

California Fire Technology Director's Association Meeting

February 27th 2007

San Diego, California

Attendance: Dan Coffman, CSULA; Steve Dixon, College of the Canyons; Tim Capehart, Bakersfield College; David Senior, Allan Hancock College; Art Cota, Shasta College; Tracy Rickman, Rio Hondo College; Jim Petersen, Oxnard College; Gary Morgan, Oxnard College; Sam Digiovanna, Glendale College; Ken Mays, El Camino College; Gary Breton, Southwestern College; Terry Koeper, Crafton Hills College; Ed Kaplan, National Fire Academy/FESHE; Rodney Slaughter, Cal-Fire/SFT; Natalie Hannum, Riverside College; Phil Kelleher, Morongo Fire Chief; Alex Gregg, Riverside County FD/Cal-Fire

Call to Order\Introductions & Welcome

Dan Coffman, President opens the meeting at 0900 and welcomes all in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

**Minutes from the November meeting were not completed.*

MOTION- Art Cota; 2nd- Tim Capehart. - *The slate of officers for the 2007 Calendar year be approved as voted on in November 2006.* Dan Coffman, President; David Senior, Vice President; Tracy Rickman, Secretary, David Senior, Steve Dixon, Treasurer; Phil Kelleher, Past President. **Approved unanimously**

Financial Report

MOTION- David Senior; 2nd- Jim Petersen - The treasurers Report be approved as reported by CFTDA Treasurer in the amount (total) of \$11,268.01. **Approved unanimously.**

Correspondence

David Senior describes needed correspondence with the Chancellor's office in regards to adding the hydraulics course to the "Core" requirement for the fire degree program in California. A discussion on this top ensued. There was consensus that the following occur:

Consensus/Action Item: Dan Coffman as President of CFTDA, will draft a letter to the public safety advisory committee requesting that the Hydraulics course be added as a core requirement to the Fire Technology degree program. The respective Fire Technology programs will then complete local curriculum to add this as a core requirement.

Reports:

A. State Fire Training

Accredited Regional | Local Academies

A discussion of policy and procedures manual with Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Training. Rodney sent out a letter to Fire Directors and received very little comments about the DRAFT.

Beta testing for online Level I classes was discussed. Online/hybrid classes with CSFM courses are now being conducted.

College of San Francisco (Jim Connors) needs a site visitation for Accreditation.

ACTION ITEM

President Coffman will prepare a draft letter to Chief Richwine about volunteers for site visitation. The following said they would like to help with this endeavor:

*David Senior
Ken Mays
Sam DiGiovanna
Tim Capehart
Jim Petersen
Dan Coffman
Tracy Rickman
Gary Morgan*

Rodney Slaughter also discussed the fundamentals of photocell (cell farms) program and gave the group some insight about this training.

Rodney stated that the Fee's for CSFM services will be going up as of 1 July 2007. He also stated that the CSFM has homeland Security monies to update the CSFM database.

Rodney also stated that if you wish to teach the RIO (regional instructor orientation) or the Ethics course, please contact Kimberlie Hines.

B. STEAC Update

Level 1 Classes On-line Beta Test

David Senior is looking for instructors to teach Level I courses online for Beta testing purposes. Please contact David if interested.

- President Coffman hold a discussion about which books meet course requirements.

C. Community College Chancellor's, Public Safety Advisory Committee

- Art Cota discusses Grant concept proposals. Funding for 2007/2008 should include SLO's, Demographic Survey (there may be others, but this is what Art is suggesting CFTDA submit for funding). *After some discussion, it was agreed that the CFTDA should submit a grant for **both** the completion of SLO's and one for a demographic survey.*

D. FESHE Activities

FESHE Conference 6\2-4\2007. Ed Kaplan was our special guest speaker today. He stated that Ronny Coleman is the keynote for this years FESHE conference.

Ed Kaplan also stated that we have a new Fire Administrator.

Ed Kaplan discusses the PTK workshop scheduled fro May 29th to June 1st 2007. at the National Fire Academy. He also states that the FESHE website is being updated. Contact Ed at ed.kaplan@dhs.gov)

Ed Kaplan passes out a copy to all in attendance the National Fire Prevention Model which has recently been completed.

Ed discusses the EMS program which includes 7 core classes and falls under the FESHE banner. (NAEMS Educators are involved in this endeavor).

Ed discusses the FESHE certificates. If you take a FESHE course you should be able to get a FESHE certificate. (more to follow in later months).

New Business

A. New Brady Book on Fire Behavior

Tracy Rickman discusses a new book that he co-authored. "Fire Suppression Practices and Procedures" 2nd edition will come out in April 2007.

B. CFTDA Future – *Next meeting April 26 & 27 in Sacramento.*

**Future Meeting dates- September 13 & 14,
November 15 & 16**

Adjournment President Coffman adjourns at 1305

**Respectfully submitted by,
Tracy E. Rickman**