

Chicago Chapter SFPE
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2009
Costa's Restaurant, 340 South Halsted St., Chicago, IL
Minutes

In attendance:

Marty Pabich
Jim Lemanski
Terry Pintar
DeAndrea Cooley
Bill Sedlak
Lorin Klein
Ed Prendergast
Nick Ozog

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:49 AM by Chapter President, Marty Pabich.

Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on January 12, 2009 were approved via e-mail with no further discussion was necessary. (Motion by Marty Pabich and 2nd by Jim Lemanski.)

Officer Reports:

President's Report (Marty Pabich): The nominating committee proposed the following slate:

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

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

This slate should be presented to the membership. A minimum of 10% registered Chicago Chapter SFPE members are needed to approve the unopposed slate. The number of active members will be obtained from Chris Gates. The proposed slate will be sent to the membership via email by Tom Fangmann. Plan to have the membership vote on the propose slate on April 2, 2009 during the Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner.

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

The '2009 Engineers Week' begins February 15, 2009. The Chicago Chapter SFPE has provided sponsorship for the Du Page County Engineers Week at IIT West in Wheaton, IL (\$250) and Chicago land Engineers Week (CEW) Luncheon (\$300).

The NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition will be held in Chicago, IL June 8 – 11, 2009 at the McCormick Place Convention Center. The Chicago Chapter SFPE will sponsor a 'Meet and Greet' on Sunday, June 7th, 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 40th 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 two-day test preparation course. Marty Pabich reserved space for 20 -30 participants at the Underwriter Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, IL on June 4th and 5th, prior to the NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition. Chicago Chapter SFPE may need to fund drinks and foods.

Vice President's Report (Jim Lemanski): Jim Lemanski reported there has been a replacement for the chairman of the Programs Committee, Jessica Hubert with Janice Fire Systems. A meeting to plan the Chicago Chapter SFPE 2009 event calendar will be held on Thursday, February 19th from 9AM to 11AM at XL Insurance America, Inc., 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 950, Chicago, IL. All are invited to participate. Speakers and topics are needed that the chapter and prospective guests may find of interest as it applies to our Chapter, our members and our clients/customers. Jim Lemanski will be the local contact: Phone (312) 444-6524, Fax (312) 444-6502, james.lemanski@xlgroup.com.

Treasurer's Report (Terry Pintar): Terry Pintar stated the financial audit was completed and will be provided to the executive board.

Terry has received all payments and paid all invoices for the Dust Explosion Seminar sponsored by the Chicago Chapter last November. The Chapter lost money on the event.

Terry is currently in the process of filing with the Illinois Attorney General offices.

Secretary's Report (DeAndrea Cooley): Nothing to report.

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 was not present at the meeting. Jim Lemanski stated Tom Fangmann emailed the CB&C flyer to the membership. The CB&C is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the Berwyn VFW Hall in Berwyn, IL from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Dinner Tickets are \$35 by March 20th and \$40 after March 20th. There is limited capacity of 225. Reservations must be received by March 30, 2009. Also, it was decided that the cost for the CB&C will be \$45 at-the-door. Each attendee is asked to bring a door prize for the after dinner raffle. No gag gifts! A Grand Door Prize will be provided by the Chapter. This information will be posted on the website. The email announcement should be shared with our affiliates, such as IFPA and IFIA.

Exhibitors Night (William Sedlak): William Sedlak announced and distributed flyer for the 9th Annual IFPA-SFPE Combined Fire Prevention Product Show for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the White Eagle Banquet and Restaurant in Niles, IL. Along with the exhibits, there will be a \$30 per person Cafeteria style dinner, hourly door prizes, and two CEU or Professional Development Classes:

- Overview & Results on Testing conducted on High Volume Low Speed Fans presented by Pete Willse of XL GAPS
- NFPA 3, the Commissioning and Integrated Testing of Fire and Life Safety Systems, presented by Cecil Bilbo, President and Dir. Of Engineering Technology at the Academy of Fire Sprinkler Technology

This information will be posted on the website. Flyers will be distributed via email.

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

Fire Service Liaison (Ed Prendergast): Ed Prendergast attended the Residential Fire Sprinkler Summit on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at Medinah Banquets in Addison, Illinois. This was 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. Ed commented on the large turn out.

Golf Outing (Nick Ozog): Nick Ozog stated the Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, IL. Nick is currently negotiating pricing. There are plans to send post card announcements as well as email announcements. Additional information will be submitted in upcoming meetings. Also, Nick will investigate providing Chicago Chapter or National polo shirts for participants.

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

Nominating Committee: See President's Report.

Programs (Tom Fangmann): Tom was not present at the meeting. See Vice President's Report. The 2009 Meeting Topics and Dates are as follow:

- February 19, 2009 – Program Planning Meeting at XL in Chicago, IL
- March 24, 2009 – “Fire Product Show” in Niles, IL
- April 2, 2009 – “Corn Beef & Cabbage” Meeting/ Dinner, VFW in Berwyn, IL
- May 2009 – to be determined
- June 9, 2009 – to be determined
- July 21, 2009 – Golf Outing, Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, IL

Scholarship (Nick Ozog): Nick Ozog announced three (\$1000) scholarships checks were issued to Brian Salyers (University of Maryland), Robert Accosta Jr. (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Justin Gerber (Oklahoma State University). This information will be place on our website. The Chicago Chapter SFPE received a thank you letter from Justin Gerber, along with a thank you letter and donor coin from Oklahoma State University.

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.

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

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

New Business

Nick Ozog announced the Loyola Burn Unit sent a thank you letter in appreciation of the SFPE Chicago Chapter donation. Peggy LaFleur has offered to host a future Chapter meeting and allow a tour of the facility. This would be good PR for the Chapter. A meeting at the Loyola Burn Unit will be considered during the Programs Committee planning meeting on Thursday, February 19th from 9AM to 11AM at XL Insurance America, Inc.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM. (Motion by Marty Pabich, 2nd by Jim Lemanski, all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,
DeAndrea Cooley, Chicago Chapter Secretary
February 17, 2009