



Governor's Council on Fire Prevention & Control

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Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2013 – St Cloud Holiday Inn & Suites

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tom Brace at 9:02am. He reviewed the day's schedule and thanked MN IAAI for their excellent hospitality. The meeting time is expanded slightly today to include the strategic planning session led by Chad Coauette, Alexandria Technical College. Those attending gave introductions and a quorum was declared.

There was a motion by Fisher/Awker to approve the minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

Officer Reports were deferred until later in the meeting so we could get into the planning session.

Chad Coauette led the group in a 2-hour strategic planning session using a technique called Appreciative Inquiry. The group discussed the 4 sections of Discovery, Dream, Design and Destiny to arrive at many pages of notes that Chad will summarize for us along with his recommendations on next steps. We will provide that as well as the power point presentation he used to the Council members. Many attendees indicated a very positive reaction to the method that Chad used to guide us through this effort.

Chairman Brace summarized the action we took last meeting regarding the "memorial" portion of the Governor's Day at the State Fair, and indicated an understanding with Chief Esbensen that the wreath will not be presented at the fair however all other pieces of the Flag Raising will be done.

Chairman Brace identified a discussion that has taken place within the State Fair Day planning committee regarding the liability insurance for the Safety Hopper at the fair. The Fair does not have insurance to cover accidents and wants to make sure the Council or owners of the hopper do.

Vice Chairman Mark Kulda reported on an insurance fraud conference held in Minnesota in November. Attendance was very high and included a couple State Legislators. National Insurance Crime Bureau leadership attended. The seminar was so successful they will be repeating this in April. Arson is obviously a portion of insurance fraud. Minnesota leads the nation in organized crime in auto insurance fraud. An insurance fraud bill will be introduced next session.

Legislative issues review: no fireworks bill this session (will be one next year), sprinkler prohibition bill was put in but not by the Builders Association, several EMS related bills but none met deadline, no bills on fire safety account usage, pension bill includes a surcharge on homeowners policies and auto insurance (lively discussion on the multiple sides of this issue).

Scott McLellan reviewed the process of adopting the many building and fire codes. There are 12 sets of Rules adopting model codes moving forward in the process. This includes the State Fire Code. By the end of April he hopes they will be published in the State Register which starts the comment period.

There are also a couple issues with the Fire Code that are receiving feedback from industry. There was a bill introduced that required the State Fire Marshal to provide paper copies of the State Fire Code to whoever requested it (could charge fee, not to exceed actual cost – total cost estimated at over \$2,000).

Bruce West and Jim Fisher met with the MN Twins to discuss our next meeting location. Limit of 24 people for a tour that will be included – we will get information out on where to park and what will happen at that meeting. This will be our meeting location for May 22. The executive committee will meet and determine the amount of time for our meeting and for the tour.

Motion to adjourn by Fisher/Bohn at Noon, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jerry Rosendahl, Secretary