



**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

UNL Architecture Hall, 400 Stadium Drive  
Lincoln, NE

**Directors Present**

Michael Marion	Ahern Fire Protection
Matt Carey	Nifco Mechanical Systems, Inc.
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Protection
Jim Paben	Continental Fire

**Others Present**

David Autry                      Nebraska State Fire Marshal

**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September meeting were read by Carey and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 9/13/05 through 10/04/05 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$10,577.14. This report was approved.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- **November 8, 2005** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 10, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **March 2006** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **April 2006** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting (Election of Officers)
- **May 9, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (Announcement of Officers)
- **August 2006** - Annual Golf Outing
- **August 2006** - Summer Seminar
- **September 12, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 2006** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting

**Fire Sprinkler Advantage Seminar:** UNO did not do the seminar this year. Marion asked Paben to get Gamm's contact person at UNO, so Patty can contact them next year.

NFSA is offering AIA Institute “Fire Sprinkler Advantage” seminar free of charge.

**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:**

- a) **Training Session:** Chrisman can make a “video” training manual. It will take him approximately 2-3 hours to do, and he can get to us by the end of next week. This will give the State Fire Marshal Office a permanent reference. Marion asked Autry to get us feedback on the training video to see if that is all they will need.
- b) **Sequence of Events and Legal Procedures:** Autry is waiting on feedback.
- c) **Formal Outline of Job Description:** Autry is waiting on feedback. He will have an update at the January meeting, and will let us know how the system is working after using it these next three months.
- d) **Draw in Delegated Authorities:** Waiting to get system up and working first.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** No update.

**NFSA Representative Replacement:** They are still actively searching to find a replacement.

**Omaha Flow Tests:** If the City of Omaha requires us to do a flow test because is beyond five years, MUD charges for it. We want to find out why the City of Omaha is not comfortable with a flow test older than five years, if the State Fire Marshal and the utility is. Marion will contact Pio Porta, Tom Phipps with the City of Omaha, and a representative of MUD to get their input. We want to get the city and utility on the same page. Marion will have an update at the next meeting.

**Guest Speakers for 2006:** Patty will ask for confirmation of Chris Stason and Potter Electric. There are still several openings left.

**New Business**

**Fire Marshal’s Minute:** The copy of the inspection form the SFM Office receives is not always legible, and there is a lack of complete information on them. Patty will send a memo to all contractor members to remind them to make the form legible.

There is currently an eight week lead time for plan reviews. 370 sets of plans have been submitted in the last three months.

Autry and Doug attended the fire alarm contractors meeting. They want to push legislation to license/certify the installing contractors of extinguishers and hood systems, and asked for our input. We gave our support and suggested they lean toward company certification instead of individual.

Deputies asked to change notification from 48 hours to 10 days on initial inspection. We all agreed that would not be practical.

**Memberships and Renewals:** Ask new vendors and associates to join our association on a regular basis. We will do a follow up after February, when we find out who has and hasn’t renewed. Patty will mail out the dues notice in November.

**Golf Burn Aid:** We would support this if someone wants to take responsibility to organize, but are inclined to stay with our current format.

**FSCAN brochures:** Patty will update the brochure with current members and contact information after the February meeting. Patty will bring 100 copies of the old brochure for Autry to the next meeting.

**March Deputies meetings topics:** Autry is checking into topics, and will have suggestions at the next meeting.

Marion adjourned the meeting.

Matt Carey, Secretary