

MEMBERSHIP SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS

Regulations Governing NFPA Sections

ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN 1946
(AMENDED NOVEMBER 15, 2003)

1. Subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the NFPA, groups of Members having specialized interest in fire protection may be organized in Sections, or existing separate organizations may be constituted as Sections of the National Fire Protection Association by action of the Board of Directors. The qualifications for membership in every Section shall be specifically defined. Groups or organizations desiring to become Sections shall submit their proposals to the Board for action.

2. Membership of Sections shall be confined to Members of the NFPA and representatives of Organization Members.

3. Sections may elect their own officers and formulate their own Constitution, Bylaws and procedures, provided that they are consistent with the Articles of Organization, the Bylaws, the Regulations Governing Committee Projects and the general policies of the Association. The Constitution, Bylaws, and procedures of a Section must have the approval of the Board of Directors.

4. Sections may hold meetings for discussion, interchange of information, and promotion of the objectives of their membership and otherwise operate as they may desire consistent with the general policies of the Association. Meetings of Sections may be held at such time and place as the Section may desire, provided that one meeting each year be held at the time and place of a Regular Meeting of the Association.

5. Section meetings shall be open to all Members of the Association, except that Sections may hold closed sessions with attendance limited to Members of the Section, NFPA Officers and Directors, and staff representatives.

6. Sections may enter proposals or comments into the NFPA document development process provided that those actions are in conformance with the Regulations Governing Committee Projects and so long as the majority of the Section members attending a Section meeting where the issue was discussed have approved the proposal or comment and there are not less than 25 votes cast at the meeting. Sections may take a position on an issue on the floor of an Association Technical Committee Reports Session if the majority of Section members attending a Section meeting have approved that position and there are not less than 25 votes cast at the meeting. The Execu-

tive Committee of a Section may, by majority vote taken at a meeting, where a quorum of Executive Committee members is present to conduct normal business, authorize the filing of an appeal or petition on any issue where the Section, in accordance with the forgoing procedures, has either filed a public proposal or comment or taken a position at a Technical Committee Reports Session.

On all other actions or resolutions that might tend to commit the Association to a policy, the section must submit such proposed actions or resolutions to the NFPA Board of Directors for approval. Section policies, resolutions and positions are limited to internal section operations only. Sections may not adopt, publicize or promote any policies, positions or resolutions except as provided herein. Videos, slides, overheads, and similar visual aids may be allowed at Section meetings, including the review of samples of non-hazardous products and materials. The presenters of the information are responsible for all equipment arrangements and associated fees pertaining to their presentations. Physical demonstrations, experiments, or simulations shall not be allowed. Notwithstanding the forgoing, any Section which was a separate existing organization as described in the NFPA Bylaws, Article 7.3(a), may, with the approval of the NFPA Board of Directors, provide in its Section Bylaws for different procedures than those set forth in this paragraph.

7. Sections shall not solicit funds or accept contributions except when authorized by the Association in Annual Meeting or by the Board of Directors.

8. Sections shall not incur financial obligations or commit themselves or the Association to any expenditures unless previously authorized by the Finance Committee or the Board of Directors.

9. The NFPA Executive Office staff shall provide service for Sections in accordance with authorization by the Board of Directors.

10. Sections may be represented on Technical Committees of the Association in accordance with the Regulations Governing Committee Projects.

11. The Board of Directors after due notice and hearing may suspend or terminate any Section that does not conform to these regulations or whose members do not show sufficient interest to justify continuance of the Section organization.

NFPA Sections

Architects, Engineers, and Building Officials

The Architects and Building Officials Section was organized at the 1979 NFPA Annual Meeting.

Section membership is open to all NFPA members who are Registered Architects and Registered Professional Engineers, principally engaged in building design, and their designated employees, and

Building Officials engaged in the administration of building codes and regulations. Affiliate membership is open to all NFPA members who have interest in the building design and construction code regulation process.

The objectives of NFPA Architects, Engineers, and Building Officials Section are to:

- (a) Encourage a greater understanding of the many aspects of safety to life and property from fire, structural collapse, and natural perils such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods,

among architects and engineers responsible for designing buildings, and building officials who administer and enforce legal regulations applying thereto

- (b) Create opportunities with an environment in which mutual understanding and cooperation among architects, engineers, and building officials may be developed and enhanced
- (c) Create opportunities for leaders to emerge and attain recognition by their peers through elective office and to provide direction and vision for this section

This section is active and sees an important role for itself in the ongoing development of *NFPA 5000®*, *Building Construction and Safety Code®*, as the members constitute major stakeholders in the design, permitting, and construction inspection and control process.

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The Aviation Section was authorized by the NFPA Board of Directors on June 17, 1980. Membership in the Aviation Section is contingent upon membership in NFPA. Membership shall be open to any member of NFPA who is engaged in the design of aircraft or airport facilities, in the operation of aircraft or airport facilities, or in the protection against or prevention of loss or injury as applied to aircraft or airport facilities. Included specifically are design engineers of aircraft, airport facilities, or fire protection equipment; operators of airport facilities; pilots; airport fire service and fire marshal personnel; and others who have an interest in the objectives of the section.

The purposes of the section shall be as follows:

- (a) Encourage a greater understanding of the many aspects of safety to life and property from fire as applied to aircraft and airport facilities
- (b) Create an environment in which mutual understanding and cooperation among the many professional disciplines may be enhanced
- (c) Create opportunities for leaders to emerge and attain recognition by their peers through elective office

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Building Fire Safety Systems

The Building Fire Safety Systems Section shall be open to those NFPA members professionally involved in design, approval, manufacture, distribution, installation, maintenance, and certification of alarm, detection, suppression, security, and smoke control systems. The section shall also be open to users, owners, and those responsible for training on such systems. The purpose of the section shall be as follows:

- (a) Promote fire safety in structures
- (b) Provide for the coordination of fire and life safety equipment and systems in buildings
- (c) Provide a forum for technology transfer on fire protection equipment
- (d) Provide for a forum on education and training related to fire protection equipment
- (e) Provide for joint meetings on this type of equipment with other member sections
- (f) Provide for enhanced communications among NFPA members

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Education

The Education Section was authorized by the NFPA Board of Directors on May 17, 1981, and held its first official meeting on May 19, 1981, at the NFPA Annual Meeting.

Membership in the Education Section is open to any NFPA member who holds responsibility for education in an organization or community or who shares a sincere interest in fire safety education. This membership may include, but is not limited to, persons in the fire service, business, industry, school systems and institutions, insurance companies, burn treatment centers, the public information service, and manufacturers or producers of equipment or training aids that have a direct impact toward the purposes of the Education Section. The objectives of the section as set forth in its constitution are as follows:

- (a) Unite for professional benefit those members of NFPA who share a sincere interest in fire and life safety education as a means of protecting life and property
- (b) Facilitate the reduction of fire and burn deaths and injuries through information dissemination, education, and communication
- (c) Facilitate the reduction of fire losses to property through information dissemination, education, and communication
- (d) Provide an atmosphere for information and resource exchange among individuals and among organizations involved in fire and life safety education as a means of protecting life and property
- (e) Impact upon the consensus standards process of NFPA to ensure that education requirements and recommendations are reflected in codes and standards
- (f) Promote cooperation among private enterprise, nonprofit organizations, associations, and government agencies with an interest in fire and life safety education at the national, state, and local levels
- (g) Disseminate state-of-the-art materials concerning fire and life safety education to the membership through a newsletter and/or other means
- (h) Provide for the education community at each location where the section may meet exposure to fire and life safety resources and programs

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In 1948 the NFPA Board of Directors authorized an Electrical Section of NFPA. The section provides particular opportunity for section members to become informed and contribute to the development of NFPA electrical and fire alarm standards. For this purpose, it sponsors open meetings where proposals for revisions or additions to these standards may be discussed. Bulletins and reports on matters affecting the work of NFPA technical committees in this field are made available to members of the section through the executive secretary as the need indicates.

Activities, programs, and procedures of the NFPA Electrical Section shall be in accordance with the Regulations Governing NFPA Sections. Membership in the section is open to any member of the Association who qualifies in accordance with the following specifications. Each member of the section must be a member of NFPA who is licensed or certified to provide electrical services or fire alarm services, or whose primary responsibility includes one of the following:

- (a) Engineering, manufacturing, testing, selling, regulating, certifying, or servicing of electrical or fire alarm products or electrical or fire alarm services
- (b) Designing, constructing, installing, testing, inspecting, maintaining, or approving electrical or fire alarm installations
- (c) Performing or teaching others to perform the electrical or fire alarm services noted in (a) or (b)

Membership in the Electrical Section is also open to any individual member of NFPA not meeting the preceding requirements, provided that person satisfies the requirements for membership on an NEC code-making panel or NFAC committees as judged by the Executive Committee of the section.

To become a member of the Electrical Section, it is necessary to file a section membership application form with NFPA. (Forms are available on request.)

The executive secretary of the section keeps a record of the membership, notifies its members of section meetings and nominees for section office, and keeps members of the section informed on matters of interest to them.

The chair of the section reports to the annual meeting of the section on the work of that committee and may take such other steps considered desirable to keep the section informed.

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Fire Science and Technology Educators

The Fire Science and Technology Educators Section was authorized by the NFFA Board of Directors on June 22, 1976, and organized on November 15, 1976.

Membership in the Fire Science and Technology Educators Section is contingent upon membership in NFFA and shall be limited to full and adjunct faculty, instructors, and administrators at institutions of higher education, and such other persons as the Executive Board determines to be in the interest of the section.

Objectives of the section as set forth in its constitution are as follows:

- (a) Advance professionalism in the field of fire protection, encouraging educational goals at institutions of higher education
- (b) Hold periodic meetings for the purpose of discussing problems and exchanging information of concern to the membership
- (c) Develop qualification guidelines for fire science and technology educators at institutions of higher education
- (d) Study, develop, and assess curriculum, teaching materials, and educational methods
- (e) Develop and disseminate information such as:
 - (1) Directories of educational institutions, meetings, and courses in fire science and technology
 - (2) Technical advances in fire science
- (f) Stimulate and participate in research and development in furtherance of the objective of NFFA
- (g) Undertake such other projects as may be authorized in the interest of the section and NFFA

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The Fire Service Section was authorized by the NFFA Board of Directors on December 12, 1972, and inaugurated in 1973.

Membership in the Fire Service Section shall be contingent upon membership in NFFA and shall be open to any member of NFFA who:

- (a) Is an active or retired member of a fire department providing public fire prevention, life safety education, emergency medical services, and fire suppression services to a state, county, province, municipality, or organized fire district
- (b) Is an active or retired member of a fire department providing fire prevention, life safety education, emergency medical services, and fire suppression services to airfields, industrial complexes, and military bases
- (c) Is principally engaged in the training and education of fire department members including municipal, governmental, and industrial
- (d) Is a fire apparatus and equipment manufacturer, and a vendor dealing in fire department equipment or services.

The objectives of the section as set forth in its constitution are as follows:

- (a) Unite for mutual professional benefit those members of NFFA who are members of the fire service
- (b) Advance the interests of the profession in the field of fire protection, prevention, life safety education, and suppression
- (c) Stimulate awareness of the need for continually improving programs in management, training, and education within the profession
- (d) Encourage and assist its members in conducting meetings, conferences, seminars, and such other forums as may be practicable for the exchange of information and the encouragement of professionalism within the service
- (e) Encourage participation by its members on the technical committees of the association consistent with NFFA Regulations Governing Committee Projects
- (f) Advance and encourage the development of improved fire suppression equipment, apparatus, and all related facilities

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- (g) Encourage public authorities to specify and purchase fire protection equipment meeting appropriate performance standards
- (h) Bring to the attention of its members such matters of legislation and regulations as would be of interest
- (i) Promote cooperation within the fire service and between the fire service and other fire protection practitioners
- (j) Promote community life safety education and awareness
- (k) Promote cultural diversity within the fire service
- (l) Promote interaction among other NFPA sections by sponsoring joint educational venues at NFPA meetings

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Health Care

The Health Care Section is comprised of individuals with a focus on the protection of patients, visitors, staff, property, and the environment from fire, disaster, and related safety issues.

Section membership is open to individual members of NFPA and delegated representatives of organizational members of NFPA who meet one of the following requirements:

- (a) Health care facility, organization, or association staff
- (b) Licensed or certified to perform, performs, or teaches others to perform medical services
- (c) Directly involved in engineering, manufacturing, testing, selling, regulating, or servicing medical products, devices, or services
- (d) Design, construct, test, inspect, maintain, regulate, license, or certify a medical facility or facilities
- (e) Other individual members of NFPA who can show reasonable involvement with the objectives of the section

Membership eligibility is determined by the Executive Board of the section or the executive secretary of the section under the direction of the Executive Board. Any individual member of NFPA not meeting the requirements may be a member of the section provided a reasonable involvement with the objectives of the section can be demonstrated to the Executive Board.

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The objectives of the Health Care Section are to provide to NFPA members having a professional involvement in the provision of health care facilities and services increased opportunities:

- (a) For exchange of information and experience in fire safety, fire prevention, and related matters
- (b) To develop their understanding of fire prevention and control methods appropriate to the health care industry
- (c) To encourage and facilitate contributions to assist in the development and applications of NFPA codes and standards prepared by authorized committees of the association

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The Industrial Fire Protection Section of NFPA was authorized by NFPA Board of Directors on June 21, 1965, and organized on October 1, 1965. Section membership, which is contingent upon membership in NFPA, is open to any employee of an industrial, institutional, or commercial entity who on a full-time or part-time basis is actively engaged in the formulation, administration, or implementation of policies and procedures designed to provide fire protection for his employer's facilities. Affiliate membership is available to individuals with an interest in the goals and objectives of the section. There are no dues or fees other than NFPA membership dues required of section members.

The objectives of the section as set forth in its constitution are as follows:

- (a) Unite for mutual professional benefit those employees of industrial and certain other properties engaged full-time or part-time in fire protection, prevention, or suppression
- (b) Act as a central agency for the exchange of information among its members
- (c) Advance the interests of industry in the field of fire protection, prevention, and suppression
- (d) Stimulate awareness, throughout industry, of the need for continually improving industrial fire programs
- (e) Encourage participation by its members on the technical committees of the Association consistent with NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects
- (f) Prepare for publication by the Association such educational materials as may be most practicable and suitable for broadening the understanding of industrial managements and their employees

- (g) Advance and encourage the development of improved fire protection equipment, devices, and methods by pooling experience and correlating the recommendations of its members
- (h) Encourage industry to specify and purchase fire protection equipment on the basis of quality and performance
- (i) Bring to the attention of its members such matters of legislation and regulation as would be of obvious interest
- (j) Promote cooperation between industrial and public fire fighting forces
- (k) Help industry achieve its primary goal of profitable operation by stimulating awareness of the total cost of fire

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International Fire Marshals Association

Organized in 1906, the International Fire Marshals Association (IFMA), formerly the Fire Marshals Association of North America, was reorganized in 1927 as the Fire Marshals' Section of NFPA.

The mission of IFMA is to assist in the preservation of life and property by advocating, promoting, and providing leadership in the prevention and mitigation of fire, explosion, and other related hazardous conditions.

The goals and objectives of IFMA are as follows:

- (a) Unite for mutual benefit those officials engaged primarily in the prevention of fire, the investigation of fires, and/or public fire and life safety education
- (b) Provide educational and professional development opportunities through technological, certification, and prevention programs

- (c) Provide a resource service to the members.
- (d) Actively market and promote a positive, dynamic, and proactive profile.
- (e) Actively participate in the codes- and standards-making process at the international, national, state, and local levels
- (f) Monitor fire safety issues at the international, national, state, and local level.
- (g) Develop mechanisms for Chapters to participate in the association
- (h) Monitor and support research and development of solutions to fire protection and fire prevention problems

Membership in IFMA is contingent upon membership in NFPA and is open to individuals who meet the following membership requirements:

MEMBER: A fire official who has been lawfully appointed and authorized by the authority having jurisdiction and charged with the statutory responsibilities and duties for fire prevention accomplished through enforcement of fire laws and regulations, property inspections, public fire safety education, or investigation of the cause and origin of fires is eligible for membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A member of NFPA who does not qualify for member status as outlined in Article 3.1 (a). Associate members shall not hold an elective office or vote in the affairs of the association.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: An affiliate member of NFPA who is interested in the stated mission and objectives of IFMA. Affiliate members shall not hold an elected office or vote in the affairs of the association.

Membership applications are available on request.

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Latin American

NFPA has established the Latin American Membership Section to improve the technical levels of fire protection throughout Latin America.

Section meetings will be conducted with simultaneous translation of Spanish and English. Membership in the Latin American Section is not restricted by location or language, and membership is open to anyone interested in promoting a higher degree of fire safety in Latin American countries.

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CHAIR: **José Figueroa** FM Global, 5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 600, Plano, TX 75024.

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Lodging Industry

The Lodging Industry Section was authorized by NFPA Board of Directors on December 4, 1987, and held its organizational meeting at NFPA Annual Meeting on May 18, 1988.

Membership in the Lodging Industry Section shall be contingent upon membership in NFPA and is open to any member or designated representative or organizational member employed in the lodging industry, and related industries, who is professionally involved in life safety or fire-related activities.

The object of this section is to bring together professionals who are professionally involved in the lodging industry and related industries and their role in pursuing the mission of NFPA.

The section will sponsor meetings, forums, and other activities of interest and service to all NFPA members, members of the section, or others.

Associate membership is open to any NFPA member having an interest in the lodging industry. Associate members enjoy all the benefits of regular members but do not have voting privileges.

CHAIR: Vacant

VICE CHAIR: Vacant

SECRETARY: **Jeffery L. Shearman** Zurich Insurance, PO Box 5168, Johnstown, PA 15904 (term expires 2004)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: **Gregory E. Harrington**† NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471

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Richard R. Anderson Chimney Hill Inn, 207 Goat Hill Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530 (term expires 2004)

Byron L. Briese Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc., 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22031-4618 (term expires 2004)

Raymond C. Ellis, Jr. University of Houston, 229 C. N. Hilton Hotel & College, Houston, TX 77204-3028 (term expires 2004)

E. Sterling Hanger, Jr. The Greenbrier, 300 West Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986 (term expires 2005)

Jim Ray Marriott International, Inc., 1 Marriott Drive, 92436, Washington, DC 20058 (term expires 2005)

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs

The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Committee was organized in 1965. In October 1996, it was established as a section of NFPA.

The mission of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Section (Metro Chiefs Section) is to focus on major issues that impact fire departments serving large jurisdictions in the United States and abroad. As an informed advisory body, the Metro Chiefs Section shall support, serve, and provide input to the staff and members of NFPA.

The Metro Chiefs Section is limited to fire chiefs having a minimum staffing strength of 400 fully paid, career fire fighters. The chief must also be a member of NFPA and the IAFC.

CHAIR: **Chief Wes Shoemaker** Winnipeg Fire & Paramedic Service, 151 Princess Street, 5th Floor, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 1L1, Canada (term expires 5/04)

VICE CHAIR: **Chief Rebecca Denlinger** Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services, 1596 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008-4021 (term expires 5/04)

SECRETARY: **Chief Kelvin Cochran** Shreveport Fire Department, 801 Crockett Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (term expires 5/04)

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (nonvoting): **Russell E. Sanders**† NFPA Metro Chiefs, 3257 Beals Branch Road, Louisville, KY 40206

BOARD MEMBER: **Chief Robert Ojeda** San Antonio Fire Department, 115 Auditorium Circle, San Antonio, TX 78205 (term expires 5/04)

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ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER: **Chief Otis James Latin, Sr.** Ft. Lauderdale Fire-Rescue, 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1019 (term expires 5/04)

†Nonvoting

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR: Chief Mario Trevino San Francisco Fire Department, 698 2nd Street, San Francisco, CA 94107-2015 (term expires 5/04)

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IAFC Staff Liaison: Sacha Dick International Association of Fire Chiefs, PO Box 4065, Lawrence, KS 66046

Notes:

Officer positions include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Secretary is a nonvoting member of the Executive Board.

The Alternate Board Member shall vote **only** in the absence of the Board Member.

The IAFC and NFPA Staff Liaisons and Board Representative(s) are not members of the Executive Board.

Rail Transportation Systems

Rail Transportation Systems, formerly the NFPA Railroad Section, was authorized by the NFPA Board of Directors in January 1944. The section was discontinued in June 1952 and reestablished as an NFPA section in January 1963. The section has two grades of membership: members and affiliate members. Both grades are contingent on membership in NFPA or being designated as a representative of an organization member of NFPA. A member must be either an officer or full-time employee in the rail transportation industry or of an association or organization sponsored and supported by the rail transportation industry. An affiliate member is one who, while not meeting the requirements as a member, has an interest in fire protection in the rail transportation industry.

The object of this section, through the interchange of ideas and experiences, shall be as follows:

- (a) Promote interest in and improvement of the methods of fire protection
- (b) Promote proper safeguards and guidelines relative to the handling of hazardous materials in rail transportation

The section holds its annual meetings in conjunction with the NFPA Annual Meeting and annual symposiums on fire and life safety issues in conjunction with the NFPA Fall Meetings.

CHAIR: James P. Gourley Fire Protection Engineer, 657 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038

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Research

Authorized in 1987 and organized in 1988, the Research Section of NFPA brings together persons involved in or interested in research related to fire safety, fire science, fire codes and standards, fire protection, and the like. Its principal activity is the facilitation of communication between researcher and research user, including what users need, what researchers have available, and what general strate-

gies will lead to increased use of valid research.

This section was established to serve the interests of its membership in research on fire-related issues by the following:

- (a) Facilitating communication between those who conduct fire research and those who use the results of such research
- (b) Facilitating communication by fire safety and fire protection practitioners of their needs that may be addressed by research
- (c) Facilitating communication by researchers of the applicability of their research to the mission of NFPA and other fire research user needs
- (d) Facilitating technology transfer to the consensus codes and standards process and other fire safety and fire protection decision-making processes
- (e) Identifying methods by which fire research can be more systematically applied to fire safety and fire protection decisions, including the codes and standards process
- (f) Facilitating communication among researchers on better ways to serve user needs and to plan and support research to serve those needs

CHAIR: Samuel Dannaway Fire Protection Engineer, S. S. Dannaway Association Inc., 720 Iwilei Road, Suite 410, Honolulu, HI 96817

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Wildland Fire Management

The Wildland Fire Management Section was formed in 1988. The objective of the section is to bring together those NFPA members professionally involved in all aspects of wildland fire management. Membership in the section is open to all individuals professionally involved in wildland fire management at all levels.

The section is established to serve the interests of its members by the following:

- (a) Bringing together for mutual professional and technical benefit those individuals involved in wildland fire management, the wildland/urban interface, and other related activities
- (b) Promoting the exchange of information among its members
- (c) Advancing the interests of wildland fire management
- (d) Conducting or sponsoring its members to hold meetings, conferences, seminars, and such other forums as may be appropriate for the exchange of information and the encouragement of professionalism among those responsible for planning, implementing, and operating wildland fire management and other related activities

- (e) Encouraging participation by its members on the technical committee and in the code development process of the Association
- (f) Promoting cooperation among the Wildland Fire Management Section, wildland fire agencies of other nations, and federal, state, and local fire protection organizations

The Wildland Fire Management Section will be a catalyst in the search for effective wildland fire management models in settings from the wildland/urban interface to wilderness.

CHAIR: **Billy Terry** USFS, 201 14th Street, S.W., PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090

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Regulations Governing NFPA Chapters

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 2001 (AMENDED NOVEMBER 2003)

1. Subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the NFPA, groups of Members having a distinct regional or national identification may be organized in regional Chapters of the NFPA, by action of the Board of Directors of the NFPA. The qualifications for membership in every Chapter shall be specifically defined in that Chapter's Charter and Bylaws. Groups or organizations desiring to become Chapters shall submit their proposals to the Board of Directors of the NFPA for action.

2. Membership of Chapters shall be confined to Members of the NFPA and representatives of Organization Members.

3. Chapters may elect their own officers and formulate their own Bylaws and procedures, provided that they are consistent with the Articles of Organization, the Bylaws, the Regulations Governing Committee Projects, and the general policies of the NFPA. The Bylaws and procedures of a Chapter must have the approval of the Board of Directors of the NFPA. All minutes of the Chapter shall be in or translated into English and if translated shall be certified or approved by an officer of the Chapter, who did not undertake such translation, prior to entry in the records of the Chapter or the NFPA.

4. Chapters may hold meetings for discussion, interchange of information, and promotion of the objectives of their membership, and otherwise operate as they may desire consistent with the general policies of the NFPA. Meetings of Chapters may be held at such time and place as the Chapter may desire.

5. Chapter meetings shall be open to all Members of the NFPA, except that Chapters may hold closed sessions with attendance limited to Members of the Chapter, NFPA Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the NFPA, and staff representatives.

6. On all actions or resolutions that might tend to commit the NFPA to a policy, the Chapter must submit such proposed actions or resolutions to the Board of Directors of the NFPA for approval. Chapter policies, resolutions, and positions are limited to internal

Chapter operations only. Chapters may not adopt, publicize, or promote any policies, positions, or resolutions except as provided herein.

7. Chapters shall only solicit dues or funds or accept contributions in cash or kind, in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Directors of the NFPA.

8. Chapters shall not incur financial obligations or commit themselves or the NFPA to any expenditures unless previously authorized by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the NFPA, or by action of the Board of Directors of the NFPA, or pursuant to Guidelines referred to in the previous section.

9. The NFPA Regional Representative or other member of the NFPA Staff, as designated by NFPA management, shall be the Secretary of each Chapter, shall be aware of all actions of the Chapters, and shall otherwise provide service for Chapters in accordance with authorization by the Board of Directors of the NFPA.

10. Chapters may be represented on Technical Committees of the NFPA in accordance with the Regulations Governing Committee Projects.

11. The Board of Directors of the NFPA, after due notice and hearing, may suspend or terminate any Chapter that does not conform to these regulations or whose members do not show sufficient interest to justify continuance of the Chapter organization.

Guidelines of the Board of Directors Issued Pursuant to Section 7 of the Regulations Governing NFPA Chapters

A Chapter may as a chapter solicit funds only for the following purposes and may hold funds derived from any source, only as follows:

1. Funds may be solicited and held:

- For the sale of NFPA memberships and/or publications pursuant to a distribution agreement approved by NFPA management
- For specific chapter events or meetings with approval of the NFPA Representative
- For support of fire or other safety related programs to be held in its region, as approved by the NFPA Representative

2. Funds derived as above may be held only as follows:

- In an account available to the NFPA regional representative and to which a report, at least monthly, is given to the NFPA regional representative
- For incidental, legal, or audit costs required by local law in its region.

3. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Chapter for any reason, all funds collected shall become the property of NFPA and shall be used first to pay any outstanding obligations of the Chapter and then remitted to the general NFPA treasury.