



FMAC E-Board Meeting February 19, 2010

Members present:

Dave Lowrey, Ed VanWalraven, Holger Durre, Rob Geislinger, Marla Wilcox, and Jackie Pike. Ron Biggers was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

There was discussion about E-board meetings. They are open and anyone is invited to attend if they choose. Respect during meetings is required. Persons attending these meetings should RSVP so we can reserve the proper room size. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be posted on the website.

Budget:

There was discussion about the critical point for the FMAC bank account. FMAC is not trying to make money, but the account needs to maintain stability. Our main source of income is dues, IFC Prep Class, and the Educational Institute. One of our major expenses is for the Code Committee. We also have been spending a lot of money on donations to other groups such as FLSEC, Fire Leadership Challenge, etc. We have until next fall to decide if we want to increase dues. This will need to be voted on by the membership. \$20,000 was a number thrown out as a minimum balance to maintain because we typically spend around \$13,000 on code hearings.

Audit:

The audit has been an issue for years and it needs to be taken care of. Marla knows a CPA who may be interested and she will contact her. If she is not interested, then Jackie and Ed can give Marla the names of their fire district auditors.

Region 11 Development:

As a region we could have more impact and we could possibly be approved for more grant money. FMAC and the Colorado Chapter would both have to respond back to this request. FMAC is in favor if this is a grassroots organization and we still remain as a Chapter. If this replaces chapters, then we do not want to be involved. Since the Aspen Chief Building Official, Stephen Kanipe, is the president of the CICC, Ed volunteered to talk to him regarding their take on the development of Region 11. This is to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Website:

We are currently under-utilizing the website. Jackie will help Marla with updates to the website. The calendar needs to include E-board meetings, FMAC meetings/trainings, and other organization's trainings. We all need to think about how we can utilize the website better.

Annual Report:

Dave needs to submit our annual report to the IFMA and ICC. He distributed a draft of the report for IFMA. Everyone needs to review it and give feedback to him. The ICC report is submitted online and only asks for generic information.

One representative is invited to the IFMA annual dinner. Ed will be in Las Vegas during that time frame and is willing to represent FMAC as our Vice President. Ed will need one night of lodging as he will have to arrive in Vegas the day prior to the dinner.

CEU Recognition:

Rob had a request from other organizations regarding FMAC recognizing CEU's for independent trainings. We recommend establishing a committee to review the training CEU requests. This would not apply to

FMAC training classes. Marla will talk to Ben about the history of this topic. We will put this on the agenda for our next FMAC meeting. This would be beneficial for the Northern Fire Marshals' Conference.

An evaluation for the ICC Prep Class needs to be emailed to the students who signed up for this class. Certificates will be mailed to the students who complete the evaluation.

CFPA Booth:

Rob and Jackie will man the CFPA booth at the SFPE conference on March 11. Set-up starts at 1:00 p.m. Marla will put the FMAC banners in Ben's office so they can be picked up for the Code Conference and for this event. Rob will bring pens to hand out. FLSEC will also have a representative there.

Commercial Advertising to FMAC members:

FMAC does not want to send advertising to members via the email distribution list. We would be ok if someone wanted to add a link on our website for a fee. \$100 per year was mentioned.

Summer Program:

In the past we did a two-day program in the mountains. There was discussion about the certified fire marshal curriculum and we felt that this was not the right class for summer training in the mountains. We need to come up with topics. Ed will talk to the mountain fire marshals about topics at their May meeting. A P2904 and NFPA 13D design class could be a topic. We could be pushing it to organize a class for this summer, and we may want to wait until summer 2012.

Legislation:

Jerry and Rob are on the legislative committee, in general send any comments to them if you have input.

There is a proposed Bill concerning the CBI investigations to assist a fire chief in the investigation of a fire and enforcement of criminal laws related to the crime of arson. FMAC is aware of this Bill. There is currently no sponsor for the bill.

There is a new Bill 1241 being proposed for people working on sprinkler systems. Plumbers and sprinkler fitters need to agree on the parameters of the Bill. There is concern about the upkeep and maintenance of the Bill if it passes. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 22 at the Division of Fire Safety offices.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.