

FLSS Board Meeting

Notes
October 16, 2024
2 pm Eastern



Board Member

Chief Greg Rogers, *Chair*
Chief Robert Marshall, *Vice Chair*
Chief Michael O'Brian, *International Director*
Chief Scott Moore, *Secretary / Treasurer*
Chief Andy King, *Immediate Past Chair*
Chief Matt Henss, *At-Large Board Member*
Chief Kathy Clay, *At-Large Board Member*
Chief William Hyde, *At-Large Board Member*
Chief Elizabeth Bednarcik, *At-Large Board Member*
Chief Shawn Hanson, *At-Large Board Member*
Chief Mike Carsten, *At-Large Board Member*

Deputy Chief/Director Larry R. Cocco,
International Position

Karen Berard-Reed, *Education Specialty Rep.*
Howard Hopper, *Engineering Specialty Rep.*
Ray Reynolds - *Public Safety Specialty Rep.*

Peg Paul, *Ex Officio Board Member*
Vickie Pritchett, *Ex Officio Board Member*
Richard Roberts, *Ex Officio Board Member*
Karl Fippinger, *Ex Officio Board Member*

Appointed Board Members

Staff: *FLSS Liaison* Richard Miller

Guests (iDelp) Stephanie Harpring, Cortonio (Cory) T. Beals

Green Present Yellow Absent Blue Remote

Minutes taken Richard Miller

Guests: Richard Miller IAFC Staff

Minutes taken Richard Miller

1. Meeting called to order by:
Roll Call – Completed Green Present Yellow Absent Blue Remote
1. Call for approval of past meeting minutes
 - i. Motion – Made by Chief Hanson
 - ii. Second – Chief Henss
 - iii. Result – Approved of the September 2024 minutes
2. Chair Report – Greg Rogers (Chief Marshall)
 - i. Single Exit “One Way Out”
 1. Chief Marshall presented the NFPA report, which will be published soon
 - a. NFPA 101 allows single stair
 2. Code E24 Hearings will be presented at Code Hearings
 - a. Potential additional change to allow one additional story
 - i. Chief Cocco's question on code change is one additional floor and limit up to 4000 sqft per floor currently allowed with the NFPA 101 code.
 - ii. Stressing the importance of using the Code Process in contrast to a forced Legislative process

- iii. All other current code requirements would remain within the code as standard protection, similar to two exit four-story requirements.
3. Vice Chair Report – Robert Marshal
 - i. FCAC Code Hearing starts October week of 21st
4. International Director Report – Michael O’Brian
 - i.
5. Treasurer report – Scott Moore –
 - i. \$159850 income spent \$147605 spent CRRL
 - ii. \$37506 income expense \$59395 – loss \$21890 FLSS Budget
 - iii. Question for the Section Board: should the Section budget be identified to represent all expenses for CRRL, such as Board travel and Planning committee costs
6. Update on the CRRL 2025
 - i. Call for the presentation was closed last week for the 2025 CRRL
 - ii. Site selection committee names were sent in for 2026 and 2027
 - iii. The next item is the conference budget
 - iv. Sponsors and vendors are actively being sought
7. Committee Reports
 - i. HOT - Home Oxygen <https://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2024/09/27/the-flss-launches-a-home-oxygen-therapy-hot-toolkit>
 1. Medicare status for special code public comment presentation November 8th
 - a. Our presentation will be updated with new valued information as to the extent of the hazards of Home Oxygen
 - b. Use of IAFC Branding approval from IAFC HQ on the How to Guide for stakeholders and others to show National effort on how best to gain support and approval
 - c. Working on UL to evaluate the produce, and we continue to work with NASFM to have testing conducted
 - i. Howard Hopper will assist with getting UL to help develop and evaluate the new standard
 - ii. Lithium-ion Working Group Committee – Continued work and Chief O’Brain and Chief Cocco will be presenting in Canada on the hazards within the Built environment
 1. Public education information is now available from Toronto to link to the IAFC Site – add as information for the following newsletter
 - iii. Vision 20/20 – Peg Paul reports that Vision 20/20 did not receive grant funding is available for CRR Academy and Symposium “9” 2026 Charlotte, NC
 1. Discussion was held on future program
 - b. Communication Report September E-newsletter went out
 - i. Next E-newsletter call for articles
 1. ICC Report Karl Fippinger
 - a. Thanks to all of the ICC participants and the work they put in on all topic

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- b. Special Thanks to Chief O’Brain on the Lithium-Ion Battery Storage projects and the gap analysis for this emerging technology
 - c. Thanks to Chief Rogers for the Fire Code Action Committee
 - d. Thanks to Chief Marshall for his work on the code development process
2. FLSS endorsed Sean Tomey, NH, and Randy Metz to ICC

ii. NFPA report – No report Karen Berard-Reed

1. (USFA Summit was held last week, and excellent presentations)

8. iDelp FLSS Guests – Chief Beals

9. Old Business:

There has yet to be anything new to report.

October Board Meeting, CFSI planning 2025 Fire and Emergency Services Symposium & Dinner
February 12, 2025 - February 13, 2025, [Dinner & Symposium](#)

1. Set a budget based on what NFSA is willing to sponsor and what we are willing to spend.
 2. Determine the costs, including known items like room rates and meal per diem. We could use an average for the flights. We rarely miss opportunities for seats at dinner tables. We could secure those secondary opportunities early. We may not all get to sit together, but that is the cost of saving money.
 3. Decide how many can be funded. If the board wants specific people to attend, they get priority.
- ii. Call for presentation is open at CFSI – Karl Fippinger report <https://cfsi.org/annual-symposium-and-dinner/call-for-seminar-proposals/>
- iii. <https://cfsi.org/awards/>

10. New Business:

- A. Appoint a new member to the FLSS Executive Board
 - a. Motion by Ray Reynolds to appoint Shawn Hanson to the FLSS Executive Board
 - b. Second by Scott Moore
 - c. Vote: Voice Vote Approved

11. Staff Report

12. Roundtable Report FLSS Board

Chief Bednarick—Position Paper update: Please send in your updates with the goal of completing them by the end of the year.

Smoke Alarm Position Paper and Concerns with UL217

Howard Hopper – Bylaws, we will need a new elections committee by the end of this year.

Greg Rogers Kudos to Peg Paul on the new Sprinkler Education and the strategy to collaborate with developers on the importance of sprinklers – focus on the “Cost of not Sprinklering,” a new tool kit for AHJs

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Peg Paul – HFSC received an FPNS grant, and we are now focusing on the strategy of using developer incentives to prevent sprinklers from being omitted from the codes when the codes are being updated. So suddenly, the developers are paying attention. The work that was done in Las Vegas is an excellent example of that. Thousands of homes have been sprinkled since that requirement, but we are developing a tool. We're putting this together that AHJ fire officials can use when preparing to go into a code meeting, where instead of constantly defending the cost of sprinkling, it's the cost of not sprinkling. We're stealing that from Todd Short, who recently retired from Redmond, WA, who often.

Every quarter, there was a report like that on all sprinkler buildings and all properties—the fire sprinkler coalition in residential. Instead, we are focusing on it. Here is what it costs the community when you do not sprinkler, and anytime you omit sprinklers from the codes, you are setting yourselves up for, you know, the opposite of community risk reduction.

And, of course, substandard homes.

So that is where we are going. Using this new grant to do that in a big part of the grant also puts that message through advertising in front of policymakers and elected officials.

The building community and then H JS let them know about this new material that we are developing.

Shawn Hanson – EV Fire recently cost \$1.3 million loss actual cost of a vehicle fire

- a. Next Meeting Teams November 20th, 2pm Eastern 2024
- b. Motion to Adjourn
 - i. Chief Hanson's Motion to adjourn