



**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

**Location:** Las Vegas: College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus  
North Reno: Regional Training Center

**Attendees:** Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 13:05 by FPAN President Reggie McCollins.

**VISITORS**

Dana Decosta, Mike Austin, and Caesar Sandoval from Siemens.  
Jim Avanzino from Commercial Wireless Systems International.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Drake Cherry to accept the minutes from the April 27, 2011 meeting and seconded by Wayne Dailey. With no objections, the motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT** - *Sylvia Lee*

Sylvia gave the treasurer report through May 31. The bank account amount is available on request.

**MEMBER AGENCY**

**International Fire Marshals Association**

Sherri Wilcox reported that she represented FPAN at the NFPA Conference. Twenty-four states were represented and each gave a two minute report. There were two common threads between most states: 1) due to the budget problems nationwide, most departments are financially stressed and fire prevention is considered a luxury; and 2) residential sprinklers have been pushed through but there is no real training or quality assurance in place. Because of that, there is a lot of poor quality which has resulted in several residential systems significantly damaging houses. The industry has come back with a "See – we told you" attitude and a few states have repealed their residential sprinkler laws. We really need to promote all three "E's" with an emphasis on education, not just engineering and enforcement.

Reggie followed up saying he will forward a “Toolkit for Fire Prevention” e-mail that will help educate and promote fire prevention. With firefighters being laid off, there may be a resistance from suppression.

**National Code Services Association  
International Code Council**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fireworks** - *Dennis Bergquist*

Las Vegas, Clark County, and North Las Vegas inspections start Monday. July 21<sup>st</sup>, he will be attending the AFSL. There may be some criteria changes coming, possibly as a direct result of their efforts. He will give a report next FPAN meeting. Las Vegas Fire will start Public Service Announcements with media on Friday while Clark County Fire will have theirs on Thursday. Bev Bolton asked if FPAN can do our own press conference PSA.

**Training** - *Ed Kaminski*

Ed said he has been very busy with Clark County Fire Department training and hasn't had spare time to set up more. He is trying to set up a fire pump class in July – due to his being so busy, Reggie will work on getting the class set up.

Clark County Building Department is hosting a 2009 IFC Southern Nevada Fire Code Amendments class on Tuesday, June 28. There will be two classes: 0800-1100 and 1300-1600. The class is free for ICC Members and \$20 for all others. .3 CEUs will be offered. Contact Stephanie Beckman at [snicc.org@gmail.com](mailto:snicc.org@gmail.com) to register.

**Public Education** – *Bev Bolton*

Bev suggested FPAN hold a drowning awareness campaign as we are going into summer months. Bev is willing to head it up. If anyone wants to volunteer and help her, please let her know.

**Golf Tournament** –

As our golf tournament has been put on hold again, we do not have an active committee or report.

**ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Officer Elections** –

Offices up for election currently are President, Secretary, Industry Representative, Region 1 Representative, Region 2 Representative, and Region 3 Representative. Nominations were received for and accepted by:

President: Reggie McCollins  
Secretary: Fred Wechselberger  
Industry Representative: Teresa Jackson  
Region 1 Representative: None  
Region 2 Representative: Terry Taylor  
Region 3 Representative: Mike Hecht

As the only nominations received were for those people listed and each position had no opposition, there was discussion about just appointing those people. Drake Cherry made a motion to appoint those who had received nominations and seconded by Wayne Dailey. With no objections, the motion carried.

Bev Bolton nominated Cedric Williams to the currently vacant Region 1 Representative. Ed Kaminski indicated that President McCollins has the power to appoint that position. After Bev called Cedric to confirm his acceptance of the position, President McCollins appointed Cedric Williams.

**Membership Dues –**

We have been receiving them. We are even getting new members. Thank you! We will be soon adjusting our e-mail list and unpaid members will be considered “not in good status” and will be removed from the e-mail distribution list.

**Bylaws –**

We still need volunteers for a committee. We need to tweak our bylaws to reflect what we’re actually doing. We want to do what’s right and reflect that in our bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Treasurer Sylvia Lee made a motion to start a website committee to work on the website. The motion was seconded by Public Education Chair Bev Bolton. Having no objections, the motion carried and members immediately volunteered. Sylvia will be the chairperson. Volunteers included Bev Bolton, Shannon Pike, Teresa Jackson, Dave Klein, and Ralph Glitton. Thank you volunteers!

Sylvia then made a motion to form a bylaws committee. Norm Peterson seconded the motion and having no objections, the motion carried. Again, we immediately had members volunteer. Thank you! Volunteers include Steve Dieter, Shannon Pike and Mike Svoboda.

**GOOD AND WELFARE FOR THE ASSOCIATION**

Norm Peterson thanked Steve Dieter for stepping up and helping with the Sesame Street program. FPAN used to have 26 public safety events per year. We had every industry and fire department represented. This has dwindled tremendously and we are close to ending. We need everyone’s help to ensure our survival.

Steve extended his appreciation to the entire Sesame Street committee. Everyone did a great job and put on a great event. There were lots of volunteers and over 80 people attended. All feedback received was positive. Thank you to those volunteers and to the Sesame Street committee.

President McCollins thanked everyone for their membership and warns everyone to “hang on”. We are moving forward with training, CEUs, public education and members are going to want to be a part of it!

Dave Klein wanted to let everyone know that on the FPAN website [www.fpanevada.org](http://www.fpanevada.org), there is section for Southern Nevada Code Committee. This area has a lot of information including code interpretations, code proposal forms, and consensus guidelines.

Pete from up north mentioned Governor Sandoval has created the Fire Services Training Bureau. The reformulated Board will include a fire prevention position. Statute requires that a chief nominate you for the position. Pete is going to get the information to President McCollins and he will soon forward it. The website is <http://fire.state.nv.us/Training.shtml>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dave Klein made a motion to adjourn was made at 14:00 and was seconded by Cedric Williams. Meeting adjourned.

There was then a 30 minute presentation on wireless fire detection systems from Jim Avanzino of Commercial Wireless Systems International. His number is (775)742-1119. Jim’s e-mail is [jim.avanzino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim.avanzino@sbcglobal.net) or [cwsiwireless@att.net](mailto:cwsiwireless@att.net).

Peter Mulvihill, Assistant Fire Marshal for North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, then gave part I-B of Fire Protection for Storage Facilities Series Code Specific High-Rack Storage & Commodity Types.