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January 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

No Chapter Meeting in January
Have a Happy and Health New Year

Note: There will be a Board of Trustees meeting in January to discuss and approve the 2026 Chapter Budget and to close out 2025 Fiscal Year.

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At the December Chapter Holiday Party meeting the Hope for Veterans event brought in over $1,500 in donations for the Hope for Veterans charity. Special thanks to Cullen Pump and Vinnie Pisano for sponsoring the event and to AFAA-NJ, SFPE-NJ, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler and Merchants Alarm Systems and all attendees for their very generous donations.

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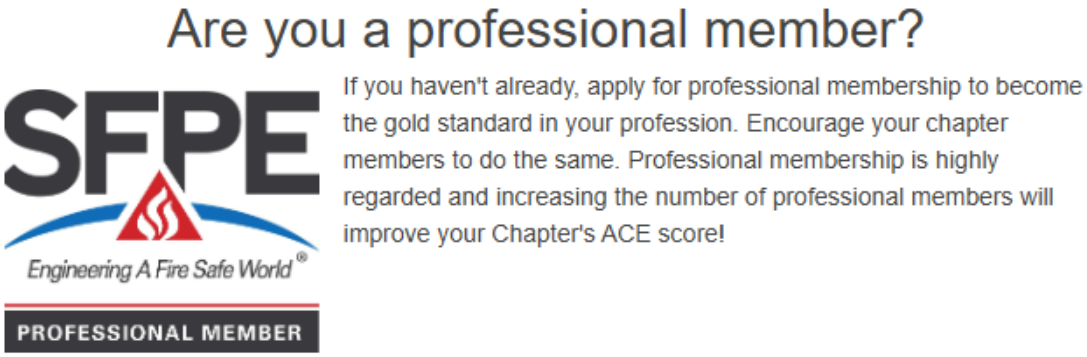
SFPENJ Dec. 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Chapter held its Holiday Meeting on December 8th at The Hanover Manor. There were 19 in attendance, including several AFAANJ Chapter members. President Marvin Maradiaga made some announcements including the January 7th virtual board of directors meeting to develop the budget and the February 2nd Chapter meeting at the Hanover Manor. Following a turkey buffet dinner Vinnie Piasano of the Engineers Club held a tricky tray for the benefit of 'Hope For Veterans'. The event raised $540 after which Walter Wargacki of the AFAANJ and Marvin Maradiaga both announced that each of our organizations would donate another $500 making a grand total of $1,540. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30PM.
Happy Holidays to everyone.



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SFPE Board of Directors and Nominating Committee Election Results

From: Jimmy Jönsson, FSFPE, Secretary/Treasurer

Per Article X, Section 2 of the SFPE Constitution & Bylaws, the election for the 2026 SFPE Board of Directors and Nominating Committee has concluded. The following individuals were elected to serve, with their terms commencing on January 1, 2026. Our 4,413 members, including professional and Fellow members (excluding students) in good standing, received a ballot, and 995 voted, representing 22.5% of the total membership.

Officers

- **Shamim-Rashid-Sumar, PE, FSFPE,** will become President.
- **Shaun Kelly, Peng, CEng, MIEI, PMSFPE,** has been elected to President-Elect.
- **Jimmy Jönsson, FSFPE,** has been elected Secretary-Treasurer.
- **Amanda Kimball, PE, FSFPE**, will become the Immediate Past-President.
- **Chris Jelenewicz, PE, FSFPE,** Chief Executive Officer, Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Directors-at-Large

Based upon the number of votes received, the following individuals were elected to a three-year term (2023-2025). They are listed in alphabetical order.

- **Virginia Charter, PhD, PE, FSFPE**
- **John Frank, PE, CFPS, FSFPE**
- **Karl Wallasch, CEng, PMSFPE**

They will join the following six Directors-at-Large on the Board of Directors.

- **John Denhardt, PE, ET, FSFPE, CWBSP** (2024-2026)
- **Mark Hopkins, PE, FSFPE** (2025-2027)
- **Elizabeth (Carcone) Pennacchio, PE, PMSFPE** (2025-2027)
- **Jeffrey Tubbs, PE, FSFPE** (2024-2026)
- **Craig Vesely, PE, CET, PMSFPE** (2026)
- **Michael Wojcik, PE, PMSFPE** (2025-2027)

2026 Nominating Committee

The following individuals were elected to the 2026 Nominating Committee. They are listed in alphabetical order. The Board of Directors will also appoint three individuals to the Nominating Committee in early 2026, including the Chair.

- **Michael Crowley, PE, FSFPE**
- **Bryan Hoskins, PE, PMSFPE**
- **Christine Theisen, PE, FSFPE**

Note: New Society President Shamin-Rashid-Sumar PE, FSFPE is a member of our NJ Chapter SFPE

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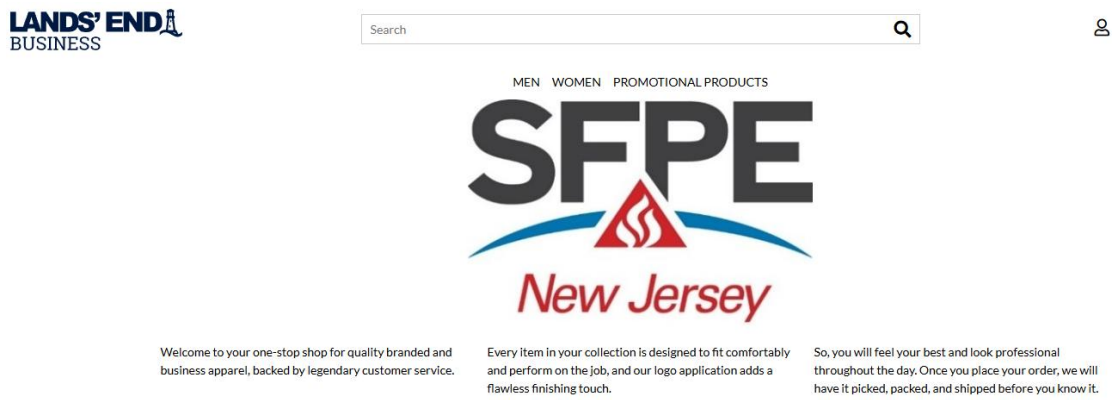

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Vice President - Evan Fitzgerald
Secretary - Joe Janiga
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Trustees (Three Year Terms – Alternating Years)

Jim Loftus **(3 Year Term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028)**
Victoria Valentine **(3 Year Term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026)**
Ernesto Vega-Janica **(3 Year Term July 1, to June 30, 2027)**
Mark Bagniewski **(3 Year Term July 1 '25 to June 30, 2028)**
David J Davis **(3 Year Term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026)**

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