

**STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

June 26, 2019

Multi-Function Room
Holiday Inn North
Longview, Texas

Meeting called to order at: 12:15 p.m.

by President: Tim Smith

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Secretary Brent Allen

Board Members present on site:

President Tim Smith
1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle
2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson
3rd Vice President Donny Boggs
4th Vice President Curtis Brown
Immediate Past President Mike Richardson
Secretary Brent Allen
Assistant Secretary Jim White
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Landon Flisowski

Board Members Not Present:

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present:

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron

Approval of Minutes from Secretary Allen: None

Guest present: Billie Smith, Alexander Smith, Jr., Kris Hester, Harvie Cheshire, Keith E. Tate, Jerri Locknane, Morris Locknane, Thom Jones, Kelcey Trotty, Jared Jones, Leslie Nixon, Cary Roccaforte, Renee Roccaforte, Matt Cornell, Kelly Thatcher, Sharon Flisowski, Lang Flisowski, Craig Jusiak, Russell Schramm, Denisa Brown, Hannah Brown

Old Business: None

New Business: President Tim Smith

New Business Items: 12:18 p.m.

TEEX Advisory Board Nomination

President Tim Smith

President Smith: I had a long conversation with Steve Pepper and that is who we will recommend and vote on.

A motion was made to accept the President Smith's appointment of Steve Pepper

Motion made by Richard Van Winkle seconded by Donny Boggs

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

SFFMA Audit Report

Executive Director Chris Barron

- The audit came back as a good clean audit
- There are a few changes that need to be made
- We have three people looking over a financial transaction
- Have a board member, deemed a Treasurer, who will look over the monthly statements and then approve said statements. This a good internal control because it provides over site of the accounting in detail.
- Have 6 months of operating expenses on hand, which we are working on that.

A motion was made to appointment Harvie Cheshire as Treasurer, with no authority to sign checks.
 Motion made by Mike Richardson seconded by Richard Van Winkle
 The motion passed with 9 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Review of Conference

Immediate Past President Mike Richardson

- Good Conference, I thought, considering, had a lot of stumbles though it, that were external stumbles.
- Issues at Mod Cobb, had a water leak in supply room.
- Started out little rocky at this hotel, it improve as it went along.
- I can say the General Manager busted her tail trying to fix thangs.
- Most everything we had to deal with was that they were under staff.
- Not quite prepare for what our association brings to the conference.
- We have good representation from the Longview Fire Department.
- Northeast District they were all over things when they could be.
- Lastly, Charles, Event Coordinator did a standup Job.
- Numbers were down, not being in a metro area.

Conference Planning Session

President Tim Smith

- Couple of us receive email from Past President Bill Gardner to consider another District Symposium somewhere centrally located.
- There are some criteria attach to it, that he ask for.
- Be in the fire service more than 4 years, participate in the certification program, be an active firefighter. Wants to focus on training and education fire service of today.
- Problem is location and cost, we will down where it is, we need to email district Presidents
- Many say conference is to long, more on training less on fluff.
- Time and money
- We need progress, not impede progress. We have two choice to make we keep on honoring tradition or engage the people need to carry this association on.

Lifetime Membership Benefits

President Tim Smith

- This was brought to me by some of the lifetime members
- Honoring lifetime members by having their rooms taken care of.
- Needs be a distinction between Lifetime and Honorary Lifetime members.
- Preferred not give it to them
- Defined though the constitution and by-laws

Acceptation of Audit Report

President Tim Smith

A motion was made to accept the Audit Report as presented.
 Motion made by Richard Van Winkle seconded by Chuck Richardson
 The motion passed with 9 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Speaker Selection Amendment

President Tim Smith

- Approached by couple of people of the Speaker Selection Committee.
- About amending Article 5 Section 7, the President will appoint representative from various entities throughout our organization.
- What to add a TFS representative and Health & Safety representative.
- This is the only committee where the President appoints the sub-committee.

Report from speaker selection committee – Cary Roccoaforte

- Total attendance of 228 in training classes
- Grand total 2188 hours of training overall.
- We had 13 tracks, had some hiccups
- Gabi and E.D. Barron were a great help
- We have lost some members off of that committee
- We had to cancel a FF 1 tract, because we did not have an instructor.
- We had FF 2 tracts: Communications, Fire Cause Origins and Raul Response Tact Decision Classes
- Chief Daniel Deyear had the biggest class with 87 L.O.D.D. F.D. Culture
- Grant Writer did not appear , so Executive Director Barron step in did that class so we wouldn't have to cancel. Also Mr. Keith also step up and took care of a fire marshal report, the fire marshals' office fail to remember.
- We have several members that are stepping down from this committee for several reason.

Parliamentarian Appointment

President Tim Smith

A motion was made to appoint Rayford Gibson as Parliamentarian.
 Motion made by Richard Van Winkle seconded by Donny Boggs
 The motion passed with 9 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Matt Cornell

- Some quick highs and lows if you bear with me.
- A lot of tables, space and getting served quickly.
- Getting Staff, under staffed and getting everything.
- Need more table for the Ladies Auxiliary in the exhibit hall.
- Not having things on time when we needed it.
- Work on the Reception area, Diner & Dance went well.
- I know there some things said about Charles being rough, but I was frustrated and rough also, I was mumbling under my breath, we knew the problem and the solution just couldn't get it solved.
- I hope we consider using Charles next year.

It is with a heavy heart that after 30 years of service on the Sergeant at Arms Committee as Chairman it is time to pass the baton. I am stepping down quietly as chairman and request to remain on the committee. I respectfully request the board approve Matt Cornell as Chairman and Tommy Sanchez as Co-Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert Kleen
 Robert Kleen, Chairman

Executive Board went into executive session at 1:08 p.m.
Executive Board came out of executive session at 1:46 p.m.
With no action take in Executive Session.

Audience Comments:

Kieth Tate - Great Conference, Great Job

Harvie Cheshire - Thank y'all for allowing me the opportunity to continue serve this great organization.

Billie Smith - Glad to be y'all's' President

Morris Locknane - Look forward to all y'all coming to Lubbock

Jerri Locknane - Great Conference look forward to see everyone in Lubbock

Unknown - I have to admit I was concerned about Longview but I was surprised of the turnout myself for me and my family.

Unknown - The gentleman in front of me wasn't a delegate and then I was not either and other in my department if we could get that all straighten out.

Paul Hamilton - Is there anyway we can put delegate information into the online program, were I wouldn't have to bother you that would be awesome. Also as President of the Panhandle District I look forward to working with you this if there's anything you need let me know, we will do our best to make that happen.

Kieth Tate - Northeast will draft verbiage that any department with 5 or less would automatically be voting delegates.

Unknown - First time here and really enjoyed it.

Board Comments:

President Tim Smith - Alright, well I think it was good, those folks that didn't that hiccups were going didn't hiccups were going on. We know, but that's ok. I thank you again, you and your staff for doing what you do. The board as well. Pull it off, Mike, you did a good job. I know it took a lot of work, Longview took off you. Curtis, glad you're here. Curtis you got a lot of driving to do buddy. That's all I can tell you. You know there has been a lot of talk about change. And to me the change is not just because we don't like the way that things are going. Change is because see where it is going. We're down 154 buck is that because of the venue or because we're down a 154 bucks. I don't know ,if we have a great venue and we're down another 154 that's 300 people. I don't know, I don't know, but all I know we see the results of the survey that Chris put together see what the membership wants, We're going to put to out a package to accommodate our membership. To show our values and core mission remain the same. But also making sure we are viable, we progress the fire service. One thing you here by in large, Donny said it I don't have enough time to go to conference, to me it says this conference is too long. So without compromising quality, there is trimming we can do. Don't cut into the meat, but we got cut into the fat a little bit I really do. Like you said I can convince you, I think I can, especially with the help those members out there. Honest and open, emotion free thinking. Think of the state as a whole, not just where you live . With that I appreciate the opportunity to help. Be Prepared

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle - Curtis I understand you fill like you have a lot to learn, I spent a lot years on this board all together, any time you got any question feel free to contact Tim. I really enjoyed the pass 2 or 3 years. I look forward coming year and excited about it, looking good since we got this growthzone behind us. we go to work on some things that can improve us even more look forward to your leadership.

2ndVice President Chuck Richardson - I think we had a great conference and had some challenges a lot of it no one ever saw. Thank you for working diligently. We have lot issues to face in the future and liable to face more but change is a good thing. Thanks to everybody who came to conference great job and thank you.

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs - When we start looking at our committee appointments that we look down the road at the TFA for site selection it's so important approval on that. Thank y'all having me too.

4th Vice President Curtis Brown -Thank you guys, I have a lot to learn and what I got myself into ,look forward coming to your office and spending some time understanding

Immediate Past President Mike Richardson - Good Conference 7 year now of attempting to and getting on the board, It's like everybody says there days that it feels like a long, long time overall it just goes by I've enjoy it, I think right now a team all in all that will help move this association forward. Sitting flat just means you fall further behind. I think you got the people to do it.

Secretary Brent Allen Good Conference as far as I'm concerned that they all said we had a few hiccups here and there but overall it was great. I know we have a lot of work to do. Lots of work. Still few people thinking we're not going to do anything. We going do something, guarantee you that. Can't wait for the next year.

Assistant Secretary F. Jim White - Welcome to my home, so good to have you up in the piney woods. I realizes we're a small venue. But I feel like Northeast Texas and Longview worked their butt off tried to accommodate everything we needed. Thank y'all for coming.

Chaplain Ben Kennedy - My twenty years on the board, have seen people come and I have seen people go. One thing that never has happened is that this board does not works for the betterment of the fire service of the state of Texas. when that happens you see gray hair fat man on top of a table going nuts. I have enjoyed working with just about everybody I've work with on the board, I've had some issue with some .But the other thing about is but Mike and I talk about and also with others. If we got to eyeball to eyeball, nose to nose and toes to toes when it was over we ether one of us change, or agree to disagree and look what is best for this association. Here a lot about change, don't talk to me about change just to change, if you want to talk change tell me want you what to change, how it going fix what we're doing, what are we going to cut if we change where are we going to make our cuts if we change I'm not opposed to change, I despise change to change. So I can be convinced, I'm wide open, I'm progressive, i may old and grey headed set in my way, but I can change. But I'm not going to change just because somebody say we got change this. That be said I love you all.

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson -Well we had a good conference even with the hiccups Nothing so far that I see can't be fixed, so that's the good part. You get a hiccup you fix it. It won't happen again. And that what I thought about this convention. as always I certainly appreciate the opportunity and the privilege to serve with this board. And the area I'm suppose to do for y'all maybe give some advice along the way on how things should be done, I seen a lot of board get in trouble because they did something the wrong way and I the responsibility to be sure If I possibly catch it I going keep ion the straight and narrow so nothing can bite us in the backside. Appreciate the opportunity and another great year.

Mascot Landon Flisowski -Thank you for nominating me giving me a chance to be mascot

Executive Director Chris Barron - Over all the conference was fine it ran smoothly, yeah we had some hiccups but what conference doesn't it seems like every conference we have something happens throws a monkey into things. Most interesting item out of the conference was trying to find an oral surgeon for Patrick Hlavaity. We never had that request before, that will go down in the history books. that was a quiet interesting request glad to help out, fairly quick amount of time.

The next scheduled meeting is July 19, 2019 TEEX Bldg 58 Cadet Classroom at 8:00 a.m.

There being no more agenda items

A motion to adjourn was by Richard Van Winkle seconded by Chuck Richardson the motion passed with 9 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Smith ended the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
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