



STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee

January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes, 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Zoom Meeting Conference Call

Meeting ID: 210 520 3211

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Quirk, California Association of Life Safety and Fire Equipment (CALSAFE)

Wayne Weisz, American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA)

Chip Lindley, Lindley Fire Protection

James Feld, University of California, Berkeley (retired)

Jason Hudgins, Walschon Fire Protection, Inc.

Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen Company

Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment Company

Peter Hulin, National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA)

Randy Roxson, Sprinkler Fitters Association of California

Shelley Merrell, Integrated Fire & Safety

Jason McBroom, Alpine Fire Protection District

Jeff Awtrey, California American Fire Sprinkler Association (CAFSA)

Randy Dysart, National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED)

Bryan Jonson, West Sacramento Fire Department

Todd Golden, Sprinkler Fitter Local 709

Steven Fox, Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices, Local 483 (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT

OSFM STAFF

Al Adams, Committee Chairperson, OSFM

Brice Bennett, Co-Chair, OSFM

Kemiko Tolon, OSFM

Elena Rich, OSFM

Crystal Sujeski, OSFM

PUBLIC GUESTS

Jaime Knowles, California Association of Life Safety and Fire Equipment (CALSAFE)

Amber Barrios, Associated Compliance & Training

Kim Stocking, Advanco

John Holmes, Sprinkler Fitter Local 709

Vahe Zohrabian, California Fire Protection Coalition

Ted Hakimi, California Fire Protection Coalition

Danny Stevens, Sprinkler Fitter Local 709

Jeff Dixon, Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices, Local 483 (Alternate)

James Carver, So CAL FPO, Fire Protection Equipment Devices Committee

Jeff Halbert, So CAL FPO, Fire Protection Equipment Devices Committee

Carla Distrola, General Underground Fire Protection

Pamela Schaal, California American Fire Sprinkler Association

Shawn Arballo, Training Coordinator Local 709

Danny Stevens, Sprinkler Fitters Local 709

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Al Adams, at 9:33 A.M. PDT on January 26, 202.

B. Roll Call/Determine Quorum

Roll call was conducted by Elena Rich and Chairperson Al Adams determined that a quorum of members was present.

C. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

D. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Al Adams asked for approval of the minutes of the December 08, 2021 meeting.

Jeff Awtrey mentioned that in old business, instead of “partial sprinkler fitters”, it should be changed to “partial sprinkler systems.”

It was moved by Member Allen Quirk to approve the minutes, motion second by Member Edie Wade. Motion was unanimously approved at 10:00 A.M. PDT.

E. Announcements

Chairperson Al Adams introduced newly represented AES Committee members Todd Golden, who replaced Stan Smith and Jeff Dixon who is the alternate to Randy Roxson.

Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that Co-Chair Vickie Sakamoto left and accepted a promotion in Fire and Life Safety, so they are in the process of filling her position. He mentioned that the Enforcement Supervisor, Joe Konofel, retired, so that leaves another position opened. They are looking

to get them filled by July. He also mentioned that David Castillo, the Building Materials Listing's supervisor has retired, but they are working on getting the positions filled.

Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that they are still working virtually, and they have not experienced any issues with Pearson Vue examinations. Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that he does not have a retirement date yet, but it will be sometime this year.

Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that there will be some changes and he has assigned Brice Bennett as Co-chair. He mentioned that this is the first year of Continuing Education Units and the program has prepared a Questions and Answers.

Chairperson Al Adams asked members to email Kemiko Tolon if they had questions regarding Continuing Education Units.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Partial Sprinkler Systems

Chairperson Al Adams introduced guest speaker James Carver to discuss annuals and five-year inspections. James Carver mentioned that they submitted the documentation to Kemiko Tolon. He discussed that they should add a definition on the form. Their proposal is to have it in ordinary hazards group one systems or reduce it down to one to three sprinklers.

Chairperson Al Adams asked James Carver what they were looking from the Committee. James Carver said if they would agree with their definition and proposed form in NFPA 25. He mentioned that they are proposing limited area sprinkler systems for light and ordinary group one occupancies shall not exceeded six sprinklers in any single fire area.

Chairperson Al Adams asked the Committee to email Kemiko Tolon with questions they had for James Carver.

B. Fee Increase

Chairperson Al Adams discussed the Automatic Extinguishing Systems fee increase regulations. He mentioned that the fee package has been submitted to Code Development, but they have not started working on it and they must go through the process.

Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that they want to focus on Chapter 5 and 5.5 update packages. He asked Brice Bennett to assist with the

process. Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that they are in the process of hiring a person to oversee the regulations packages.

Chairperson Al Adams introduced Brice Bennett to discuss the regulation packages.

Co-Chair Brice Bennett mentioned that they are going to utilize the experience from the other programs and how they get the regulation package through the process. He mentioned that they have identified the format they are using, so they can have a seamless process.

Chairperson Al Adams asked the Committee members to email Brice Bennett if they want to join a workgroup for Chapter 5.5.

C. Forms

Chairperson Al Adams introduced Member Shelley Merrell to speak on forms.

Member Shelley Merrell mentioned that she is working on the accessibility of the forms. She mentioned that she has 18 completed and 11 are in progress and she hopes to have them done by the end of February.

Chairperson Al Adams asked Member Shelley Merrell to email all the forms to Kemiko Tolon, so she can send them to the Committee Members.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Member Allen Quirk asked regarding opening the Grandfathering for Sprinkler Fitter certification.

Chairperson Al Adams mentioned that they met with their legal counsel, and they cannot do it without going into regulations. We would need to go through the regulatory process to allow some sort of historical recognition component to be build due to current legal challenges.

Committee member Chip Lindley asked what is going to happen with enforcement since Joe Konefal has retired. Chairperson Al Adams stated we will continue to do enforcement as it stands to handle complaints. No change in place.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest John Holmes asked about having to add the license number on the individuals Continuing Education Units letter.

Co-Chair Brice Bennett mentioned that they were requiring the license number on the letter to prevent fraud in the future.

Program Coordinator Kemiko Tolon mentioned that the requirement has been in place since the provider criteria was developed and providers should collect the license number.

Alternate Committee member Steve Fox mentioned the number changes from apprentice to journey, so you need to be cautious on what certification number is used.

Committee member James Feld mentioned an apprentice is not required to have continuing education units, so there should be no issue with the certification number.

Committee member Jeff Awtrey asked if all C-16 holders were notified of continuing education units.

Chairperson Al Adams responded all current certificate holders were notified.

Alternate Committee member Steve Fox asked if the conversation regarding the process of how to verify classes and putting together a committee to have input about what classes have the threshold been decided.

Chairperson Al Adams said that it was a good idea, and they would set it up.

VI. SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2022.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Al Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

It was moved by Member Edie Wade to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Member Allen Quirk. Chairperson Al Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:44 A.M. PDT.