



MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Locations: Las Vegas: *UNLV, Classroom Bldg. Complex (CBC), Bldg. B, Rm. 117*
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 Las Vegas and Reno connected via interactive video. Elko connected in approximately 10 minutes.

WELCOME to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members, with special appreciation to today's presenter: Dave Nichols, International Code Council Staff Liaison. Introduction of and welcome to visitors: Jay Gunsauls—USFA Instructor & Retired Fire Chief, and Jay Cwiak—Operator and Paramedic with Sierra Fire Protection District.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Svoboda to accept the minutes, attendees were in agreement. No further comments or questions.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Rozier gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 02/29/08 is \$34,442.76.

Steve Shacklet explained the process and expenses for setting up availability of FPAN apparel with Firewear. The graphic is now complete; 2 sample shirts were issued with fast turn-a-round (less than a week). Another meeting is pending to establish financial contributions to FPAN [made by Firewear when apparel is purchased].

Strategic Plan Status Report

The new Strategic Plan was presented to the membership via e-mail last week. The document was developed during the open meeting held January 12, 2008. President McCollins stressed that the document is a living document, open to evaluation and change. FPAN has nearly 400 members—Your active participation is needed and encouraged. Please review the new Strategic Plan and provide your input! Members

especially need to convey their training desires and let us know if you have/know sources for training opportunities.

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.

Executive-Board Nominations

President McCollins entertained the following nominations for Vice President and Treasurer; nominations will also be accepted via email through April 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. An E-board member will call each nominee to verify his/her acceptance prior to opening the election process.

Vice President Nominations:

- 1) Wayne Daily, Clark County Fire Department
- 2) Steve Shacklett, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Treasurer Nominations:

- 1) Fred Weschelberger, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
- 2) Lori De Gristina, DPS Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Discussion ensued regard the process for breaking a tie. If there were originally more than two candidates, members recommend re-opening the election process with only the tied candidates on the ballot. This will ensure no one's vote gets "washed out". Pres. McCollins stated that the decision will be based upon review of the Bylaws.

Reports from Member Agencies

National Code Services Association (formerly UFCA) www.ncsaonline.net

NCSA has provided a training brochure, and offered to provide a free class, due to FPAN's Chapter affiliation. A class on public assembly fire and life safety is in the works—possibly for September. NCSA will hold its annual meeting June 1-2 in Las Vegas at the NFPA Conference, and encourages membership/participation from all FPAN affiliates.

Nevada State Fire Marshal's (SFM's) Report www.nv.state.fire.us

Fred Pascual, Plans Examiner for the State Fire Marshal Office reported that bills to adopt the 2006 International Fire Code as the State's minimal Fire and Life Safety standard are being reviewed by the State Legislature.

International Fire Marshals Association

Stephen Sawyer of IFMA may need assistance from FPAN members during the NFPA World Expo, Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas during the first week of June. Please contact Pres. Reginald McCollins if you will be able to assist and attend. Thank you to Scott Alquist, Truckee Meadows Community College Program Manager and to Dave Ruben, North Tahoe Fire District Battalion Chief-Fire Marshal for volunteering already.

International Code Council

www.iccsafe.org

Dave Nichols, Staff Liaison for ICC, reported:

- 1) Code hearings on residential Sprinklers finished in Palm Springs. Support was garnered for multi-family dwellings, but several other initiatives were defeated in the Palm Springs preliminary hearing. The final action hearing is scheduled in the Fall in Minneapolis.
- 2) ICC offers free evaluation services/reports available to all on Website (above). This site can help all entities determine whether/not a given product [of those submitted for ICC determination] meets ICC approval as being code compliant.
- 3) ICC is expanding accreditation offerings to encompass training. This is a natural, credible extension as ICC is affiliated with several other top accreditation agencies worldwide.
- 4) ICC's major Congressional initiative is to secure a grant program targeting Building Safety/Code Compliance. This is the first potential opportunity for building officials to receive federal grant funding, possibly similar to the Fire Act Grants. They have secured several sponsors, and are soliciting support from all ICC Chapters.
- 5) ICC will have a booth at the upcoming NFPA World Expo Conference in June—They looks forward to seeing FPAN members there!

Committee Reports

Youth Firesetter Intervention Program:

Program Director's Report (Southern Nevada Program): 11 families registered in January; 24 in February; only 13 of the 24 registered in March will attend. The others were turned away for legal reasons due to incomplete paperwork from referring agencies. 3 families failed and will have to come back. 64 youths/families referred during first quarter. The fire-risk assessment team completed 2 court-ordered assessments this year.

Zach Collins questioned the growing negative balance in the Youth Firesetter Intervention account. The E-board explained that—due to the deficit—the Association will not be continuing monthly payments to the YFS account. FPAN will give a one-time donation of \$10,000 to the program. The YFS Program has grown substantially, and will become its own foundation. The advisory board for the new group has already been established, and partnership with FPAN will continue. Future financial support by FPAN will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Washoe County Report: The program is growing, inclusive of youth attending and support staff. Last Thursday—the seventh Washoe County group intervention class—saw 7 youth participants and their parents/guardians. The class up to this point had averaged 3 youth monthly; it is held every 2nd Thursday of the month. Staff is pleased to announce the involvement of Sparks Fire Dept., as well as the potential involvement of Sierra Fire Protection District. The Washoe County program is grateful for the training and support provided by the Southern NV program. To date, the Northern program has not requested any FPAN funding. Support to assist with data collection will be requested in the future. The E-board pledged support for the program.

Sesame Street:

The event date has been moved from spring to fall. This is easier for teachers, and the proximity to Fire Prevention Month week will enhance the message. The process of securing the venue is underway. This year's Sesame Street program seeks to involve the targeted participants in the planning process as well as the event.

Golf Tournament Committee:

A 2008 Southern Fundraiser is uncertain. Northern Nevada may host a golf tournament fundraiser. [Great news from after the meeting! Special thanks to Inspector Pat Mooneyhan of Reno Fire Department for volunteering to Chair the first-ever Northern Nevada FPAN Golf Tournament. **To help make this a big success, please contact** Inspector Mooneyhan via Email at mooneyhanp@ci.reno.nv.us

Fireworks Committee:

Dennis Bergquist reported that the Fireworks committee met recently with the two major fireworks wholesalers regarding the Southern Nevada Safe and Sane Fireworks program. One company has some problems to work out. Program Manager Bergquist requested that the wholesalers help subsidize the FPAN Website. In order for their links to remain, the wholesalers indicated agreement.

Old Business

E-mails:

Has your email address changed? Please let an E-Board member know if we need to update our information. Email is the primary method of Association communication. Of nearly 400 members, only a few have been providing input. Please let us know what you need and help be part of the solution!

Training:

What training will help you? FPAN Chapter affiliations afford many training opportunities. Some are free. Concern was expressed re: difficulty members have getting the approval of their agencies to attend training. Pres. McCollins encourages all members to tell their departments what is needed, and ask FPAN to provide it so everyone benefits. All efforts will be made to communicate with the decision makers of each organization to help support member needs.

Elko:

Mike Hecht, FPAN's Region III Representative, is in need of assistance with training. What level of participation and other factors will play into FPAN hosting Central NV training? The training committee and E-board will work with Region III to help identify what's needed, target audience, and available resources.

National Fire Sprinkler Association:

www.nfsa.org

Doyle Sutton, Southwest Regional Manager, presented training options available through NFSA. There are several options, including in-class and Web-based instruction. As a

class host, FPAN has no financial commitment and receives some free seats. A registration fee is charged on an individual basis. FPAN could, instead, choose to sponsor the entire class. Check the Website above for course listings and details, and let your FPAN representative know what you'd like to see offered in Nevada.

TRAINING PRESENTATIONS (Summary to be posted on Website as Appendix)

ICC Smart Codes:

Automated code compliance checking for the I-Codes and Federal, state and locally adopted versions of those codes; Info: <http://www.iccsafe.org/SMARTcodes/index.html>

Open Forum: For questions/benefit from shared experiences on issues faced in the field. Due to lack of time, only one topic was presented, regarding UL 300 compliance.

NEXT MEETING

Wed., May 21, 2008. Interactive Video

President McCollins entertained a motion to adjourn. Steve Shacklett motioned; Dan Bushkin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1455.