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NFPA Council of State Affiliate (COSA) Report to the Board of Directors

- At the COSA meeting in June, Jim Hatch (ME) was re-elected for a 3rd term as Chairman. Paul Blough (GA) is the new Vice Chair, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers was appointed as new Alternate Vice Chair, and Tammy Wells was appointed for a 3rd term as Secretary.

- The Chair has asked the leadership team and other COSA members to take a more active role than in years past. **The leadership team will be cc'd in all future email correspondence that specific involves the COSA.** This will ensure transparency and a team consolidated effort. Since most of the leadership is new, it will also give them a better understanding of the Chair role/responsibilities in preparation of voting in a new Chair next term.

- COSA Membership Committee: Tri-Chairs are Paul Blough (GA), Jessica Lloyd-Rogers (OR), and Maurita McCorkle (NC). Remaining members are: Erin Rolland-Foley (VT), Lara Bouse (MI), Amanda Cruce (FL), Marion Rhines (TN).
    - Create a local, state affiliate structure with benefits and expectation at each level that would be proposed to the NFPA Board for implementation
        - **Committee questions what the value is at local level. "What we don't want to get into is a competitive view with local and state associations." Other than in the bylaws, what is the purpose of NFPA local affiliates and what is perceived to be their role?**
        - **How much flexibility does the committee have in creating a new structure?**
        - **The Committee requests information based on the previous Regional COSA Structure. What were the strengths of this structure and what were the challenges?**
        - **Are there BOD directed parameters that the committee needs to be mindful of?**
    - Create a training/buddy system for all COSA members as well as organizations interested in becoming affiliates.
        - Includes actively recruiting new state affiliates from non-member represented states and helping current state affiliates to become stronger in their respective states.

- Ethics Committee: This is a BOD directed committee. Members are mostly state affiliates. **Due to Eileen's departure-are there any BOD directed guidelines that the committee needs to be mindful of?**
    - As it pertains to purpose, and scope.
    - The committee will decide on a new Chair and will seek the NFPA President's approval.

- NFPA COSA Website: The new NFPA COSA website has been launched. www.Nfpacosa.org/
    - The website shows only the "backbone of the site. First step is having State affiliates send information for the "meet the affiliates" page.

- NFPA COSA shares constant information via Email which is getting overwhelming for some members.
    - Implemented a weekly email update format
    - Will be implementing a Social media platform to those who like this format better.

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