



Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado
June 4, 2010
Meeting Minutes

The business meeting was held at the Golden Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Lowrey at 12:30 p.m.

M/S Ben Greene/Marc Sampson to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2010 meeting. Motion passed.

Administrative Report

President: *Dave Lowrey*

The training room at Golden Fire has an occupant load of approximately 62 people. There were 55 RSVP's for this meeting. There was discussion about requiring members to RSVP by the Friday prior to the meeting so that we have time to change the venue if we need to find a larger room.

ICC posted a memo on their website seeking nominations for awards. The deadline is June 15 if you would like to nominate an exemplary individual or group.

Vice President: *Ed Van Walraven*

Ed is on his way to Las Vegas for the NFPA Conference. No report at this time.

Secretary: *Jackie Pike*

When sending emails to Jackie for FMAC distribution, it would be helpful to put "FMAC" in the subject line.

Past President: *Rob Geislinger*

No report at this time.

Correspondence:

Dave received numerous requests for FMAC support for several ICC Board positions. FMAC has not supported candidates outside of the State in the past. We have made exceptions for special people who were involved with our organization. There was discussion about the Colorado Chapter and if they endorse candidates. Their next meeting is on June 18 and they are not sure if they are going to endorse anyone.

FMAC received a thank you note from FLSEC for our contribution to their conference in April.

Treasurer Report: *Marla Wilcox*

Marla found a mistake on the March Treasurer's report and noted an addendum to the report adding \$99.97 dated 6/2/10. M/S Rob Geislinger/Dennis Soles to approve the March report, as amended. Motion passed.

The June report is pretty standard. We made a donation for Erin (CBI's Arson Dog) to go to the National Dog Monument. We received \$8,000 from CCICC. And, we still have approximately \$1,500 coming out for the Code Hearings in Dallas. Our ending balance for this report is \$34,383.67. M/S Gerry George/Greg Wheeler to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committees

Fire Investigator's Section: *Howard Hardy*

No report.

Fire Safety Educators: *Tracey Tailor*

FLSEC had a very successful conference in April. They have very good support from FMAC, not only from our donation, but also from departments sending people to attend the conference. They had attendees from 24 states and 2 provinces in Canada for a total of 145 people. The Rocky Mountain Fire Alarm Association was also very supportive.

Tracey started a discussion regarding the recent fire in Denver that had a fatality. Denver Fire issued a citation for not conducting emergency evacuation drills. She would like to know more about how they applied this citation. If you have any information on this subject please contact her. Tracey was requested to report back any information she receives.

Code Committee: *Mike Del'Orfano*

Eleven FMAC members attended the Final Action Hearings in Dallas last May. There were also 14 or 15 Colorado Chapter members at the hearings. There were approximately 120 votes cast at any one time for the Fire Code and 110 votes cast at any one time for the Building Code. Colorado made a significant contribution at the Code Hearings.

There is one more Final Action Hearing in the fall in Charlotte, NC. We may have concerns regarding the energy code provisions due to the government (Dept. of Energy). There are also some areas in the Administrative Codes that we will need to look at. We budgeted for two people to attend if we want to send someone.

The 2012 Code is scheduled to be published in 2011 so that jurisdictions can adopt it in 2012. The next round of Code hearings will start in January 2012.

Anything from the Baltimore Hearings that did not have a public comment was passed as it was previously voted on. Significant changes to the IFC include:

- items on roofs (e.g. LP gas, roof gardens, etc.)
- traffic calming must be approved by a fire code official
- radio amplification appendix from 2009 is now in the body of the Code
- solar voltaic installations

- required notification to fire departments when fire alarm monitoring contracts are disconnected
- certification programs for fire alarm installers and fire extinguisher service companies
- additional fire extinguisher requirements
- smoke detection requirements in R-2 buildings
- requirements for CO alarms
- keeping flue spaces open in high piled combustible storage areas

Significant changes to the IRC include:

- sprinkler changes from 2009 will remain in the Code
- provisions for protection of floor assemblies to protect firefighters
- reduced setbacks for houses that are sprinklered
- self closing doors for separation between garages and houses

Significant change to the IBC: labeling of fire barriers and smoke barriers will remain in the Code.

Mike has been the chairman of the Code Committee for the past seven years. He would like to remain on the Committee, but feels it is time for someone else to take the position. If you are interested, please contact Dave Lowrey. This position takes a lot of effort and is hard work, but it is also very rewarding.

Education Committee: *Marc Sampson/ Mark Waller*

Marc Sampson reported that the Educational Institute committee met yesterday. They need to formulate the FMAC tracks for the Institute. We have two tracks to fill. Marc is in charge of printing for the classes, for our two tracks. No course is sacred at this time and he is open for suggestions. FLSEC sent a proposal and requested Thursday for their class. Some proposals came in on topics such as: hazmat, existing buildings, significant changes to NFPA 13, significant changes to NFPA 72 with a ½ day on acceptance testing, and photo voltaic systems. Marc is working on filling all of the slots.

Dave Waller reported that Ray Bizal will be coming back for the September meeting. He will present a class on teaching code officials how to promote residential sprinklers to groups such as realtors, builders, and special interest groups. Let Dave W. know if you have any suggestions for future training topics. Some topics that he has on his list include: alternatives to fire alarm systems, FM Global changes to sprinklers, Colorado Environmental Taskforce, and the new green building code.

Legislation: *Rob Geislinger*

This has been a busy session.

- SB-84 was killed. It would have created a two tier system for fire departments, as well as, other governmental agencies.
- HB-1123 was passed. It regards class 4 arson burning in a wildland area. It now defines agricultural burns.
- HB-1241 was passed. This Bill requires registration for pipe fitters. There are regulations with regard to certification. It allows multipurpose systems to be installed by

plumbers, and requires systems with backflow preventors to be installed by certified pipe fitters.

- HB-1399 was passed. This cleaned up the language to say that the fire service could contact CBI for assistance when they need it. It also requires fire departments to notify local law enforcement when they ask for assistance from CBI.
- HB-1018 was passed. It is an increased fee to dispose of tires in waste tire facilities. Fire departments with waste tire facilities in their areas can get grant money for training.

Ad-Hoc Residential Sprinkler Committee: *Mike Del'Orfano*

This committee met awhile ago. They created a second recommendation document which aligns with HB-1241. Paul Cooke has it posted on the State Chiefs website. Scott Pribble is stepping down as the chair of this committee, Einar Jensen will take over. Members are encouraged to get on the committee. Email Mike if you would like to get on the committee or if you have any questions.

IFC Prep Class: *Ben Greene*

No report at this time. Work will begin again this fall.

CSFCFA: *Ron Biggers*

Einar and Ron are working together on the "Ready-Set-Go" public education piece. Einar is working on adding State insignia's. The goal is to get a uniform message out by all fire departments and other agencies state-wide. This includes wildfire prevention, mitigation efforts, etc. Uniformity could help us obtain more grant money in the future.

Colorado Chapter ICC: *Gerry George*

They have two "give a day" projects. They will be at the Girl Scout Camp in Rye tomorrow and at Wilderness on Wheels in July. Their next meeting is on June 18 in Frisco. Please note that the 2010 Educational Institute will start on the week of February 28, 2011 instead of the first week of March.

Division of Fire Safety: *Rob Geislinger*

They are in the process of hiring a code official.

Regional Reports:

NCFMA:

They are in transition at this time because Holger Durre resigned from the Board. They are meeting every other month and their next meeting is in July in Brighton. They will determine if they will have their annual training conference in November at this meeting.

Mountain Marshals: *Ron Biggers*

Their last meeting was on May 7 in Eagle. Uponor did a presentation on multipurpose sprinkler systems and Spears did a presentation on CPVC. Dave Lowrey and Keith Dix attended this meeting and it was very good. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 7. It will probably be held in Rifle.

Old Business:

Code of Ethics: nothing new to report at this time.

The audit of FMAC's books should happen this month. Marla will report at our next meeting.

New Business:

Scott Pringle has been designated as the State representative for the Vision 20/20 conference in Baltimore, June 27-28.

Information Sharing:

Rob Geislinger discussed comments that many people make about side-by-side sprinkler demos. The comment was "do I want my home destroyed by fire or by water?" He noted that Mike Del Orfano responded to that comment by noting where the fire is also going (outside the window, into the hallway, etc.).

There is a fire muster at Arapahoe Community College on June 19. Littleton is building the burned side of the demo. Marc Sampson will bring the sprinkler side.

Dave Lowrey discussed FMAC support with regard to NFPA committee membership. FMAC will support three members for one year, for one meeting. FMAC support depends on code cycles and how many people request support. We typically support anything dealing with fire systems. We have a list of committees that we support, but it's been awhile since we revised it. We may need to revisit the list. Let the Code Committee Chair know if you get on an NFPA Committee so the budget can be looked at and trips can be coordinated.

Keith Dix reported that the Level IV Nicet is out for beta. You can test for free right now, but the time frame is limited.

Adjournment:

M/S Marc Sampson/Jerry Stricker to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Motion carried.