

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 22, 2018
Sheraton Hotel Arlington, Texas

Meeting called to order at 1 pm

by President: Cheshire

Board Members present on site:

President Harvie Cheshire
1st Vice President Mike Richardson
2nd Vice President Tim Smith
3rd Vice President Richard Van Winkle
4th Vice President Chuck Richardson
Immediate Past President Henry Perry
Secretary Joe Ondrasek
Assistant Secretary Jim White
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Daisy Svatek

Board Members NOT PRESENT: N/A

Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present: N/A

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron, Gabi Glass

Guests present:

Dennis Gifford, Andy Dexter, Brad Hargrove, Frank Marcinkewitz, William Crawford, Brent Allen, Chris Anderson, Frankie Joe Salinas, George Tullgren, Dwayne Svatek, Gary Williams, Donny Boggs, Michael Richter, Bill Gardner, Morris Locknane, Murray Locknane, J.P. Laney, Paul Hamilton, Jeff Ballen, Nathan Huhn, Tommy Anderson, Dan Key, Stephen Donnally, Ruben Balboa, Mari Tovar, Jim Faneli, Keith Tate, Bill Stutler.

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: by Secretary Ondrasek

Motion is: To approve the minutes from January 26, 2018 and May 23, 2018 as presented.

Motion by: 1st VP M. Richardson 2nd by: IPP Perry

Motion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

Old Business:

- Association management software update by Director Barron
 - We are down to the final hours of fixing the bugs identified by user group
 - Support representative will be here today and Saturday
 - 22 million records imported completed
 - This has taken more time than expected
 - The user group has been very successful to identify problems

- SFFMA Logo use policy discussion by President Cheshire
 - The concern is the uncontrolled use of the SFFMA logo and those associated with it especially by companies for profit.
 - This is especially concerning when used by for profit groups
 - The discussion is can we or do we want to trademark our Logo and have a use policy.
 - The districts will continue to be able to use our logo as well as others, we just want to know about it.
 - The cost to trademark our Logo is about 260.00 per logo.
- TCFP Inspector issue update by President Cheshire
 - There is a very spirited discussion over this in the fire service
 - Many want the Inspector 1, 2, and plans examiner certification broken out separately by the TCFP so that the jurisdiction has authority can determine how to use them. There are a great number of large career departments as well as volunteer fire departments. The other opinion is to leave as is.
 - We have sent a letter to the Governor with our support to break the certification out separately.
 - General discussion of support by the board for this

New Business:

- Executive Report by Director Barron
 - We are in Year 5 of our new building and we are seeing normal wear and tear
 - Some roof and window leaking at a repair cost of about 9,000.00
 - Sales are down a lot this year
 - Lots of progress on new software. This is taking up most of the Staffs time
 - 15-day processing memberships, 30-day processing certification applications
 - International vehicle extrication class coming up
 - We have 434 new international members
 - Have been fielding questions on the dues increase proposal
 - Director Barron attended the TFS VFD assistance fund meeting and ask for increase funding to the training aids and to go back and review the 197 Million dollars in outstanding TFS grant request.
 - We have applied for a 1.4 million-dollar DSHS recruitment grant that would fund various recruitment initiatives over next 4 years.
 - We have hired a legislative representative
 - Going to be a great conference
- Legislative advocate update by JP Laney
 - Our Legislative lobbyist JP Laney introduces himself along with his BIO.
 - He offered he is her to listen and help us.

Having no further items. President Cheshire asked for audience comments.

Frankie Marcinkiewitz: Concerned about process to sign up if you want to speak, He would like to see the minutes posted on the website. He suggested doing one of the weeks of the SFFMA Fire Chief academy during the annual conference.

Brent Allen: Running for SFFMA Secretary. Thanked the board and all they do

Donny Boggs: Thanked everyone in the room for what they do. He is running for 4th VP. He has enjoyed the campaign process and all the folks he has met along the way.

Michael Richter: Is running for SFFMA Secretary. Thanked all in the room Elections are a good process.

Frankie Joe Salinas: Thanked everyone for the phone calls and concerns about he flooding in the Valley.

Bill Gardner: provided an update on the Municipal School Advisory board is represents the SFFMA on. All appointees are active on the board. Some items of the board are:

1. Decon stations
2. Washing machine in PPE room for hoods
3. The use of SCBA throughout the field as we do in real incidents
4. Establish instructor credentials for anyone teaching during annual school
5. Survey the SFFMA membership to question if July is the best and preferred time for Municipal School

Kyle Stephens: Invited the board and candidates to the Past President lunch tomorrow at 12:15.

President Cheshire asked for Board comments.

- President Cheshire: Honored and Humbled to serve as president and working very hard in the interest of the membership. Thanked Director Barron and all the Staff for what they do.
- 1st VP Richardson: Glad that everyone is here. He thanked Joe and Henry for their service on the board and how amazing it is that Henry in a span of 40 years served the SFFMA as mascot and president.
- 2nd VP Smith: Great meeting, Good year. Glad to be here.
- 3rd VP VanWinkle: thanked Teex
- 4th VP Richardson: Would like to see the advisory board updates on the agenda
- IPP Perry: A wonderful 6 years. He has enjoyed every meeting and event.
- Secretary Ondrasek- A terrific 8 years on the Board. I truly enjoyed and appreciate all the folks and people I have met and have worked with.
- Asst. Sec. White-. Loves being here.
- Chap. Kennedy- Is happy to be here. Be safe
- Mascot Svatek: Great to be here.

- Rayford Gibson – Really good meeting
- E.D. Barron- It is our goal to have the minutes on the website. The staff is working very hard and the new software implementation is taking up a lot of their time. July 25th is the Legislative day during fire school. It will be a little different than years past. The bus is stopping at Rellis on way by for some hands-on demonstrations and will be at fire school after lunch.

The next scheduled meeting is June 27, 2018

There being no further agenda items.

Motion to adjourn by: IPP Perry

Second by: Asst. Secretary White

Motion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

President Cheshire ended meeting at 2:07 pm

Respectively Submitted

Joe Ondrasek

Secretary

6/22/2018