



Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association

**Angela Giuliani, President
January 26, 2007**

Minutes – Monthly Membership Meeting Elk Grove, CA

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

Past President Mike Stewart conducted the pledge of allegiance and Steve Rupnow was appointed Sergeant of Arms.

President Giuliani introduced host Fire Marshal George Apple from Cosumnes Fire District. F/M Apple thanked everyone for attending today and introduced his Fire Chief, Steve Foster. Chief Foster read a moving account of the Chicago Theater Fire and encouraged us all to reflect upon what inspires us all to excel in our professions.

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

President Giuliani asked Past President Wes Arvin to declare a quorum, so declared. Self-introductions were made.

The November meeting minutes were approved by motion and second.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Retired Fire Marshal Ron Branigan of Woodland Fire Department was presented with a proclamation thanking him for his thirty-four years of dedicated service as a fire professional. Congratulations Ron – we wish you a long and happy retirement!

STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

John Guhl advised that CDF has officially made the name change to CAL FIRE. James Parsegian with OSFM Engineering advised that the Fire Safe Cigarette Bill is now in effect. There will now be an OSFM seal on cigarettes but the program is managed by the State Board of Equalization. NFPA 25 is effective April 1, 2007 and has been adopted into Title 19. See the website for further information.

There will be training classes in Roseville and Orange County soon – more classes to follow in the bay area. The NFPA 25 California edition should be available next month from the publishers. Kevin Reinertson advised the CBSC code hearings are January 29th and 30th. The ADA issues will be heard on the 30th. Anticipated publish date is still July 1, 2007 with an effective date of January 2008. In the next two years there should be approximately fifteen packages coming forward to update Title 19.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

John Haberek advised that he did – finally – find his badge in the moving box in his garage. Congratulations John! He also advised that Assemblywoman Betty Karnett is bringing back the RCFE sprinkler bill. The bill will be out in a few weeks after it's been assigned a number. There is also an effort underway to increase the penalty for failure to register as a 451 offender. More on that to follow. Ron Keefer is now the second co-chair for the legislative committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ICC Fire Education Training contract from Patterson/Wheeler has been signed. Also, we have a new, rather returning, Fire Education Co-Chair Bill Tyler from Novato Fire Protection District. Danielle Stefani and Bill Tyler presented a power point presentation at the meeting about the upcoming ICC training.

We still need a replacement Director of Operations. It cannot be stressed enough how important this position is to the organization. The Director of Operations makes the logistical arrangements for our monthly meetings and provides support to the host agencies. It is a great opportunity to become involved with the organization and meet new people. Please consider stepping up!

Thank you to Lorin Neyer who donated \$2000.00 from her last teaching assignment to the Charlie Gray Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is probably the largest donation in the history of the fund's existence. Thanks again Lorin. Also Fort is placing "how to" instructions on our website for anyone who wants to donate to this fund.

Charlie Gray Memorial Fund Service Award and Scholarships – In November written nominations for the award were solicited from the general membership. Two Scholarships and one grant have been submitted this past year through the application process. The

executive board will be reviewing these proposals at the workshop in March.

Asked for nominations from the floor(3 times) Hearing and seeing no more, nominations are closed. The vote on the new executive board will occur at the February meeting in Woodland. For President: Darren Drake, First VP: Theresa Johnson, Second VP: Morgana Chan, Secretary: Scott Alber, and Treasurer: Lorin Neyer.

Announced that the budget had to be readjusted due to committees not previously budgeting for the Final Action Code Hearings in Rochester, New York in May. Hand out revised budget.

Title 19 Rewrite by Fire Code Committee Letter submitted to the SFM's office. This letter has been received by the SFM and is scheduled to be discussed at the executive board meeting in Buellton.

Blueprint 2020 is the new statewide strategic training plan for the SFM certification programs. More information on the website.

There is a "Pension Protection" plan in place to work with the Governor on the issue of safety retirement benefits. There will be a twelve-member commission formed – Cal Chiefs will be participating on this commission.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Tonya Hoover advised that Rick Terry has advised that there is still room in many classes at the workshop. Please register ASAP and be sure to include your class registration form. Sam Husoe advised the Marriott is sold out for Tue/Wed/Thur – try the Royal Scandanavian in Solvang.

Sam Husoe also reminded us of the passing of Ted Wackerman. Ted was an outstanding member of the FPO organization and he will be missed. Our sincere sympathies go out to his family.

Sam Husoe advised that NFSA is putting on several classes on NFPA 25.

Rocque Yballa advised that there are many of the building and fire code committees members that do much of the work at mid-month meetings without attending the monthly meetings. He is actively

recruiting members for both of those committees so please contact Rocque if you are interested in participating.

Mike Stewart with Sac Metro requested that anyone having information on pervious concrete being used for fire access roads please contact him to discuss.

John Haberek advised that his boss reported that Angela Giuliani and Darren Drake did an excellent job of representing the organization at the recent Cal Chiefs planning workshop.

A member from San Jacquin County advised that they are not able to attend the meetings very often and that they appreciate the information disseminated thru the website, the monthly minutes and the listserve.

Diane from DSA advised that they are considering adding some field inspection to their plan review positions in order to make them more marketable. Many people seemed to agree that this was preferable to a plan-only job.

Lorin advised that the code committees had submitted their final revisions to the ICC code proposals by the January 24th date and were now preparing to attend the final action code hearings in Rochester in May.

Dan Najera advised that the code committees are working on the plan to merge Title 19 and the fire code.

Danielle Stefani advised that she has encountered some homeowners making biodiesel fuels at home using Methanol.

Steve Hart asked the group if they were reading the minutes now that they are arriving in electronic format. There was a spirited discussion after which it was decided that the electronic format will be delivered with the general membership minutes as a separate file from the individual committee minutes. They will all come in one e-mail as several attachments. This will allow people to keep up with the committees that they are most interested in without having to scroll thru the whole document to find what they are looking for.

Bill Greene advised that the Title 19 class is still being offered and is scheduled for several locations this year – the first being San Diego. See website for further information.

Danielle Stefani thanked Bill Greene and his fellow instructors for their great work on this class and recommended it highly.

Lorin Neyer advised that there are two more fire-resistive construction classes coming up 2/14 in Millbrae and 2/21 in Roseville.

Wes Arvin advised that UCD is retrofitting a fire pump and is looking for information on the interpretation of the requirement for a “reliable power source” for pumps.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Unfortunately, the afternoon presenter was unable to make today’s meeting so there was no afternoon program.

Thank you to Elk Grove Fire for an excellent meeting and raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1400 hours. Next meeting will be on February 23, 2007 in Woodland.

**Respectfully submitted,
Morgana Chan, Secretary**