# Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee Minutes

August 18, 2006, Sacramento, California

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I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Chair Ron Coleman.

II. Introductions and Welcome
Chair welcomed members and guests. Self-introductions were made and a quorum established.

III. Approval of Agenda
Not addressed.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Issue: Approval of the June 16, 2006 minutes.
Discussion: Fremont spelled with one e.
MOTION: C. Hurley moved to accept. E. Foster second.
Action: The motion carried unanimously.

V. Strategic Planning
1. Training Summit/SFT Strategic Plan
Issue: Implications for STEAC/ Review of State Fire Training Strategic Plan
Discussion: R. Coleman: The Training Summit sponsored by CFCA provided B. Sager with the information used to develop the Blueprint 20/20 Strategic Plan. Strategic plan must be completed by December 2006.
B. Sager: Objectives that are specific, attainable, measurable, and quantitative need to be included.
K. Dargan: “Please convey the message that the Blueprint 20/20 is a strategic plan not a tactical plan for 20-30 years in the future. It’s a vision document. It sets the target for us.”
Concerns were shared by STEAC members and the Assistant State Fire Marshal regarding missing representation from DHS, EMSA, OHS, and SBFS on the signature page of the Blueprint.
Action Item: Each STEAC member’s role is to take the Blueprint 20/20 back to their organization for review and provide B. Sager with input. Do not bring back to STEAC. Send hard copy of your comments or changes to B. Sager at 2181 Wilcox Ave., Oroville CA 95966-5443.
Action Item: B. Sager has rendition control. Due September 20, 2006.
Action Item: M. Aulisio to send a copy of the Blueprint 20/20 in word format to each STEAC member.
MOTION: D. Schoonover: Consider the Blueprint 20/20 for review. C. Hurley second.
Action: Motion carried unanimously.
2. Action Items

Issue: **Action Item List Follow Up**

Discussion: **Action Item:** R. Coleman: We will come back with a flow chart for the curriculum adoption process.

**Action Item:** C. Hurley will check into what Kate Dargan was talking about regarding ICS700-800.

**Action Item:** M. Boomgaard will look into equivalency for ICS

**Action Item:** K. Zagaris and C. Hurley will check into status of appropriate course of action for recognizing NWCG courses (are they going to accept FIRESCOPE classes?)

3. Accredited Regional Academies Workgroup Meeting

Issue: **ARA Workgroup Meeting Update**

Discussion: R. Slaughter: Added an accountability section for regional and local accreditation process. We are looking for recommendations on direction and will incorporate in October meeting to finalize January 7, 2007.

Date, pagination, draft watermark, and header requested by STEAC members.

K. Wagner: Section 6.05 Item E: That language should be retained from both regional and local academies or be revised for more specifics.

**Action Item:** R. Slaughter to take back to workgroup for revision and review.

VI. Course Development / Certification

1. Fire Instructor III

Issue: **D. Childress’ concern with experience requirements.**

Discussion: This issue not addressed.

2. Volunteer Fire Fighter Training

Discussion: R. Coleman: Volunteer Career Development Guide (VCDG). This document has not been updated since 1993. (Senate Bill 1207 and 1218) Legislation passed. I’m suggesting that this document be reviewed.

**Action Item:** R. Coleman to give STEAC members electronic copy of VCDG.
Old Issues

3. Confined Space Rescue Operations

Issue: Update on Elimination of Confined Space Rescue Operations from FFII.

Discussion: This issue not addressed.

Education Resources Roundtable

4. Fire Control 3 Instructor Task Book

Issue: Status of the document.

Discussion: This issue not addressed at meeting.

5. Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational

Issue: LARR Operational Final Presentation

Discussion: J. Mendonsa: We would like STEAC to adopt this course as a FSTEP course. We will deliver three roll out courses. There will be three levels of students invited to participate. The 1st level eligible are current low angle rescue instructors, the 2nd level eligible are current RS1 rope module instructors, and the 3rd level eligible are entry level students who want to become instructor trainees.

R. Slaughter: Program updated and funded by Homeland Security dollars. After the implementation of RS1 is approved and adopted it will become a prerequisite.

MOTION: C. Hurley Move to recommend the adoption of Low Angle Rope Rescue as an FSTEP course that meets NFPA Standard 1670, 2004 as it pertains to low angle rescue. Implementation as a prerequisite will be after RS1 is approved and adopted. K. Wagner second.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Education Resources Roundtable

1. Management 2

Issue: Meeting Results of the first meeting.

Discussion: R. Coleman: Meeting held August 9, 2006. Brought in active instructors, developed statistics of what Level 2 looks like in the field (see handout in packet), asked instructors to look at adopting commercial off the shelf textbooks and they have identified 4 for use. We are not prepared to come to STEAC with recommendation (of correlation to new NFPA 1021 and how those textbooks will meet the needs of those classes) as of yet. We are moving in the direction of five textbooks for the five management
classes. We will be coming forward with a proposal for change. Next meeting is October 17, 2006. We’ve asked each of the instructors to go to the NFPA 1021 standard and update the course content according to the current 1021 standard.

M. Jennings: Are we going to adopt more than one acceptable text? My suggestion is to identify someone to make sure that the entire standard is covered in the curriculum somewhere.

R. Coleman: We are anticipating that one textbook will be adopted for each class, with one bridge text for all five of them. Once we find a textbook that meets the performance criteria in NFPA 1021, we will base the examination on that book not an instructor’s lecture notes.

VIII. New Issues

1. Reciprocity with the State of Nevada

**Issue:** Foster a relationship with Nevada

**Discussion:** K. Brame: Nevada fire fighters are coming into California. This is an opportunity to open up our dialogue. We would like to foster relationships. Maybe we could bring some people together and some challenges? We have the fifth largest community college system in the USA. We have resources that can be used; we also have needs and challenges. Maybe we can see where we have common needs and issues. Nevada is adopting FSHE model. Nevada would be in tremendous need of support from California should a major disaster happen. Nevada would like to use the same curricula and share some resources to help with development of the curriculum.

**MOTION:** D. Senior - Open up dialog with Nevada in Tahoe or Reno regarding mutual interest, FSHE, etc. Establish a relationship to be built upon. (Give a certain number of people the right to develop an agenda) C. Hurley second.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** D. Schoonover – California should adopt an integration of the CPLSC program (Eight, 40-hour courses) into certification track where appropriate. B. Martin second.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Agendize and report to STEAC.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.
2. OES Statewide Emergency Management Strategic Plan

**Issue:** Information regarding OES Strategic Plan

**Discussion:**

*R. Coleman:* Take group of four people from STEAC to meet with no structured agenda. C. Hurley would be interested in doing that.

*K. Brame:* National credentialing process – This is in line with the TRADE concept. Our contribution would be that we could provide resources in return.

3. STEAC Term Limits

**Issue:** Determine term limit for each STEAC member.

**Discussion:** STEAC’s charter designates 2-year staggered term limits. Chair conducted exercise to determine term limits. Term limits are effective as of 1/1/07. Membership consideration to be held at each October meeting. Your term limit expiration date will be listed on the roll call page of the meetings minutes.

4. Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo

**Issue:** BA Degree Program

**Discussion:** D. Turner: Cal Poly has a Wildland Fire Science Degree. Research what is out there on emergency/disaster management training. There is not an Associate or Bachelor’s degree for Emergency Management or Disaster Management in the State of California. There is a Masters Degree program in Disaster Management at Long Beach that you cannot get into unless you know someone. It is the only one in California. There is a postgraduate program in Monterey that is by invitation only. Fifty percent are military students, the other 50 percent are by national invitation of civilian government agency representatives and is a full scholarship funded by Homeland Security. EMI has a FSHE equivalent and is ahead of NFA. Cal Poly has been approached by CSTI and the California National Guard to partner together to extend academic credit to those who attend those courses. Cal Poly is exploring creating a minor on campus in Disaster Emergency Management and potential to lead to BA and MA degrees. Cal Poly has no boundaries as to where they can put on classes. Find out if there is interest out there for the BA and MA in Disaster Management, Emergency Management, Homeland Security Model, and the Fire Protection Model.

D. Turner will send “white paper” (brief outline) once approved.

R. Coleman: If we adopt the FSHE model we have to prepare a California crosswalk.

**Action Item:** D. Senior to provide an inventory of all the courses to STEAC.
Action: M. Richwine to bring matrix to STEAC and start to identify how to fill in crosswalk. (Courses will be comparable to the National Model)

IX. Course Outreach

1. Fireline
Discussion: M. Richwine: An electronic newsletter, published quarterly, will advise as to what is happening with State Fire Training.

X. Roundtable

Schoonover, Dave: Fire Prevention Officers: What’s the state going to do to train us?
Senior, David: Can we send card to D. Childress from STEAC?
Richwine, Mike: Budget and FSTEP fee increases for immediate and future levels will be on the agenda.

Martin, Bruce: Online registration is coming out this year.

XI. Future Meeting Date

October 20, 2006
Sacramento
1131 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:00pm by C. Hurley. Second by M. Jennings.