



California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Prevention Officers Section
Southern Division

General Membership Meeting

Date: February 13, 2008

Location: Frank Hotchkins Training Center, Los Angeles

The following minutes were documented as noted below. The minutes are not intended to be an exact notation but are general in nature.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Ken Kraus	President
Vacant	1 st Vice-President
Robert Nolan	2 nd Vice-President
Doug Dupree	Treasurer
Jill Perumean	Secretary
Ian MacDonald	Operations
Mike Macey	Liaison Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1012 hours.

Flag Salute: Led by Ronny Coleman

Welcome: Fire Marshal Chief Hill, Los Angeles City Fire Department

Visiting Fire Chiefs: Mike Macey, Laguna Beach Fire Department

Recognition of Past Presidents: Sam Husoe and Penny Overstreet-Murphy were in attendance.

Self-Introductions: The group made self-introductions.

Determination of Quorum: Sam Husoe, Past President, declared a quorum.

Attendance: 45

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes pending CAFAA posting.

Board & Standing Committee Reports

Cal Chiefs

Mike Macey

At the strategic planning meeting at the end of January, our group was well represented by Ken Kraus, Morgana Chan and Christina Jameson, who emphasized fire prevention needs and goals. The 2008 Strategic Plan should be on the website next week.

Program Coordinator & Meeting Locations**Robert Nolan**

There will be no meeting in March due to the workshop; the next meeting will be April 9 in Anaheim, location tba. The topic will be local enforcement of the fire alarm apprenticeship program.

Treasurer's Report**Doug Dupree**

Since last year, we have posted \$48,000 to our bank account from the ICC classes, bringing our total balance to \$82,682. More than 2,000 members were trained in 10 classes over 11 months, thus providing affordable classes with a small profit for the FPOs.

Secretary's Report**Jill Perumean**

There were no minutes from January due to the joint meeting with CAFAA; see their website for minutes of the meeting.

Fire Service Training**Robert Nolan**

The 11-month training program was a success, but ongoing classes are needed. He wants future classes to reflect the needs of the group.

Equipment and Devices Committee**Ken Kraus**

They had a meeting on February 12 to further discuss the changes to NFPA 25, which was a continuation from the FPO meeting in July. There was much passionate discussion on the subject and it was decided changes need to be made.

Fire Code Committee**Christina Jameson**

The Fire and Building Committees have been working jointly and will be in Palm Springs next week for the Code Hearings. The South took on sections such as the IRC, means of egress, general height and area, hazmat and the WUI. There is concern over the L occupancies and regulating private research labs. See the Building Standards Commission website for proposals.

Public Education**Penny Overstreet-Murphy**

They last met in Rancho Cucamonga on February 12; the main topic of discussion was a video for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students. Their next meeting will be April 8.

Legislative Committee**Ken Kraus**

The main focus right now is getting reconnected with the North.

Workshop Committee**Penny Overstreet-Murphy**

The workshop is next month from March 10-14; classes are still open and you can still register. The registration fee is \$350 and includes the banquet on Thursday. The schedule may have some alterations, so verify class times when arriving in Buellton. They have a contract with the Marriott until 2009 and may extend it two years after that. It is a challenge to find a venue big enough that is centrally located to the North and South.

WUI**Rolland Crawford**

He emphasized the importance of attending the Code Hearings, although lots of hard and intense work, a very worthwhile experience. The WUI portion of the Code Hearings will begin on February 26. At the Buellton Workshop, they will be offering a class focusing on landscape vegetation on March 11.

Nominations Committee**Ian MacDonald**

He announced that Adria Paesani of Fountain Valley was the winner of the Board elections held in December; she will be inducted into the position of Director of Operations at the banquet on Thursday at the Workshop.

President's Message**Ken Kraus**

The Code Hearings are a very important two weeks; participation is essential in making the codes better. ICC is reviewing the system for making changes to the codes.

Allied Committees/Organizations**SFM**

They have lots of information on their website and you can link to theirs through the Fire Prevention Officers' website.

NFSA**Sam Husoe**

He announced that this was his last meeting as he is retiring; they are currently interviewing for his replacement.

CAFAA**Ron Dalton**

They will have a booth in Buellton and will be raffling a large screen television again this year; you must be present to win. The minutes from the annual meeting in January will soon be posted to their website.

CALBO**Ken Kraus**

At December's meeting, Gene Paolini gave an overview of their agenda. They moved their annual conference in March so that it would not conflict with the Workshop so we can participate.

ICC**Tim Ryan, Barbara Koffron, John LaTorra**

Tim Ryan discussed the operational details of the Board members and gave an update on hot topics for the Code Hearings. Barbara Koffron spoke about the schedule of the Code Hearings, especially the WUI date. She also addressed the debate regarding ionization verses photoelectric smoke detectors. John LaTorra emphasized training and the ongoing partnership with the FPOs. Tim Ryan also fielded questions from the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All members were encouraged to attend the Code Hearings, even if for one day.

NEW BUSINESS

Ronny Coleman

Ronny Coleman discussed the revamping of the certification process; see the SFM website for details. He also discussed a DVD he created dispelling the myths of fire sprinklers and providing information on residential fire sprinkler systems. He brought a box of them for distribution to the membership. He also stated that there will be a discussion in Buellton regarding engineered wood products.

Los Angeles City Fire Chief Barry thanked the group for all of the hard work and extended his welcome to LA as well.

Page Dougherty, on behalf of the CSFA Fire and Life Safety Committee, presented Kevin Scott with the William A. Goss Fire and Life Safety Award.

The ICC Board presented a new ICC Chapter Member banner to the Executive Board on behalf of the membership.

III. EXCHANGE OF IDEAS:

IV. LUNCH:

V. PROGRAM:

The program was Fire Protection Systems and the CBC by Steve Ikkanda of ICC.

VI. RAFFLE AND ADJOURNMENT:

Eddie Gamboa of Beverly Hills had his business card drawn; it will be added to others collected from each meeting in a raffle at the end of the year to win a free admission to the workshop in Buellton. Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

VII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on April 9 in Anaheim; location TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Perumean, Secretary

