

**Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter
Meeting Minutes: December 2004**

Vice-President Del Holm called the meeting, held on Monday, December 6, 2004, to order at 12:01 PM with 24 individuals in attendance.

Self-introductions were given by the members and guests present.

Old Business

1. Minutes from the September, 2004 meeting were approved by those present with no corrections noted.

New Business

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Checking account:
 - i) General fund: \$1955.27
 - ii) Scholarship fund: \$2220.89
 - iii) Total \$4176.16
2. SFPE national has forwarded materials for review and response by the local members including the following:
 - a) They are looking for a chapter history.
 - b) Access to a website for the chapter is being offered. This will require a local Webmaster to maintain the site. It is proposed that the Executive committee convene to discuss this issue and make recommendations to the membership.
 - c) Issues related to the National P.E. exam, contents of the exam and local licensing issues.
3. Debra Fontenot requested that anyone wishing to have a business card advertisement in the monthly newsletter send his or her card and \$30 to Treasurer Roger Tate who will forward the card to Debra.
4. Del Holm suggested that a list of contact information for local individuals who are also members of SFPE national be distributed to the current members to boost participation on the local chapter.
5. Roger Tate will coordinate and present an Ethics Seminar to satisfy the Texas Board of Professional Engineers renewal requirement for the 2005 fiscal year. The seminar will be presented in conjunction with a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. After some discussion, Jay Cash made a motion to charge \$15 for members and \$40 for

non-members to attend the seminar, including lunch. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. The April meeting is scheduled to be held at DFW airport. The topic of discussion is the performance based design incorporated into the new Terminal D. The exact date has not been confirmed yet.
7. The "Human Behavior in Fires" seminar discussed at the November meeting is currently being proposed for the summer of 2005. John Gillette will send a letter to Professors Milke and Bryan in the next couple of weeks.
8. John Gillette distributed a survey provided by SFPE national regarding local chapter activities. Mr. Gillette requested that members review the survey so it can be filled out at the next meeting and returned to SFPE national.
9. The members discussed whether the chapter should present awards to members, individuals, etc. No decisions were made and further discussion will be presented at future meetings.
10. David Kerr announced that he would be attending the State Fire Marshal Advisory Task Group meeting in Austin on December 7, 2004. The committee is discussing changes to the licensing rules for fire alarm and sprinkler contractors. David is a member of the committee and will provide a report to the membership at the January 2005 SFPE meeting.
11. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2005.
12. Charlie Barouth introduced the speaker, Mr. Rick Swift with System Sensor. Mr. Swift provided information on a new product that System Sensor is developing. The product provides directional sound as part of an alarm notification system to aid individuals in locating exits while evacuating in an emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Izbicki, Secretary