



Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association

Darren Drake, President

February 22, 2008

Minutes- Monthly Membership Meeting-Woodland

President Drake called the meeting to order at 0940. Fire Investigation Committee Chair Vernon Brown conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Woodland FD Inspector Matt Milliron was appointed by President Drake as the Sergeant of Arms.

President Drake introduced our host, Fire Marshal Russ Cole of Woodland Fire Department. Chief Cole thanked Jessica Walton, Kathy Amen, and Matt Milliron for helping put the meeting together, and for securing the prizes for our raffle. He also introduced Woodland Deputy Chief Tod Redish, who welcomed the organization to Woodland. Chief Redish recognized Kathy Amen and thanked her for her outstanding service to Woodland Fire Department, and wishing her well on her impending retirement.

President Drake recognized visiting Chief Zanzi of Sebastopol, and Chief Doug Williams, Liaison Chief to our parent organization.

Self introductions were made. President Drake asked Past-President Darrell Harguth to declare a quorum, so declared.

The January Meeting Minutes were approved.

State Fire Marshal's Report: OSFM Assistant Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover gave the report. Her report was as follows:

- The Photo-voltaic guidelines are being today to Chief Dargan. They will be posted soon, and the working group that developed the guidelines to work on maybe turning the guidelines into regulations.
- There was an executive order from the Governor to curtail spending- Chief Hoover mentioned that the SFM is "special funded"-93% of their budget comes through fee collection.
- Chief Ethan Foote is moving to regulations side of the house helping Chief Kevin Reinhertson move regulations through.
- Today is the last day to submit regulations-The SFM does analysis only-one they are in the process of analyzing is Fire Sprinkler Contractor licensing.

- Many SFM members are in Palm Springs at the code hearings since this is a "mission critical" activity for the SFM.
- 45 day comment period still going for regulation package. See Kevin if you have questions.
- Chief Dargan's confirmation as SFM 3/5/08 at Rm. 113 of the State Capitol.

Ron Keefer gave the Legislative Report.-We are early in legislative process-they will be looking at the package more closely over the next couple of weeks.-They are working closely with Cal-Chiefs. Ron accepted award form CUPA conference for Cal-Chiefs for our 10 years of support.

Gene Gant mentioned that SFPE's Elliot Gittleman looking for support on the PE Licensing re-write, but needs author for the bill by noon today.

NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Drake announced that 1st VP Theresa Johnson has resigned from the Board, and George Apple has been appointed Secretary. As such, Lorin Neyer, Scott Alber, and Morgana Yahnke have advanced one position on the Board to Treasurer, 2nd VP, and 1st VP, respectively.

President Drake asked for a vote on the slate of Board Members for next year, as follows: President Morgana Yahnke, 1st VP Scott Alber, 2nd VP Lorin Neyer, Secretary George Apple, and Treasurer Rocque Yballa. The membership approved the nominees.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Rick Terry-CFPI reminded us that we are in the final weeks of registration for the conference. Go to the FPO website for the registration form.

Gene Gant-two positions are open in Benicia, Chief and Assistant Fire Marshal-See him if you have an interest.

Cal-Chiefs started new legislative task force made up of representatives from each section-He thanked Ron for all of his work and help.

Jim Bollier-AB2288-This bill is for the certification of fire sprinkler installers and was submitted yesterday. He brought support letter summary, copies of which are on the back table.

Verne Brown-He announced that West Sacramento is seeking a chief. They have a strong tax base, and he thinks it is a good position.

President Drake-He mentioned that you may have noticed an increase in fees for membership renewal. This is because we had to realign our membership period to align with the south and our fiscal year. As such, this next membership period is for 18 months and not 12, hence the one-time increased fee.

Steve Hart-He sent in dues before realignment; we need to make sure we address those that might have done this.

President Drake-inspector guides will be available through Mallory after 3/1-a flyer is going out next week.

Fort Hartsfield-asked if we are selling the guides through Cal-chiefs bookstore. President Drake said that we are not because their mark-up.

Bill Greene-He solicited input on the guides and thanked Ron Keefer as the only person who actually gave input. President Drake thanked Bill and Ron for their efforts.

Rick Terry-He mentioned that if you are interested, you go on line and watch a web-cast of the code hearings.

President Drake-He mentioned that at our Board mid-month meeting he called South president Kraus to maintain consistency between the sections at the hearings.

George Blind-Sam Husoe is retiring and wanted to acknowledge Sam for his efforts with the Equipment & Devices committee-Also, now there will be no one to pick on from the south.

Sam Husoe-thanked us for our acknowledgement.

President Drake-He announced Bruce LeClair is a candidate for Sam's position-we sent letter of support.

Co-chairs attending Buelton-please let Morgana Yahnke if you are attending.

Rick Terry-Also let Morgana her know also about your plans for meeting on Friday so we can arrange for meeting rooms.

ADJORN TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The Public Education Committee Co-Chairs, Selena Brown and Sandy Wargo, gave a presentation on the spectrum of possible public education programs and activities that are available to your department.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORTS

Fire Code-They met with ASFM Tonya Hoover and gave her a Title-19 work update, strategized for Palm Springs Hearings-Amber Anderson will be the new Co-Chair, replacing Rocque Yballa.

Fire Equipment & Devices-There is a lot of group home construction. In bay area-61 homes are being built because Agnews is closing. Non-profits looking for help as this is happening. Also, T-19, NFPA 25 Committee met in Southern Cal. It was a good meeting. Finally, NFPA 72-2010 edition circulating/in process.

Hazardous Materials-Home Depot letter being worked on.

RAFFLE

Woodland Fire Department conducted a great raffle.

ADJORN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. No meeting in March. The next meeting will be on April 25, 2008 in San Francisco. Please RSVP! Thank you to Woodland Fire Department for hosting an excellent meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott D. Alber, Secretary