



National Fire Sprinkler Association Illinois Chapter

April 24, 2020

NFSA Illinois Chapter Members:

The Chapter Board has decided to **cancel** the in-person May 14, 2020 Chapter meeting to adhere to social distancing. I realize we are all coping with this pandemic and hope you are well. We are fortunate the fire sprinkler industry is considered to be an essential service. The Board has provided the following updates to our members:

- The March 12, 2020 meeting minutes are attached for your reference.
- NFSA HQ has cancelled all in-person meetings, seminars and the upcoming Business & Leadership Conference. The Business & Leadership Conference will be presented as a virtual presentation. Refer to the attached information to register for this FREE seminar to be held on April 30 and May 1, 2020.
- Your Engineering and Standards Committee (E&S) held their spring meeting virtually and are keeping up with the NFPA code cycles.
- NFSA Board Area Director Bill Ball reported the following:
 - Refer to NFSA web page for helpful industry information regarding the Covid virus. NFSA staff has done a great job to assist us.
 - The SAM Council reported at the last Board Meeting they expected the market to be flat for this year.
 - The Board has asked that we report significant events to NFSA and to your social media outlets.
 - Federal Tax Incentive legislation has passed (see NFSA web page)
- Treasurer Matt Clegg has reported there are some outstanding member dues. Please pay your 2020 Annual Chapter Dues of \$375.00. Please contact Matt Clegg if you pay on-line <https://nfpa.org/chapters/illinois/> so he can record that.
- The collective bargaining talks with Local 281 for signatory contractors has been suspended in April due to COVID-19 and will be re-evaluated in May.
- The Illinois Burn Prevention Association Annual Golf Outing scheduled for June 9, 2020 has been postponed to September 24, 2020.
- An update report from Erik Hoffer / NIFSAB can be accessed at the link below March/April NIFSAB News e-newsletter <https://conta.cc/3ay6WwL>
- NFPA has cancelled the June 2020 Conference & Expo in Orlando.
- NFPA has announced a virtual presentation to recognize "Home Fire Sprinkler Week" scheduled for May 17-23, 2020. NFPA will present a live event on May 20, 2020 at 10:00 am Central Time. You can access NFPA to find out more information: nfpa@e.nfpa.org
- September 10, 2020 Illinois Chapter meeting to be held at Morton's Steakhouse is tentative at this time... TBD

We all look forward to the world as we know it, but I hope we can all make a difference to do our part in this crisis. Please e-mail me or any of our Chapter Officers if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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NFSA IL Chapter March 12, 2020 / Maggiano's Oak Brook, IL / Meeting Minutes / Notes

Meeting started @ 5:30pm, an earlier start. Ed Kadlec kicked off the meeting and introductions were made through the room with approx. 40 members and guests present.

Guests:

- Bob Morris - Retired
- James "Jamie" Brown – President, IFIA

Reports:

Chair – Ed Kadlec welcomed the guests and the chapter attendees. Ed then informed the group that Area Director Bill Ball would not be attending. Ed also instructed the attendees that the Local 281 labor agreement would be expiring on 5/31/20.

Vice-chair – Alan Jacobs could not attend (no report).

Treasurer – Matt Clegg mentioned that invoices for dues would soon be arriving. Only 36% of the members have paid their dues to date. Matt reminded that dues can be paid on-line as well.

Secretary – No report.

Golf Outing Report – Dave Fisher gave a re-cap on the success of this year's annual Burn Prevention Golf outing. Dave said that this would be his last year as Chairman and is hoping to turn over the reins to Tom Tracey of Victaulic. There will be 128 golfers for the outing – The 25th anniversary! Dave has a goal of selling \$10,000 in raffle tix. Tyco is the only manufacturer not golfing. Tickets can be purchased via credit card if wanted.

NIFSAB – Erik Hoffer informed the group that his office tracks "Sprinkler Saves" in addition to other statistics (11 so far in 2020). He has already scheduled (46) sprinkler demos for 2020, and New Lennox passed a "Zero SQ./FT. ordinance. NIFSAB is undertaking ongoing marketing & advertising projects and even plans to do a "Burn Survivor Testimonial" – Great work Erik. NIFSAB will be mailing out "Sprinkler Props" to students in IL to educate and expose the students to fire protection (sprinkler heads etc.). The annual NFSA seminar in AZ has been canceled.

Field Consultant (Bob Tinucci) – Bob works closely with Erik H. (NIFSAB). Bob welcomed our guests and encouraged the guest to communicate with him & Erik concerning any ideas/needs that they may have. Bob also has a new e-mail address: RJTentinc@comcast.net.

Guest Speaker (Ryan Baumgartner) – went over Cold Storage and highlighted flexible drops for freezers.

State of Illinois

- Fire Sprinkler Licensing Act Legislation Act revisions / No movement as of now.

NFSA Training Seminars

NFSA Annual Seminar Phoenix, AZ / April 29 – May 2, 2020 - **CANCELLED**

Ed Kadlec adjourned the meeting and thanks everyone.

Next Chapter Meetings 2020:

- March 12, 2020 - Maggiano's - Oak Brook
- May 14, 2020 – Maggiano's - Oak Brook - **CANCELLED**
- June 9, 2020 – Golf Outing – Mistwood GC – **RE-SCHEDULED for 9/24/20**
- September 10, 2020 – Morton's - Schaumburg
- November 5, 2020 – Maggiano's – Oak Brook

Respectfully submitted by Dave Rosso – Secretary

ARE YOU READY FOR AN ACTION PACKED BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Who: National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA)

When: Thursday, April 30th • 1:00-5:00 p.m. EDT
Friday, May 1st • 1:00-4:00 p.m. EDT

Cost: IT'S FREE!

Where: IT'S VIRTUAL!
(In the comfort of your location of choice)

Why: Because there's never been a better time to
learn, be inspired, and plan for a brighter future!

Registration is LIVE, visit www.nfsa.org and click on the virtual
registration button!



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With These Speakers:



Kevin & Jackie Frieberg



Jon Gordon



Mike Snider



Gene Marks



Jim Pauley



Shane Ray



Vickie Pritchett



Jeff Hugo

Along with Matt Klaus, Chris Logan, Joe Meyer, Terry Victor,
Jeff Brassel, Jeff Shapiro, Garner Pasenske, Mike Joanis,
Wes Baker, Jim McHugh, along with NFSA Board Officers:
Kent Mezaros, Jim Boulanger and Bruce LaRue!



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