



## FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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**MINUTES**  
**FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**September 12, 2006**  
**Howard Johnson, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

### **Directors Present**

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Protection, Inc.
Bruce Halldorson	Continental Fire
Mike Evers	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Tom Kulhanek	Howell Fab Inc.
Matt Zastera	White Hot Fire Protection

### **Others Present**

David Autry	State Fire Marshal
Jim Murphy	City of Omaha P & I

**Call to Order:** Bob called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August meeting were read by John and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 4/21/06 through 9/11/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$9,395.55, which does not include the expenses for the summer seminar. \$5,000 was donated to Nebraska City Museum of Fire Fighting. This report was approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **Calendar of Events:**

- **September 18, 2006** – Summer Seminar (Rescheduled from August 7-9)
- **October 11, 2006** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 9, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting

- **February 2007** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April 2007** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **August 2007** - Summer Seminar
- **August 3, 2007** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
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**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** There was discussion on the limited amount of time to implement the program. It was suggested that the contractors enter the information and copy it on disc and send to the State Fire Marshal's office to be downloaded into the system. It would have to be web based entry to work. Inspections would be entered on the web and the state would have access to it. The association's website has plenty of server space. It was suggested the state issue members their own passwords to access this information. Non-members could still mail theirs in. This would minimize paperwork for the state. There would be a possible 1-2 hour monthly maintenance for the Fire marshal's office. They would also have to back up the data.

It was proposed to pursue setting this up as a web based program, with data entry only and password protected. Swanson will visit with Ed regarding this proposal and any costs involved. Carey will write up a draft for the Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program to be presented to Doug. We will leave this on the October agenda.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** No update.

**FSCAN Brochures:** Carey will distribute brochures to students at the Sprinkler Advantage Seminar.

**Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln:** No Update.

**IBC and Type 5 Construction:** Zastera reported that the city of Omaha requires any wood structures with a balcony to have a sidewall sprinkler head on it, approximately 7' off of the deck. Sidewall sprinklers that are used to such areas shall be permitted to be located such that their deflectors are within 1" to 6" below structural members and maximum 14" below deck of exterior balconies.

A number of cities across the state is deleting or rewriting code if there is not a balcony. We will leave this on the October agenda for further discussion regarding requirements for other cities.

### **New Business**

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** David Autry said there was an 8 week turnaround. State statute has not been changed regarding the requirement of 10 sprinklers before plan is required.

**Website Developments:** Ed was not present. It was suggested to have link to the State Fire Marshal's website added. We will leave this on the October agenda.

There was discussion that the price for tags is \$25/100 and a \$15 for shipping and handling for members and nonmembers. This will be added to the website.

**2007 BFP Seminar in Omaha at Training Facility:** The Omaha facility has two training towers. It is getting difficult to hold the training at the Lincoln facility due to security. Mahoney will check on dates with the Omaha training facility. He will also check with John Dahlgren or Bob Jedlicka on dates so they do not interfere with their state seminars.

**Guest Speakers:** Suggestions for future guest speakers were The Alarm Association, new Fire Marshal in the spring, assistant Fire Marshal from Omaha. Wieczorek and Carey will follow up with some new ideas for guest speakers.

**\$400 Sponsorship:** It was motioned to approve a \$400 sponsorship donation to AIA for seminar on October 10. Motion approved.

Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

Lunch

### **General Meeting**

Murphy stated that the fire jockey pumps manufactured in the last two years are being recalled due to a loose bolt. Wieczorek will forward information to Ed to post on the website.

Information was forwarded from the Iowa Fire Contractors Association for a golf outing to raise money for a charity. They profited approximately \$18,000 to donate to a burn unit. There was discussion for our organization to hold a similar outing. We will post their link on our website.

Mahoney suggested that all members be invited to the entire meeting to hopefully get more participation. All members present agreed that this could help with participation. This will be posted on the website.

Kulhanek introduced the Vic drop. He has information and pricing on it.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.