

**STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 23, 2018 Conference Call**

**Meeting called to order at** 10:03am

**by President:** Cheshire

**Board Members present on site:**

President Harvie Cheshire  
1st VP Mike Richardson  
2nd Vice President Tim Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Richard Van Winkle  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Chuck Richardson  
Assistant Secretary Jim White  
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:** N/A

**Board Members NOT PRESENT:** IPP Henry Perry, Secretary Joe Ondrasek

**Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present:** Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Daisy Svatek

**Office Staff Present:** Director Barron

**Guests present:** PP Bill Gardner

**Invocation given by:** Chaplain Kennedy

**Roll Call of Board Members Present:** Assistant Secretary White

**Old Business:**

- Software and data base update by Director Barron
  - Great progress being made
  - More access in system to Fire Chief and Training Coordinators
  - Short task list of items
  - New website rolling out tomorrow
  - No specific launch date but very close

**New Business items:**

- Texas fire agency discussion by Bill Gardner
  - Discussion only provided by Chief Gardner
  - Chief Gardner has met with Chief Kidd directly about our concerns
  - Most of the concern surrounds the Hurricane Harvey response
  - Discussion all response agency would come back to TDEM (fire, ems, emergency management)
  - DSHS and TFS some changes being made to streamline process
  - Non-regulatory process or responsibility
  - TFCA has provided a letter of their recommended model
  - This item not going away and will be legislative item for TFCA

- Information from our fire service partners is confusing
- Lobbyist proposal discussion by Director Barron
  - Met with Trey Blocker, Joe Morris (came recommended), Eric Wright who represent a DPS group and Chris has also met with JP Laney.
  - Proposals provided to Board
  - Very good meeting with JP Laney
  - Proposals range in price from 2,750-10,000 a month
  - The concern is the cost
  - General discussion by the board

Motion is: To engage JP Laney as our Lobbyist and instruct Director Barron to meet with him on dates proposed in proposed and to develop a way how to pay for it.

Motion by: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Richardson                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP T. Smith

**Motion Passed** with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- SFFMA logo use policy and trademark discussion by President Cheshire
  - President Cheshire had a meeting with Brad Franchione at the Central District meeting
  - He is AMBA district manager now who is handing out cards saying he is endorsed by the SFFMA and flashing our Logo on his cards.
  - What prevents anyone from taking our Logo and benefiting from it on their business flyers and cards, shirts, etc.
  - We have no written policy on this.
  - We may want to have all our Logos trademarked
  - A trademark application is about 275.00 per logo without help of an attorney
  - This does not mean folks could not use it, it just means we can allow thru agreement that districts and such can use our logo.

Motion is: To direct Director Barron to develop a logo trademark policy for the SFFMA logo and all those associated with it and we work toward trademarking those logos and bring that back to the executive board at a later date.

Motion by: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Richardson                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Van Winkle

**Motion Passed** with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- Executive board into executive session at 11:12
  - Executive Board and Director Barron in Executive Session
  - President Cheshire ask board members to make sure no one listening
- Executive Board out of executive session at 11:31am
  - No Action taken in executive session reported by President Cheshire
- Board Comments at 11:32am

Next board meeting is Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Arlington

Motion to Adjourn by Assistant Secretary White.    Seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Van Winkle  
 Motion passed with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

President Cheshire ended meeting at 11:38 am

**Respectively Submitted**  
**Joe Ondrasek**  
**Secretary**  
**6/17/2018**