

**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

**Locations:** Las Vegas: *College of Southern NV (CSN) ,3200 West Cheyenne*  
Reno: *Regional Training Center, 5190 Spectrum Blvd., Rm110*  
Elko: *Great Basin College, 1500 College Pkwy, High Tech Center, Rm 137*  
**Attendees:** Available upon request

President Reginald McCollins called the meeting to order at 1305 hours with Elko and Las Vegas connected via interactive video. Reno connected approximately 10 minutes later.

**WELCOME** to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members, with special appreciation to Industry member Gene Neely, of Spears Manufacturing, who is offering today's training presentation.

**TRAINING PRESENTATION**

Residential sprinklers--What to look for when inspecting the installation of CPVC piping, presented by Gene Neely, of Spears Manufacturing. Members in attendance will receive certificates detailing 0.1 Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) earned.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

No minutes from December to accept.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick Rozier gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 12/27/07 is \$37,191.86.

**Strategic Plan Status Report**

Saturday, January 12, an open meeting was held to develop the new strategic plan. FPAN members Gloria Heatherington, Reggie McCollins, Michelle Peltier, Rick Rozier, Steve Shacklett, Terry Taylor, and Meghan VanNess created a document which will be presented to the membership via e-mail within the next two weeks.

Focus of the new strategic plan builds on the structure and success of the previous document, with emphasis on increased momentum, emphasis on training, partnerships (i.e. geographically and multi-disciplinary), programmatic support, efficiency (i.e. communication and technology), planning, and accountability.

**Nevada State Fire Marshal's (SFM's) Report**

Chad Hastings, Asst. State Fire Marshal reported that the SFM—moments ago—received the green light from the Legislative Council Bureau to pursue adoption of the 2006 International Fire Code as the State's minimal Fire and Life Safety standard. Lt. Hastings referenced a recently publicized letter from SFM Jim Wright, which states their intent,

“...due to limited time and funding, to just make the necessary changes in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC’s) to reflect the adoption of the 2006 IFC and IBC along with some minor clean-up language”. An open meeting will be announced; intended date 16 days away.

### **National Code Services Association (formerly UFCA)**

Pres. McCollins reported speaking with Sharon Grafton of the NCSA to get a report on the upcoming NFPA conference in June of 2008.

Sec. Michelle Peltier asked if the membership would like FPAN to host a training course based on public assembly fire and life safety. The membership indicated interest; V.P. Steve Shacklett and Peltier will pursue.

### **International Code Council**

Educode takes place Feb. 25-29. As with the upcoming NFPA World Expo Conference this year, FPAN does not plan to co-host any event, but all members are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the training and networking.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Youth Firesetter Intervention Program:***

Pres. McCollins reported that the program is in full gear.

#### ***NFPA Risk Watch Program:***

Program Manager Sherri Wilcox reported that, as many are now aware, NFPA is discontinuing the trademarked “RiskWatch” (RW) program. FPAN previously selected RW as the base curriculum for its injury-reduction program. Recommendations submitted to change the injury-reduction program name so that it is not RiskWatch focused. The curriculum itself is very beneficial; FPAN may have an opportunity to purchase and stock up on the remaining RiskWatch manuals from NFPA. Wilcox is still working on implementing an injury-reduction program into the school systems, and many FPAN-member communities use and benefit from the RW Curriculum.

#### ***Sesame Street:***

Cedric Williams and Meghan VanNess have graciously offered to co-chair the event. They have secured the University venue once again. In appreciation of the venue and the extensive effort the university students contribute to the program, FPAN historically donates \$1,000. The program itself is self-supporting.

#### ***Golf Tournament Committee:***

Chairman Greg Crawford was not able to attend the meeting. Committee will consult w/E-board to discuss whether or not FPAN will have a tournament this year.

#### ***Fireworks Committee:***

Dennis Bergquist reported that the Fireworks committee meets this month with fireworks wholesalers, etc. regarding the Safe and Sane Fireworks. The wholesalers may be asked to support the program financially.

### **Association Correspondence**

Pres. McCollins reported that the correspondence sent to association members is reviewed prior to being sent. If it is prevalent to the membership it will be forwarded, including the Coffee Break Training sent by the U. S. Fire Administration.

### **Old Business**

No discussion.

### **New Business**

Sign-up sheet is available for members wishing to enroll in the February NFA Training class. More info. available on the State Fire Marshal's Training Calendar.

Pres. McCollins emphasized that we need all members input—knowledge and suggestions. Be creative! Please contact him via email for optimal follow through. Members are especially encouraged to remember that the strength of the Association depends on interaction with all valued members—fire, building, industry, etcetera.

An “inspector’s forum” was suggested and supported for future meetings. Elko indicated that firefighters may be aiding in their inspection program. Training support will likely be needed from FPAN.

The northern region will begin planning a fundraiser or fundraisers to support FPAN programs. Options will be discussed at the Training Luncheon hosted next week in Sparks (Smoke Mitigation in High-Rise Buildings). Possibilities include a golf tournament in Northern NV and a statewide fire prevention calendar (tasteful!).

Sherri Wilcox just returned from Fire Prevention and Safety Grant reviews. She noted that the match required for the Grants may prevent small fire departments from applying. FPAN could potentially help these departments implement fire and life safety programs by donating funds for future grant-matches. This would also be a great way to generate new ideas.

### **Good & Welfare of the Association**

Vice Pres. Steve Shacklett contacted Firewear regarding FPAN apparel. The company not only has a quality product for a competitive price, a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to FPAN.

**NEXT MEETING** Wed., March 19, 2008. Interactive Video. Exact locations t.b.a.

President McCollins entertained a motion to adjourn. Dale Way motioned; Lucas Bartlett seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1500.