



Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association

Darren Drake, President

May 18, 2007

Minutes- Monthly Membership Meeting-San Francisco

President Drake called the meeting to order at 0935. Sam Husoe, Past-President (South) conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Michi Kwan was appointed by President Drake as the Sergeant of Arms. Sam Husoe conducted the Pledge of allegiance.

President Drake introduced Captain Tom Hart of the San Francisco Fire Department, who stood in for our host Fire Marshal Barbra Schulties. Captain Hart welcomed us to San Francisco, and thanked the co-sponsors of the meeting, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, and IAFF Local 798. He also thanked NFSA, the SFPE, the vendors who set up booths at the meeting, and IAFF local 798 for their generous donations for our raffle.

President Drake recognized Chief Doug Williams, Liaison Chief to our parent organization.

President Drake asked Steve Hart to declare a quorum, so declared. Self-introductions were made.

The April Meeting Minutes were approved.

Neither the State Fire Marshal's Office, nor the Legislative Committee was represented at the meeting, so no report was given.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Jim Art announced that the SFPE is sponsoring classes on changes to NFPA 13 and 72 on August 9th. Flyers are being circulated.

Similarly, Sam Husoe indicated that NFSA are sponsoring NFPA 25 classes as well. He left flyers at the front table.

Eliot Gittleman asked what the difference is between the two tracks of training we our offering in our code classes. He was told by President Drake that one is in the fall, and one in the spring. President Drake reiterated his appeal from last month's meeting to sign up for these classes as soon as possible to prevent cutbacks and cancellations of classes.

Rick Rodewald reminded the group that the Oakland classes were cancelled due to the high cost of the venue.

George Laing displayed a "Red Flag", a number of which were purchased with grant money by the Diablo Fire Safe Council. The vendor's information is available on their web site if you are interested in purchasing the flags.

Ethan Foote indicated that the SFM web site has a new page for WUI information and links, as well as information on enforcing Chapter 7A of the CBC.

Bob Stetson brought more binders with their code comparison of the UFC and IFC. See him for a copy.

Doug Shackley thanked the group for their neutral position on SB544.

Steve Hart reminded the group that the 2002 NFPA Automatic Fire Sprinkler Installation Handbook covers all three standards (13, 13D, and 13R). The new handbook will only cover NFPA 13, and there will be separate handbooks for 13D and 13R.

Rick Rodewald indicated that he put a question about photovoltaic systems out to the LA Fire Marshal's list-serve, and got a good response. He also mentioned that Rodney Slaughter of the SFM's office has a presentation on this subject. President Drake mentioned that Kate Dargan has asked us to have our Fire Code and Building Standards Committees to look into developing guidelines/standards on this subject. Tom Harvey said that we really want to see consensus across the state on standards and approaches to these issues. This is consistent with SFM Dargan's emphasis, as well.

President Drake mentioned that the Executive Board met on the 17th and developed a draft budget for the membership's review. Copies are available at the front table. We will be voting on the budget at the next meeting. On a similar note, we have finally updated our constitution to bring the North's and South's constitutions into closer alignment. The changes are clearly marked in red and are available on our web site. We will also be voting on the changes to the constitution at our next meeting.

President Drake took a moment to recognize those members of our organization that are going to Rochester to attend the code hearings. These members, and in particular the members of the committees have put in a tremendous amount of work preparing for the hearings, and have our gratitude!

Rocque Yballa gave a run down on the plans for the hearings. The position papers have been released, and he indicated that the North and South are in almost (96%) complete alignment on our positions.

President Drake reminded the membership that next year, California (Palm Springs) will be hosting the ICC meeting. We expect a large California turnout for these meetings.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Brendan O'Leary of the San Francisco Fire Department showed a video of a press conference regarding the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Foundation. The foundation received seed money of \$100k from the IAFF Local 798. One of their goals is to track cancer occurrences in the fire service, and to screen their membership for early detection and prevention. They have teamed with UCSF Medical Center on these efforts.

Brendan introduced Dr. Arlene Blum, a chemist and author whose previous work was instrumental in banning cancer-causing fire retardant chemicals used in garments and home furnishings. She is continuing this work at UC Berkeley. She presented a slide show on mountaineering and basic chemistry as it relates to fire retardant chemicals and cancer.

Tom Harvey introduced SFFD Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, who welcomed us to San Francisco. She also mentioned the cancer foundation, as well as mentioning their Fire Marshal's work on firefighter use of elevators in high-rise building fires.

Adjourn at 1345

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott D. Alber, Secretary