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ROP MEETING MINUTES

Building Code – Life Safety Technical Committee on Building Service and Fire Protection Equipment

Thursday, September 24, 2009
Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland – Downtown

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Jardin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland - Downtown, Cleveland, OH.
2. **Introduction of attendees.** The following committee members and guests were in attendance:

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

NAME

REPRESENTING

Joseph Jardin, Chair	Fire Department City of New York – Rep. NFPA Fire Service Section
J. Robert Boyer (Alternate to T. Hammerberg)	GE Security – Rep. Automatic Fire Alarm Association
Harry Bradley, Principal	Maryland State Fire Marshals Office – Rep. International Fire Marshals Association
Pat Brock, Principal	Oklahoma State University
Phillip Brown, Principal	American Fire Sprinkler Association, Inc.
Thomas Hammerberg, Principal	Automatic Fire Alarm Association, Inc.
Jeffrey Hugo (Alternate to K. Isman)	National Fire Sprinkler Association, Inc.
Ignatius Kapalczynski, Principal	Connecticut Department of Public Safety – Office of State Fire Marshal
Richard Klinker, Principal	Klinker & Associates, Inc.
Peter Larrimer, Principal	US Department of Veterans Affairs
Gary Nuschler	Otis Elevator

(Alternate to B. Black)	Rep. National Elevator Industry, Inc.
Rodger Reiswig (Alternate to K. Ball)	Tyco/SimplexGrinell
Robert Schmidt, Principal	Combustion Science & Engineering, Inc.
Lawrence Shudak, Principal	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
Gregory Harrington, Secretary (Nonvoting)	NFPA

GUESTS

NAME

REPRESENTING

Josh Elvove	General Services Administration
Dan Finnegan	Siemens Fire
Dave Frable	General Services Administration

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

NAME

REPRESENTING

Paul Donga, Principal	Boston Fire Department
Roy Kimball, Principal	Brooks Equipment Company, Inc. – Rep. Fire Equipment Manufacturers’ Association
Richard Osman, Principal	AON/Schirmer Engineering Corp.
Martin Reiss, Principal	The RJA Group, Inc.
Carl Wren, Principal	Austin Fire Department

3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

4. **Chair’s report** – J. Jardin.
 - a. The chair thanked and welcomed the committee members and guests present, and advised the purpose of the meeting was to prepare the Reports on Proposals (ROPs) for the 2012 editions of NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, and NFPA 5000, *Building Construction and Safety Code*.
 - b. The chair recognized Immediate Past Chair Dick Klinker and thanked him for his years of service to the committee, and also reported that he was awarded a Committee Service Award from NFPA at the June 2008 NFPA Conference and Exposition.

5. **Staff Report** – G. Harrington.
 - a. Staff added his thanks and welcome to the committee.
 - b. Staff updated the committee on NFPA’s financial position given the current economic downturn. NFPA is well positioned to “weather the storm” and is taking the appropriate precautions to ensure its long-term viability.

- c. Staff gave a brief presentation on the document revision process and meeting procedures.
6. **Review of NEC proposal re. life safety equipment.** The committee reviewed the proposal (see agenda p. 7) – no action required.
7. **Standardization of language on sprinkler system supervision.** Staff reported that this agenda item stemmed from the TCC planning teleconference meeting that took place prior to the TC meetings. It was noted that TCs should review their sprinkler system requirements, and verify that such requirements are consistent with regard to supervision. Staff reviewed Ch. 9 of 101 and Ch. 55 of 5000, and did not identify any inconsistencies. No action required.
8. **Consistency of list-based options.** Staff reported this is another item from the TCC planning meeting. It was requested that TCs review their requirements that include lists to verify that it's clear when all of the items in the list must be met, or only one of the items in the list must be met. Staff reviewed the list-based requirements in the applicable chapters, and did not identify any that required clarification. No action required.
9. **NFPA 101 proposals.** The committee reviewed and acted on the public proposals on NFPA 101, and generated committee proposals. See the Report on Proposals for the committee actions.
10. **NFPA 5000 proposals.** The committee reviewed and acted on the public proposals on NFPA 5000, and generated committee proposals. See the Report on Proposals for the committee actions.
11. **Other business.** There was no other business.
12. **Future meetings.** The committee will meet in the Fall of 2010, at a location to be determined, to prepare the Reports on Comments (ROCs) for the 2012 editions of NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000. Meeting notices will be distributed when the dates and location are confirmed.
13. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attachments