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Subject: TVSFPE President's Pen

The fall campaign began in September with our meeting at the Peerless Restaurant in West Knoxville with Dr. Heejin Park's presentation on Computational Fluid Dynamics in Smoke/Fire Situations. This was a great turnout with about 35 members present, and overflow seating for several at the bar. Your Executive Committee is working to continue our tradition of good speakers and reasonable food at a convenient and comfortable location.

The Chapter has participated in several successful events since our last meeting at the May picnic. First, as reported at the September meeting, we provided scholarships to two worthy students, one at Oklahoma State and one at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Second, with the help of several members, we successfully submitted our application for the Chapter Excellence Award, which was announced by SFPE in August. We hope to pick up our award in Portland at the Annual Meeting. Speaking of the Annual Meeting, Tom Christman and Ken Dungan will present SFPE with our contribution to the Science and Education Foundation of SFPE in the amount of \$500 during the Senate Meeting. Third, we had a successful professional development seminar, led by one of our own esteemed members, Mike Mowrer of HSB Professional Loss Control. There were over 20 participants at the seminar, held on the Oak Ridge campus of Roane State Community College. Payments through PayPal are still being received and calculated, but it looks like there will be several thousand dollars in proceeds for the scholarship fund. The exact financial information will be presented in the Treasurer's Report. Finally, Dr. David Icove is the recipient of an SFPE Fellowship for his outstanding career contributions to the Chapter, SFPE and the fire service.

As a preview of agenda items for the October meeting, there will be a discussion of an opportunity to help establish a branch chapter in Middle Tennessee, based in the Nashville Metro area. TVSFPE is in discussion with SFPE members in the Nashville area who are interested in chartering an SFPE chapter. We will discuss some of the opportunities TVSFPE might be willing to undertake to assist in this endeavor.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to the numerous members that have contributed recently to our Chapter success. Calling out specific names always runs the risk of omitting someone, so I will refrain from being specific, and those that have contributed know who they are anyway. Instead, I will point out some of the actions that have been done. Several contributed to the Chapter Excellence Award with various interactions in the community to extend and promote the cause of fire protection. Also, there were several who contributed to the application writing and editing. Again, my thanks for another successful Seminar. and to those who planned, coordinated and conducted the training. Finally, I want to express my appreciation for our experienced and dedicated Executive Committee for going above and beyond for the advancement of the Chapter. The Executive Committee will be bringing a By-laws amendment affecting the scholarship process to the membership for a vote at the next meeting.

The longer I'm associated with TVSFPE the more impressed I am with the variety and extent of our expertise. Thanks to past members, some of whom are no longer with us, who had the foresight, management skills, and financial commitment, we enjoy the prestige of national recognition by SFPE, financial security and most importantly, the ability to positively influence the advancement of good fire protection. Thanks to all for your service.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

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