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Web Site : <http://www.fire.ca.gov/>**AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE****MEETING ACCOUNT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2004**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Meeting Attendees

Mike Richwine, Chair
Patty Williams, Advisor
James Parsegian, Program Coordinator
Yvonne Costa, Program Assistant
Fred Benn, Sprinkler Contractor AFSE/NFSA
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD
Sam Husoe, NFSA
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin
Wayne Martin, FSAB
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire & Safety
Steve Hart, NAS-IP
Jim Feld, Feld Engineering

Members Absent

Bruce Lecair, Woodland FD
Robert Raymer, CBIA
Barry Sigal, industry rep
Massoud Araghi, Ventura County
Jaymae Wentker, City of Mountain View

Guests

Leslie Haberek, SFM Code Development
Rodney Slaughter, SFM Code Development
Ray Bizal, NFPA

Approval of Minutes

Mike Richwine called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. at the OSFM's Headquarters conference room in Sacramento. Chair, Mike Richwine asked for additions or corrections or approval of the minutes of January 07,2004. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS- WORK GROUP ISSUES

UL 300 Update

James Parsegian spoke about the current UL 300 Bulletin dated 06/16/04, that was added to the OSFM web page. Minor wording revisions were made to the third paragraph of the bulletin. The changes are reflected in the sentence below:

Until such time as the proposed regulations are in place ~~the following~~ these guidelines should be acceptable to the AHJ:...

The UL 300 Bulletin originated from a request that was received from the California Fire Chief's Association asking for guidance regarding wording that would address changing out the non UL 300 dry chem systems for the new updated systems that can extinguish the new cooking medium.

Contractor State Licensing Board (CSLB) Update

James shared a complaint form that is found in the CSLB handbook. The form is for local jurisdictions having problems with CSLB contractors. An Memorandum Of Understanding will be written between CSLB and OSFM, allowing the complaint form to be placed on OSFM's website, so that the local jurisdictions may use it when situations arise regarding complaints against contractors

NFPA 25/ Title 19 Changes

Jim Feld gave a power point presentation on the adoption of NFPA 25 vs. existing Title 19. He explained the similarities as well as the differences between these two. He informed the committee that NFPA 25 has had four revisions since the early 1980's where Title 19 has not changed in 20+ years. He stated the workgroup would like to amend Title19 to adopt portions of NFPA 25 to include the more detailed inspection, testing and maintenance components found in NFPA 25. This would remove the confusing, conflicting building requirements that currently exists regarding existing as well as new buildings requiring sprinkler systems. The workgroup will begin phase two, creating forms that will be accepted by all involved. The work group will also try to promote training for AHJ's as well as contractors along with the building owner's , which will help make everyone aware of the changes that are being made to the existing code. The Advisory Committee agreed that the workgroup should move forward with incorporation of specific points of NFPA 25 into the existing Title 19. A motion was entertained that the committee moves forward with the regulatory process, the committee unanimously agreed it upon.

Rodney Slaughter explained the OAL process and stated the process will take up to one year and that, from there, it can be added to the existing Fire Code. Jim Feld will work with Rodney during the next step in the process of preparing the regulations package. Patty Williams

thanked the work group for all their hard work in this long process.

New Business

- Fred Benn stated that NFPA 13 code cycle is beginning and he purposed that NFPA 13 be written possibly in two volumes, the book has grown in size and it is very difficult to use as a resource. Would it be possible to restructure the existing book to make it user friendly? Committee is undecided at this time.
- Appointments to the AES Advisory Committee will end on December 30,2004. Anyone who would like to be reappointed should send letters of interest to James Parsegian.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for October 06, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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