



**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

Howard Johnsons, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.  
Lincoln, NE

**Directors Present**

Michael Marion	Ahern Fire Protection
Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.

**Others Present**

David Autry	Nebraska State Fire Marshal
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**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October meeting were read by Marion and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patty received an email with updated information from Swanson. We have a current balance of \$10,144.13. The only two transactions last month were \$175 for Patty, and \$258.01 for Valentino's.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- **January 10, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 8, 2006** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April 21, 2006** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting (Election of Officers)
- **May 9, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (Announcement of Officers)
- **August 7-9, 2006** – Summer Seminar
- **August 10, 2006** – Annual Golf Outing
- **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

The January meeting will go over plans for the BFP seminar. Patty will contact John Dahlgren and request his attendance at that meeting.

The Deputies meeting in Grand Island has been set for February 6-9 at the Midtown Holiday Inn. Our seminar and meeting is set for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00, have lunch

at 12:00, and begin the seminar at 1:00. Patty will contract Nebraska Fire Sprinkler to request they organize the hospitality suite again.

**Fire Sprinkler Advantage Seminar:** Patty will email Paben to get Gamm's contact person at UNO, so she can contact them next year.

**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** We have not received the training video as of yet. We will contact him to get that done.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** No update.

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

**Omaha Flow Tests:** Per Tom Phipps with the City of Omaha, they don't require flow tests for sprinkler systems if there is a test within 5 years, assuming there has been no major changes to the area that would dramatically effect the flow. If there is, they require the test to be within 2 years. Also, every system that has a standpipe system has to have a test within 18 months.

**Guest Speakers for 2006:** Tim Davis of Fire Protection Systems Corrosion Management Inc. will be the speaker at our January meeting. Chris Stason with Victaulic will give a presentation at the March 14, 2006 meeting. We are still looking for speakers for the May, September, and November meetings in 2006. We are open to suggestions for different types of speakers. If you have any ideas for a speaker, please let us know.

### **New Business**

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** There is still about an eight week lead time for plan reviews. About 130 plans were submitted in October, so it hasn't slowed down yet.

The fire alarm contractors are leaning toward individual certification, especially for hood systems.

Doug requested our input on 13D systems. They've had requests from individuals to do on their own. We'd like to leave as it currently is, with a licensed sprinkler contractor designing and installing the system.

**February Deputies meetings topics:** Our topic at the February meeting is going to be Ethanol plants or (fixed spray) solvent extraction plants. Doug suggested there be a short training seminar, followed by a question/answer session between the contractors and deputies. Marion asked Autry if he could compile a list of questions beforehand, so the contractors will be prepared. The contractors should submit a list of questions also to give to Autry. Please bring these to the January meeting.

Marion will contact a Matrix Insurance representative, and Mahoney will contact the ethanol boards for input.

**FSCAN Registered Agent:** Mike McNiff received a change of address form from the State regarding his status as the registered agent of FSCAN. He is willing to continue as agent, but he wanted to know if anyone else is interested.

Patty requested a copy of the form to see what it involves. When she has more information, we will see if anyone is interested.

Marion adjourned the meeting.

Patty Buresh

### **General Meeting**

Shahzad Kazmi with Noveon was our guest speaker. They have a CPVC Training Program that is available free of charge.

Donna Kohlan with Farris Engineering went to the UNL sprinkler advantage seminar. She thought it was great, and that there are several organizations at UNO who would love to have the seminar.

Per John Dahlgren, Lincoln doesn't allow vertical installation of bfp's. John will keep us up to date. If we are invited to a meeting, we need to have a representative attend. Patty will put on the agenda for January.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.