

**Minutes**  
**South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety**  
**Regular Meeting September 18, 2012**  
**Fire Marshal's Office Conference Room**  
**Columbia, S.C.**

**Members Attending:** John Armstrong; Larry Godfrey; Rodney Wyndham, and David Tafaoa

**State Fire Marshal's Office Staff Attending:** Shane Ray (State Fire Marshal), Ray Hoshall, Danny McKinney, David Blackwell, Amelinda Matthews, and Barbara Foster

**OGC Staff Attending:** Sheridan Spoon, Advice Counsel and Andrew Rogers, General Counsel

**Visitors Attending:** Leland Kelley, Lane Kelley and Lee Kelley (G.L. Smith Inc.), Randy Sharks (Atlas Imports), John Casey and James Casey (Casey's Fireworks), Barbara Cummings (TNT), Tom Elliott (S.C. Fireworks Association), Steve Elliott and Paul Abbott Jr. (Abbott's Fireworks)

- Chairman John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Public Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the S.C. Board of Pyrotechnic Office, Division of Fire & Life Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC and was provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.
- The Chairman's first order of business was the annual election of officers. Rodney Wyndham nominated John Armstrong as chairman. The Board voted unanimously for Mr. Armstrong as chairman. David Tafaoa nominated Larry Godfrey as Vice-Chairman. This voted was also unanimous. Ray Hoshall reminded the Board the the position of secretary was not a statutorily required position. The secretarial duties are provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Approval of Minutes: Larry Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting and Nov. 29, 2011 teleconference meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- Shane Ray introduced himself as the new State Fire Marshal and looks forward to working with the board. He also announced the retirement of Danny McKinney as interim board administrator. His replacement is Ray Hoshall.
- Management Report by Ray Hoshall:
  - Reviewed 2011 and 2012 inspection reports
  - Reminder- Board of Pyrotechnic Safety is a seven member board; one seat is vacant
  - In 2013, paper permits will no longer be issued. Paper permits will be replaced by stickers.
  - Three Senate bills expired at the end of the session: Senate Bill S. 319 – Fireworks stands; Senate bill S. 1066 – Regulating the discharge of fireworks and Senate and House bills S. 1163/H. 478 – Fireworks.
- Old Business  
Sheridan Spoon reported that the clean-up of the Regulations discussed during the Nov. 29, 2011 board meeting was an undertaking by all Boards within the agency. Sometimes

the wording in the Regulations may not be authorized by Statute. When the process is completed, the changes will be presented to the Board for authorization to change the Regulations.

One proposed change was made to Regulation 71-7504.1B. The manufacture, sale, storage and possession of fireworks would be changed to the manufacture, sale and storage of fireworks. Mr. Spoon asked the Board to consider any other changes that may help to protect the public.

Mr. Wyndham believes several other changes are relevant and suggested that the Board make all the changes at once.

Mr. Spoon suggested the Board handle the issues one at a time. Attorneys are available to assist with the drafting of these changes.

Shane Ray told the Board that he would like to also be involved in the process.

Larry Godfrey made a motion that a committee be appointed for this project to meet with the State Fire Marshal and report the back to the Board. He nominated David Tafaoa and Rodney Wyndham. The Board seconded the motion and voted for the motion and the committee. It was unanimous.

- New Business

Ray Hoshall reported that letters were mailed to retailers providing them with the information needed to conform to required standards. He will be reviewing numerous procedures for clarification and consistency. Once completed, he will present his findings to the Chairman.

2012 Act 274 passed and was effective June 26, 2012.

Mr. Armstrong stated that all the Board's business was completed.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.