

# **WSSHE State Board Meeting-Yakima**

## **Minutes**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- I. Board Member Attending: refer to sign in sheet
- II. Call to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Brad Jones
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting-Consent Agenda - approved.
- IV. Financials –Consent Agenda

- a) Chapter Reports

Southwest:

K. Deline reported a very successful golf outing in September. We hope to increase attendance next year. The event will be scheduled at McCormick Woods in Port Orchard again next year.

Puget Sound:

D Clark et al reported on an educational session on Clinton Climate initiative and a bar-b-que. The chapter discussed educational topics for their meetings and sponsorships to present those educational sessions. They hope to create a training manual at the end of each year to collate and track topics. The chapter has sponsored 7 scholarships for the annual in Yakima.

Eastern:

D Sowers reported on an educational session on Interim Life Safety and acknowledges the Southwest chapter for coordinating a training session available to all chapters. There is a standing call for NewsLine articles; please submit something for the good of all.

- b) Communications / Newline / Website

NewsLine: We need articles from all chapters. To date, I have received three of the minimum six needed for our national recognition.

- c) ASHE update

The board acknowledged Steve Grose's election as our regional representative. P Kercher reported on the planning session for the multi-state annual event next year

- d) "Mac" Mackenzie Scholarship Report  
J Mead reported two awards for scholarships this year. There is a balance of a little over \$61,000 in the fund.
- e) Bylaws Committee
  - There will be a vote on By-Laws change at the Annual Conference. The results will be reflected in these minutes.
  - Annual membership meeting on Friday October 16, 2009. By-law changes were read to the attendees. Changes were approved by membership.
- f) WSSHE Advocacy Committee Report
  - Update on Advocacy issues-
    - There is no real change to the process for fire damper testing waiver application.
    - WSSHE is continuing discussions with the fire marshal regarding humidification in surgical suites.
    - Mike Kelly will represent WSSHE regarding two proposed code changes; one requiring an elevator vestibule on each floor and another relating to building assemblies.

## V. Old business

- a) AMI Recommendation for Conference Scholarships

Discussion tabled.

## VI. New Business

- I. R Kent presented Google documents as a tool for the board to use to communicate, share documents, calendar coordination, etc.
- II. R Kent will distribute rewards from ASHE for our Gold Awards. There are three each complimentary ASHE memberships and CHFM exams.

## VII. Late breaking news/information

From the desk of Mike Matlock –State Fire Marshall

"Fire sprinklers save lives"

On August 28, 2009, at approximately 3:13 a.m. a fire occurred at Regency at the Park Nursing Home in College Place, Washington. The fire occurred under a roof extension from the main building that formed a patio area in the enclosed courtyard of the facility. The origin of the fire was in a plastic trash can which

was adjacent to a supporting column for the roof. Within seconds the sprinkler head went off and the alarm system was activated.

A single sprinkler head activated and contained the fire until the arrival of College Place Fire Department who then completed extinguishment with the use of a portable fire extinguisher. There was minimal damage thanks to the sprinkler head containing the fire. The administrator for the facility advised that repair cost to the post was less than \$100.00. The probable cause was discarded smoking materials. The facility is a non-smoking facility and has a smoking policy that permits smoking only in designated areas outside the building. State Fire Marshal Michael Matlock reports smoking as the leading cause of fire deaths in Washington State. Fires can double in size in just minutes. Had this fire gone undetected or if the area had not been protected by a sprinkler system it may have spread causing a greater potential for loss of life and much more damage to the building.

Board Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.