



## **AFE Region 8 Newsletter**

**November 2019**

Greetings to everyone in AFE Region 8.

This is the first newsletter of our new outreach program. The intent is to reach out to all AFE members and key industry supporters of our organization with news on what is going on with AFE at the Regional level, the National level and what the chapters in our region are doing. Our plan is to put this newsletter out every two months as a direct email and also post it to our Region 8 website at <http://www.afe8.org/>.

### **AFE Region 8 news**

AFE Region 8 (R8) has five active chapters. They are Chapter 85 in Springfield MA, Chapter 74 in Worcester MA, Chapter 63 in Rhode Island, Chapter 33 in Boston, MA and Chapter 140 in New Hampshire. We are excited that there is interest to reactivate Chapter 119 in Maine. The R8 board will be working with Maine to set up a tour and meeting over the next month. We are also going to work on trying to get a chapter in Connecticut going again.

The executive committee for the R8 board met on October 21<sup>st</sup> and set a budget for 2020 and also set the dates for the regional board meetings thru the end of 2020. As far as the R8 budget is concerned, we have taken steps to control our spending to stay within our means. One step we took on October 21<sup>st</sup> was to open a bank account with Eastern Bank and begin the process of closing our bank account with Bank of America. Banking fees with BOA have reached \$753 YTD at the end of September. Eastern Bank does not have any fees. We are also soliciting advertisers to post on our website at a bargain price of \$300 per year. In addition, R8 will begin receiving a portion of member dues from the National office beginning in 2020. Our plan is with these revenue streams, R8 will be able to pay for the bulk of the maintenance of the R8 and chapter websites with each chapter only having to pay \$500 a year for website support. The website fee to a chapter will be waived if the secure two advertisers to the Region 8 website for \$300 each.

R8 is also going to begin soliciting nominations for the R8 Board of Directors (BOD). There are a variety of purposes for AFE to set up these regions. One is to provide a link between the AFE National office and the chapters. The second purpose is the region can provide

continuity between the chapters and help with such things as chapter officer training, becoming and staying registered with the IRS, chapter startup financial support, assisting anyone who wishes to start a chapter and certification training. There are other secondary purposes for the region, but these are the big bullet points. Like the individual chapter BOD, the R8 BOD relies on members who are committed to helping AFE succeed and meet AFE's mission. Within the next month, we will be putting out calls for nominations for the BOD. In addition to the R8 BOD members, each chapter is to have at least one, preferably two, chapter delegates who attend the R8 board meeting and report back the regional activities back to their chapter members. The region will not be doing a general solicitation for chapter delegates. We leave that task up to the individual chapters.

### **AFE National News**

Nominations for the positions on the National Board of Directors and Regional VP's is now closed and all AFE members will be sent a series of emails requesting your vote. The offices of the President-elect, Vice Chair of Finance, Vice Chair of Membership and the Regional VP's for regions 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are up for election. AC Powell, AFE's Executive Director, has been contacting the nominees to confirm they agree with their nomination and will then forward a list of the confirmed nominees to the National Nominations Committee. The Nominations committee will then authorize the ballot and put the ballot out to membership to vote. Your vote is very important. We historically do not get a lot of members voting and as such, just a few votes make a big difference. Your vote is important. This is your organization, so please take a few minutes, read the biography on each candidate and make your vote. Voting will be open from November 4<sup>th</sup> thru December 4<sup>th</sup>.

AFE National is moving their office. The present office at 8200 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA is an extremely expensive lease at about \$8600 a month. The lease was for 11 years and we are in year 5. We have the opportunity to sublease the space for what we are paying now and have found office space with another non-profit that we will share with them. The new address will be 1901 North Fort Myers Drive, Suite 500, in Arlington, Virginia. The end result will be a savings of about \$6000 a month. This money can then be used for better purposes such as outreach and membership growth. The move will be complete by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

The National BOD approved a plan starting on 1/1/2020 to set aside the portion of dues for each chapter and region into a special account that will be dispersed to each chapter and region at the end of each quarter. The dues going out to each chapter and region is based on one and two year full membership dues paying members.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, AFE hosted the 2019 Building Automation & Cyber Security FM Forum in Falls Church, VA. This is from the on AFE's website advertising for the event: "From AI to Blockchain, advances in technology change the business landscape. In some industries, these changes can be sweeping, forever altering the dynamics of the relationships between producers, labor and end-users. Across all industries, automation seeks to increase efficiencies. The 2019 AFE Building Automation & Cyber Security FM Forum will explore the various trends in building automation and provide practical advice on how to prepare your facilities management team to take advantage of the technological advances on the horizon to improve building performance while securing data plus systems connected to the Internet. Join us for a comprehensive look at

"Smart Buildings & the Internet of Things".

AFE is a partner at the National Facilities Management & Technology conference at the Orange County Convention Center from November 13-14, 2019. In addition to our presence at the conference and trade show, we will be conducting CPMM class from the 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>.

AFE's three certifications are getting a refresh. The Certified Professional Maintenance Manager CPMM certification has just completed an extensive update bringing it up to date with the elimination of sections that are 10 to 20 years old and adding current technology to the program. Units were reorganized and a new unit on prescriptive maintenance was added. The Certified Professional Supervisor CPS certification is also getting an overhaul over the next two months. While less extensive than the CPMM update, we are bringing some vital updates to this program. And lastly, we have begun the process of updating the Certified Plant Engineer CPE certification program. This will be an extensive over haul over the next 6 months. We will be reaching out to the entire AFE membership looking for subject matter experts to assist with the update. In addition to the updates to current technology and codes, the CPMM certification is being converted to Spanish and by January 2020 will be offered in either Spanish or English. Once the updates are done with the CPE program, we will convert that to Spanish also and make an online version available.

As far as certification classes go, we are winding down classes for 2019. Scheduling classes for 2020 is underway and we are looking to spread more classes around the country.

In addition to all the above, tune in to our monthly webinars. They are free to AFE members and feature subject matter experts in a variety of technologies in the facilities field. And you can gain certification credits for listening in on these webinars. As I said, the sessions are free to AFE members and you can claim the webinar for credits to renew your certifications.

## **AFE Region 8 Chapter News**

### **Chapter 33**

Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Harpoon Brewery

### **Chapter 63**

More in the next newsletter.

### **Chapter 74**

Our next scheduled Chapter meeting will be on Thursday November 21st.

**Meet at Main Lobby:** 5:30-5:45 PM

**Address:** Karl Storz Endoscopy, 28 Millbury Street, Auburn MA

**Overview by Tour Guide:** 5:45-6:00

**Tour:** 6:00-7:00 approved for .10 CEU Credits

**Dinner/Meeting:** 7:00-8:00 Business Meeting & Networking

**Chapter 85**

The Chapter just had their annual tabletop trade show on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. The chapter has several great tours every year and without a doubt in 2020 our western most chapter will be hosting some fantastic tours.

**Chapter 119**

Alan Ouellet of the R8 board received an email from Ron Wood in Maine expressing interest in reactivating the Maine chapter. The R8 board will be working with Ron on setting up a tour and begin the process of reactivating the chapter.

**Chapter 140**

Calls for nominations to the BOD is underway. The chapter had an October tour at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections which was well attended and an eye-opening experience. The NH chapter is having a joint meeting with IAQA, and Granite State ASHRAE for a technical night on December 12th at Viega in Nashua, NH. Planning is also underway to line up tours for 2020.

The next Region 8 newsletter will come out in January. For those who wish to advertise on the AFE Region 8 website for \$300 per year, please reach out to me at [aferegion8@gmail.com](mailto:aferegion8@gmail.com).

To everyone, have a great and safe holiday season.

My best to all,

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