

SFPE Standards-Making Committee on Design Fire Scenarios

Meeting Report – March 19, 2015

Present: Beth Tubbs (Chair), Jason Butler, Charles Fleischmann, Jason Floyd, Craig Hofmeister, John Stauder, Don Turno, Collen Wade, Shaun Wrightson and Chris Jelenewicz (Staff).

The following was discussed:

- **Review Technical Steering Committee Report** – The SFPE Technical Steering Committee (TSC) met on February 25, 2015. During this meeting the standardization of tenability criteria issue was discussed. The TSC agreed there is no need for SFPE to develop a new standard on tenability criteria. The TSC also recommended that the Design Fire Scenarios Committee to not stop looking into this issue, but make sure its work is coordinated with the work being performed by the Human Behavior Task Group. Additionally, if the Design Fire Committee feels it needs additional subject matter experts in the area of tenability, it should ask the Human Behavior group for assistance.
- **New Chair** – Beth Tubbs was required to step down as the chair of this committee. A solicitation for applications to replace her position as chair was made in accordance with the SFPE Standards Development Procedures. Charley Fleischman was the only person to submit an application. In accordance with the SFPE Standards Development Procedures, the TSC is required to approve new chairs to standards development committees. The TSC is reviewing this application and a decision will be made before March 27, 2015.

The Committee thanked Beth for her service as chair of this committee.

- **Review list of existing committee members** – The committee reviewed the existing list of committee members (see attached). Membership of this committee shall be balanced by interest. No more than one member shall represent any company or organization, and no more than 1/3 of the voting members shall represent a single interest category as listed below.
- Producer or manufacturer of a product that could be affected (design, manufacture or sale) by the standard (0/10)
- Design engineer – (3/10)
- Enforcement official – (1/10)
- Research and testing, including public or private sector research organizations and academics who perform research that falls within the scope of the standard – (3/10)
- Facilities owner or manager – (1/10)
- Insurance interests – (0/10)
- Specialist with expert knowledge within the scope of the standard who is not described by one of the categories above – (2/10)

The committee should also be balanced based on geography. As such, before the next committee meeting, members from Sweden, Japan, Korea and Canada will be recruited in the Manufacturer, Code Enforcement, Insurance and Facility Management Categories. Committee members were asked to send any suggestions to Chris Jelenewicz.

- **Path forward** – Currently the committee has two-subgroups (Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere). Once the committee expands, there may be room for an additional sub-group. Also, the committee will be looking for volunteers to head each sub-group. If a committee member is interested in heading a sub-group, please contact Chris.
- **Guidance on Developing Scenarios for Use Groups not listed in the Standard** – In our last meeting, committee members were asked to review a document drafted by Jason Floyd and provide comments for this meeting. It was noted that this document is currently a “Straw-man” and needs more work. Committee members were asked to forward feedback to Chris.
- **Next meeting** – The next committee meeting will be scheduled for the second part of April. A Doodle Poll will be provided in the email associated with this meeting report.

- **End of Report** -