

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2017
Embassy Suites, Spring Lake Salon C

Meeting called to order at 1 pm

by President: Perry

Board Members present on site:

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

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Ashlynn Wobus

Board Members NOT PRESENT: N/A

Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present: N/A

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron

Guests present:

Chuck Richardson, Wild Peach VFD; Rex Petrasko, PCI; Gary Williams, Pasadena VFD; Ruben Balboa, Rio Grand Valley; Frankie Joe Salinas, Rio Grand Valley; Andy Dexter, Klein VFD; Jeff Ballew, NTFEMA; Mike Montgomery, Harris County FMO; Dennis Gifford, Labelle-Fannett FD; Frank Marcinkiewitz, Cat Springs VFD; Keith Tate, Flint-Gresham VFD; Kyle Stephens, Decatur FD; Morris Locknane, West Carlisle FD; Mike Kennon, West Carlisle FD; Rusty Kattner, Sante Fe FD.

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: by Joe Ondrasek

Motion is: To approve the minutes from January 20, 201, January 26, 2017, and March 21, 2017 as presented.

Motion by: 2nd VP Richardson 2nd by: IPP Hamilton

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

The TFA Board presented the SFFMA Executive board and the SFFMA membership with a hand-crafted bell and stand to be used at SFFMA memorial ceremonies.

Old Business:

- SFFMA Online project update by Director Barron
 - Director Barron provided an update to the data migration project. The 2016 data is finished migrating over. The 2015 has slowed to a halt for now, there is a fix and upgrade in the works to start immediately after conference. There is a total of 14 million records to migrate. There were 150,000 for 2016. The process should start back up after conference. The office typically does

not see the working side of the program, so any known issue or problems should be sent to Director Barron.

New Business items:

- SFFMA year book proposal discussion by Rex Petrasko
 - Rex is with PCI sales and marketing
 - They do annual year books
 - No cost to the association and little staff or office time
 - Advertised to membership, each member can submit information on themselves for the book, Districts, committees, etc.
 - Individual members purchase books
 - SFFMA will receive a small portion of every book sold

- Committee minutes requirements discussion by 4th VP VanWinkle
 - The discussion surrounded recent events in which no committee minutes were taken or submitted to the EB.
 - The SFFMA board and president appoints committees and we can require minutes of each committee meeting and that they be submitted. The intent being that committee minutes could be published on the SFFMA website for membership communications

Motion is: To require all committees and boards to keep minutes of every meeting and provide those minutes to the Executive Board to make public.

Motion by: Chaplain Kennedy 2nd by: IPP Hamilton

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

- By-Law proposal discussion by President Perry

Motion is: To remove item from agenda.

Motion by: Asst. Secretary White 2nd by: Chaplain Kennedy

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

- Dues increase proposal information by Director Barron
 - Director Barron presented discussion that our budget is a zero-based budget and organization. There is no reserve fund, there is no rainy-day fund. Director Barron was to provide suggestions and therefore he looked at other dues structures of several other similar organizations comparing benefits and dues. There is nothing that compares to our low dues and extended benefit packages for our membership. A sample budget with a sample dues increase was presented indicating how we could put money into a reserve or rainy-day fund.
 - Discussion included need to identify use of reserve or rainy-day fund

Motion is: To approve the pursuit of a 50.00 dues fee structure.

Motion by: 4th VP VanWinkle 2nd by: Chaplain Kennedy

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

President Perry asked for Audience comments:

- Chuck Richardson is running for 4th VP
- Gary Williams certification board meeting at 3pm
- Kyle Stephen thanked the board for all they do. Reminded all PP lunch is noon on Saturday
- Morris Locknane thanked the board
- Mike Kennon thanked the board

- Rusty Kattner thanked the board
- Mike Montgomery thanked the board
- Andy Dexter thanked the board
- Frankie Joe Salinas thanked the board
- Keith Tate recommended full time IT person

President Perry asked for Board comments.

- President – Perry: Thanked everyone, Gabi, Staff, just yesterday I was a mascot.
- 1st VP – Cheshire thanked everyone and looking forward to this week. Asked who knew the SFFMA motto
- 2nd VP – Richardson Good meeting, looked forward to this week
- 3rd VP – Smith fantastic week ahead.
- 4th VP – Richard VanWinkle Good meeting and thanked Rayford and Gabi
- Secretary Ondrasek- Looking forward to this week
- Asst. Sec. White-. Looking forward to this week
- Chap. Kennedy- Lets make it a good convention
- Ashlynn Wobus- has enjoyed being on the board
- E.D. Barron- Time flies. 478 pre-registered. This is a well-planned conference.
- IPP Hamilton- Good meeting
- Rayford Gibson – glad to serve the board.

The next scheduled meeting is June 14, 2017

There being no further agenda items.

Motion to adjourn by: Asst. Sec. White

Second by: IPP Hamilton

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

President Perry ended meeting at 2 Pm

Respectively Submitted

Joe Ondrasek

Secretary

07/10/2017