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**NFPA
AVIATION SECTION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Las Vegas, NV
June 3, 2008**

Members Present

Nat Addleman
Danny Pierce,
L. M. Krasner
Fred Walker
Joseph Sheffey

Guests:

James Doctorman
Randy Ament
Rich Bielen
Tim Hawthorne, Executive Secretary

1. Meeting called to Order by the Chair at 11:50 AM and introductions were made.
2. Tim Hawthorne read minutes of last meeting. Minutes were approved.
3. There was a discussion centered on what can the Aviation Section do better, and possible restructuring of the Section.
4. We discussed possibility of having a half-day program at the upcoming WSC&E in Chicago, centered on Aviation. Larry Krasner offered to set up 4-5 presentations, but he wanted total control over setting it up, with a guarantee from NFPA. Rich Bielen explained that there is a review committee that would need to go over the abstracts for the presentations. We also discussed different formats including a Town-Hall meeting and a forum. Joe Sheffey proposed a format similar to a preconference seminar. (Similar to SU-06 – Behind the Scenes Tour & Technical Presentation) We could have the seminar 1 day before the WSC&E as an Aviation Section sponsored event.
5. How many section members attended Las Vegas WSC&E? Tim will check into this and provide these numbers to the Board.

6. International Conferences – China presents some peculiar problems, discussion last year on this topic directed focus of the Section on domestic programs regarding the Section. After a brief discussion on International Events, the Board decided to focus our efforts on developing a good domestic program first.
7. Larry Krasner and Joe Sheffey will try to organize a ½ day program for June 7, 2009 in Chicago followed by a tour of O’Hare International Airport that will be organized by Danny Pierce. Tim will budget for this activity in the 2009 Section Budget. Some possible expenses to be incurred will be bus transportation, meeting facilities, and buffet lunch for attendees. We will advertise this event in the NFPA Journal, on the Aviation Section Homepage, and possibly a blast email to all section members and/or aviation TC members.
8. Chair discussed a combination transportation section to include aviation, rail, and marine, and/or overland fire protection. After discussion, the feeling of the Board is that this will NOT be explored.
9. Dan Pierce inquired if the NFPA can support the adoption of regulations by the NFPA. Senate Bill 1300 & HR 2881 bill. Staff will investigate this issue and provide any support necessary. (Senate Bill excludes adoption of NFPA Standards.) Danny Pierce made a motion to have the NFPA support HR 2881. There was no second so this motion failed. Following this action, both Rich and Tim explained that the NFPA has a representative in Washington DC to monitor legislation and that they would inform that representative of this particular legislation and offer what ever services are needed to help passage.

10. Elections of Officers – 2-year terms:

Nominations were made for the following individuals to run unopposed:

Nat Addleman for Chairman

Fred Walker for Vice Chairman

Danny Pierce for Secretary

Board Members:

Members Larry Krasner, John O’Sullivan and Joe Sheffey were nominated for reappointment. So Voted.

11. Tim will coordinate with Vice-Chair Walker to develop blurbs promoting Aviation Section to aviation publications printed throughout the world. This will hopefully increase both participation and membership in the Section.

12. Staff will be sure to have Aviation Section applications at all Technical Committee meetings for aviation Technical Committees.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hawthorne, Executive Secretary.