship Committee Report below.

**Treasurer's Report (Terry Pintar):** Terry Pintar stated that the SFPE Chicago Chapter's two-day training on Dust Explosion: Hazard Recognition, Assessment and Management on November 24 and 25, 2008 at the Underwriter Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, IL, was well received. There were seven attendees.

The Loyola Burn Unit has asked that the SFPE Chicago Chapter visit the facility in recognition of the donation received from the chapter. There is limited interest in visiting the Loyola Burn Unit.

The Treasurer's Report/Statement is available for review by request.

**Secretary's Report (DeAndrea Cooley):** DeAndrea Cooley emailed a draft copy of the Chapter's Report to the SFPE Board of Directors to the executive committee for comments. A final copy will be sent to Marty Pabich for submittal to the SFPE Board of Directors by the deadline of January 31, 2009.

**Past President's Report (Paul Hart):** Paul was not present at the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

**Awards Committee:** Nothing to Report.

**CB&C (Ann Guglielmo):** Ann Guglielmo stated that the CB&C will be scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2008 at VFW in Berwyn, IL. She is interested in boosting the attendance by contacting member via email and postal flyers. She will contact Chris Gate for the current membership list. She is interested in contacting and inviting local fire departments. Also, it was decided that the cost for the CB&C will be \$35 in-advance and \$45 at-the-door.

**Exhibitors Night (William Sedlak):** William Sedlak announced the date for the Product Show is March 24, 2009. Information will be posted on the website.

**Education (Jeff Nehal):** Jeff was not present at the meeting.

**Fire Service Liaison (Ed Prendergast):** Ed Prendergast announced the Residential Fire Sprinkler Summit on Wednesday, February 04 2009, 7:30 - 4:30, at Medinah Banquets, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison, Illinois. This is a joint seminar between the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA), Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA), and Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB), on residential (apartment, condo and single family home) fire sprinkler systems codes and ordinances. Register by logging on to [www.illinoisfireinspectors.org](http://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org); or call IFIA at (847) 756-4750 or NIFSAB at (708) 403-4468. This information will be placed on the website.

**Golf Outing (Nick Ozog):** Nick Ozog stated that the Golf Outing will be scheduled for the same place, Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, IL. Additional information will be submitted in upcoming meetings.

**Membership (Chris Gates):** Chris was not present at the meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** See President's Report.

**Programs (Tom Fangmann):** Tom Fangmann stated that the next meeting is on February 9, 2009, 11:30 AM at Costa's Restaurant, 340 South Halsted St., Chicago, IL.

**Scholarship (Nick Ozog):** Jim Lemanski explained there are three \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this year. One of the scholarships has been named after William M. Carey. The other two scholarships are to be named. Six applications were received. There are three candidates to be approved. An email with the three candidate's applications will be resubmitted to the executive committee for an email vote. There are future plans to modify the application, clarify qualification, name the remaining to scholarship, to obtain corporate sponsorship, etc. There are plans for formalize/finalize the application process by May 2009. Also, there are plans to invite scholarship recipients to an SFPE event or meeting. Scholarship recipients will be posted on the website.

**SFPE National Liaison (Tom Gray):** Tom was not present at the meeting.

**Website (Bert Cohn):** Bert was not present at the meeting.

### **New Business**

None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. (Motion by Marty Pabich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Lemanski, all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,  
DeAndrea Cooley, Chicago Chapter Secretary  
January 26, 2008