



## **Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association**

**Angela Giuliani, President  
February 23, 2007**

### **Minutes – Monthly Membership Meeting Woodland, CA**

**President Giuliani called the January 26, 2007 meeting to order at 0930 hours.**

**Past President Wes Arvin conducted the pledge of allegiance and Tim Annis was appointed Sergeant of Arms.**

**President Giuliani introduced host Fire Chief Michael Cahill. Chief Cahill thanked everyone for attending today and welcomed us to Woodland.**

**President Giuliani recognized the visiting Past Presidents and thanked them for attending today!**

**The organization recognized the visiting Fire Chiefs, Building Officials and guests.**

**President Giuliani asked Past President Larry Monette to declare a quorum, so declared. Self-introductions were made.**

**The January meeting minutes will be approved at the regular meeting in April.**

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Retired Fire Marshal Theresa Johnson of Alameda County Fire Department was presented with a proclamation thanking her for her years of dedicated service as a fire professional. Congratulations Theresa – we wish you a long and happy retirement!**

#### **STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

**Kevin Reinertson advised that the code adoption process is complete and thanked everyone for his or her support and participation. There will be ad hoc meetings to address some of the ADA issues that have been identified with the new codes. There will be new building and fire codes in July 2007 with an effective date of**

January 2008. The California Building Code will actually be issued in two volumes rather than one due to its size. There are 4 SFM positions in Northern California open and 2 in Southern California. Check their website for further information.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Gene Gantt advised that today is the last day to introduce new legislative bills. There is a new bill increasing the penalties for arson registrants who fail to properly register. Assembly member Karnett has reintroduced the residential care facility sprinkler bill. There is also a bill proposed that would allow retired PERS employees to work for the Governor as an appointee without losing their retirement benefits.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

ICC Fire Education Training contract from Patterson/Wheeler has been signed and the class schedule is available on the website now.

Kathy Amen with Woodland Fire Department has been appointed as the new Director of Operations. Thank you and congratulations to Kathy!

Greg Lake of Sac Metro Fire has been appointed as the new Building Standards co-chair for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Greg!

The vote on the new executive board was taken and the board is as follows: For President: Darren Drake, First VP: Theresa Johnson, Second VP: Morgana Chan, Secretary: Scott Alber, and Treasurer: Lorin Neyer. I make a motion to adopt the slate of directors, all in favor, any opposed, then the new slate of directors stands.

The budget had to be readjusted due to committees not previously budgeting for the Final Action Code Hearings in Rochester, New York in May. Vote for approval was taken and passed.

President Giuliani went over the organization's strategic goals for the next year including utilizing PattersonWheeler to enhance our training offerings and develop a strong training curriculum of ICC classes as well as specialty classes. There are several plans to increase our revenue stream thru increasing membership, sales of merchandise and sales of the Inspectors Guides for the California Fire Code. Our standing committees are also being asked to work with the Fire Service Education Committee to sponsor a class relative to their fields of specialty.

## **EXCHANGE OF IDEAS**

**Ken advised that used storage tanks, not UL listed, are being sold to farms for ag. use in the valley. See website for further.**

**The NFPA 13/72 class scheduled in Roseville has had the location changed – please look at the website for the new location.**

**Kent Miller advised that perhaps the marketing telephone calls might be more successful if they ask members to contact their neighboring jurisdictions about membership.**

**Vern Canon mentioned AB565 will clean up the arson registrant requirements and encouraged everyone to follow and support this bill. Also, the CCAI conference is 3/26-3/28.**

**Bob Stetson advised that there is a code comparison document in Excel format available thru his firm. He will work with Fort to post this on the website and update it as changes occur.**

**Bill Greene advised that the Statutes and Regs. course that just finished in San Diego was sparsely attended. Bill also mentioned that safe and sane fireworks are not allowed anywhere in San Diego County.**

**Tom Harvey with SF asked for information on Firefighter elevators. They are considering a requirement for separate FF elevators based upon building height and are looking for any similar requirements. Also, SF is hosting the May meeting and will be expecting a big turnout due to co-sponsorship with some of the vendors.**

**Vern Person advised that the Fire Marshal position in Lodi is open due to his retirement.**

**Sandy Wargo advised that there is a self-charging smoke alarm that plugs into a light socket. The SFM's office verified that the device is listed.**

**NFPA 13/72 2002 edition will take effect in May. NFSA will be offering several classes in the updated NFPA 25 changes.**

**Gene Gantt advised that Legislative Days would be May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sacramento. Gene advised that the event has been expanded from one to two days and encouraged everyone to participate and interact**

with the legislators reference the bills that we are endorsing at this time. There will be a course on the legislative process offered on the second day. Gene will provide talking points and contact information for everyone who attends. The Governor will probably also attend this event.

Rick Thornberry advised that ICC has gotten about 20% more public comments on the code and they are anticipating a full day of hearings on the Saturday code-hearing schedule in Rochester.

Lorin thanked Roseville and Millbrae for hosting the Fire Resistive Construction classes – they did an excellent job!

Theresa Johnson advised that she is teaching a Fire Science program in a ROP setting for high school students. It is a great curriculum for high school age students – please contact her if you'd like more information. It contains some of the Firefighter I and II curriculum.

Roger Sprehn advised that they got an AFG grant to retrofit a fire station with fire sprinklers and it appears to be a well-received grant request.

Kevin Reinertson advised that the recent supplement reference Article 91 updating the code editions of NFPA 13/72 to the 2002 edition shows a 2006 effective date just because of the delays in the code adoption and supplement printing schedules. The actual effective date of this supplement is May 3, 2007.

Tonya Hoover advised that the workshop committee is looking for all final registrations for the workshop and please send all of your fees, including extra class fees, with your registration. The Marriott is full now – you'll have check into lodgings in Solvang.

Chief Grijalva has been officially appointed as the Director of CAL FIRE. Congratulations to Chief Grijalva!

Theresa Johnson advised that she is sitting on a committee to review individual benefits to ICC members and is looking for input. Some benefits that were mentioned as possibilities were retiree health care or prescription benefits.

## **AFTERNOON PROGRAM**

**James Parsegian with the SFM office went over the changes to Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 5 regulations reference water-based fire protection systems. Thank you for the great information!**

**Thank you to Woodland Fire for an excellent meeting and raffle.**

**The meeting was adjourned at about 1400 hours. Next regular meeting will be on April 27, 2007 in San Mateo County.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Morgana Chan, Secretary**