

**California Fire Technology Director's Association Meeting
April 26 & 27, 2007**

Attendance:

Dan Coffman
Tim Capehart
Steve Dixon
Tom Turner
Dave Senor
Rodney Slaughter
Marty Walsh
Art Cota
Al Iannone
Natalie Hannum
Holly Bow
Sam DiGiovanna
Joe Doherty
John Solo

Call to Order/ Introductions/Welcome

Dan Coffman, Present called the meeting to order at 09:35

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve with corrections- Natalie Hannum, 2nd Steve Dixon. Approved.

Financial Report:

Financial report provided by Steve Dixon. Current Balance \$11,688.01. Motion to approve- Marty Walsh, 2nd John Sola.

New shirts for sale \$20.00.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Reports:

State Fire Training- Rod Slaughter

- Rod Slaughter- STEAC has an accredited academy sub-committee. He introduced a working draft of a SFT delivery system to include:
 1. Accredited Regional Academy
 2. Accredited Local Academy

3. Certified FF-1
4. Designed Training Center

- Introduced the draft policy manual for accredited regional academies.
- Explained necessity for tracking certificates and recognizing credible training venues.
- Staff Positions for SFT: 4 new deputies for filed supervision. Plans for three more. Hope to be fully staffed by August.

Blue Print 20/20- Dan Coffman

- **Capstone Test- Comprehensive exam at the end of all courses for fire officer.**
- **Discussion- “Vision of the Future” article.**
- **Website address for 20/20**

Ethics Classes- Rod Slaughter

- Chancellor’s Public Safety Advisory Committee provided enough funding for 20 classes. Grant expires June 30, 2007. Applied for funding for 10 additional classes.
- SFM is working to update multiple courses- largely funded by grants. Two outstanding grants are awaiting approval.

Tour of State Fire Training- Rod Slaughter:

- Putting names to faces

Beta Testing of New Courses- Dave Senior:

- Management-1 is the first to be tested. Begins May 29, 07 and ends June 14, 07. All days will be on-line except the last day.

Core Courses- Dan Coffman, Dave Senior, Art Cota:

- \$45,000 grant to develop SLO’s for core courses.
- Several institutions working on this for accreditation. Riverside to send theirs for review on the website.
- Rethinking core course “hydraulics” and replacing with Safety course. Safety should be at every step and in every class.

Fire Officer Core Courses- Dan Coffman:

- Dan working with committee to evaluate elements of Fire Officer and how it aligns with NFPA 1021 and what a Fire Officer really needs to have. Reviewing content of Level II courses.

FESHE Conference:

- Chief Coleman is the keynote speaker. Ethics and leadership course is prior to main conference. Dan Coffman to present Blueprint 20/20

State Fire Training- Mike Richwine:

- Oregon ahead of California in their statewide training program.
- Fee increase for Fstep- \$20, CFSTES \$80 per class
- Hiring of additional field personnel to push service to local areas.

New Business:

Text Books

- Brady will begin to market IFSTA books.

F-Step Local Processing

- Committee Formed to push F-step courses to local processing.
- Committee Members- Tim Capehart, Natalie Hannum, Tom Turner
- Committee will also work on better access to student materials (CD's, DVD's downloads, etc.)

16:26 Meeting adjourned until 4/27/07 @09:00

4/27/07- 09:15

Website- Tim Capehart

- Tim gave presentation on website and features.
- Demonstrated how members can access the site.

Grants- Art Cota

- Funded workshops to develop SLO's. \$45,000 starting July 1, 2007
- Steering committee formed to work on SLO's. Next meeting in the fall to be devoted to this business.
- Committee Members- Art Cota, Dan Coffman, Natalie Hannum, Ron Marley.

Community Colleges Facilities Directory- Art Cota

- Need to develop Community College facilities directory.
- Compendium of Fir Tech Programs.
- Develop a steering committee to accomplish these tasks.
- Committee Members- Dan Coffman, Steve Dixon, Tim Capehart

Round Table Discussion:

- Update accredited regional academies to the website.
- Grants and goals for next year.
- Rodney putting together a Fire Service Funding Fair.
- Succession Planning- actively recruitment members and mentor them for leadership. Include faculty, staff, deans, administrative personnel.
- Need administrative personnel who process SFM materials/applications to meet with SFM staff to troubleshoot problems and build program consistency.

- Enrollment patterns fluctuating, with some programs down 10-20%, others are up.
- Need for qualified instructional staff- contact Steve Dixon.
- Al Iannone- Looking for a full-time instructor.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:25 p.m.