STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING January 26, 2018 Arlington, Texas

Meeting called to order at 1 pm

by President: Cheshire

Board Members present on site:

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

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Board Members NOT PRESENT: none

Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present: Mascot Daisy Svatek

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron

<u>Guests present</u>: Morris Locknane, Jerri Locknane, Nick Hickson, Gordon Lohmeyer, Rick Isaack, Robert Moore, Chris Angerar, William Crawford, Gary Williams, Bob Looney, Donny Boggs, Cary Roccaforte, Stephen Donnelly, Frankie Joe Salinas, Frankie Marcinkiewitz, Brent Allen, Dennis Gifford, Bill Stutler, David Luedke, Michael Richter, Keith Tate, Mari Tovar, Ruben Balboa, David Wade, Kim Tanner, Andy Dexter, Barbara Marzean, Rusty Kattner.

Invocation given by: Chaplain Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: by Secretary Ondrasek

Motion is: To approve the minutes from November 11, 2017 and December 18, 2017 as presented. Motion by: 3rd VP Van Winkle 2nd by: 4th VP C. Richardson **Motion Passed** with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

Executive Director report:

- Director Barron provided his report via email to the board prior to meeting. He reviewed some highlights.
 - Getting bids on solar panels and equipment for the office to help offset cost of utilities. The building was designed for solar electricity.
 - VFIS is discussing leasing some of the SFFMA office space
 - Sales are disappointing low, under 500,000.00
 - Getting certification user group input for new program

- New website and data base rolling out with new program
- The office is short staffed and behind in renewals and certification applications
- Closing 2017 financials out, was a very tight/close budget
- New certification program launches in March
- \circ $\,$ We have spent in old program 300,000.00 in last 2 years $\,$
- Board looked at 3 proposals before deciding on this one
- CyFair FD is beta testing program for us
- Webinar for Certification board and executive board

Old Business:

- Yearbook idea discussion by Director Barron
 - Discussion by Director Barron about the company PCI which presented proposal in San Marcus. Director believes it is the wrong time to pursue with everything going on.

Motion is: To develop a 150-anniversary edition book and do nothing right now.Motion by: IPP PerrySecond by: 4th VP C. RichardsonMotion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

New Business items:

- Executive Officers Committee discussion by President Cheshire
 - We have many committees in our association and they are very important to our success
 - President Cheshire would like to see the development of an Executive Officer committee made up of Chief officers from our Association to help guide the Associations future.
 - This will require a By-Laws change
 - Can do an Ad-hoc committee in the meantime to explore its merits.
 - President Cheshire will work on ad-hoc Executive Officer committee and report back at the July meeting. He will utilize attendees of the SFFMA Fire Chief Academy.
- > Texas Disaster Response Agency formation discussion by President Cheshire
 - President Cheshire provided a report and update from a recent meeting held on this past Wednesday at the State EOC which was attended by various agencies including: SFFMA, TIFMAS, TFCA, Teex, and others
 - Very spirited meeting
 - The Texas Fire Chiefs are asking for one (1) MOU and not six different ones. Six MOU's are confusing, very different and pits one agency against another.
 - Yes, all agreed one MOU is possible
 - Next meeting is 2-16-18 over this at the SFFMA office at 9am
- > TCFP update by President Cheshire
 - President Cheshire provided update on recent TCFP meeting and their discussion of inspector 1 and 2. The TCFP vote failed to separate or break out the different inspector TCFP certifications.
 - The Metro chiefs want it split out. (Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Arlington)
 - We (SFFMA) want it split out

- ▶ Legislative Agenda and issues discussion by 2nd VP Smith and Dan Key
 - List of items was sent out
 - TFLAG to discuss items
 - Update and discussion by Dan Key
 - We don't have a legislative lobbyist
- > AT&T FirstNet by Trevlyn Pitner
 - Mr. Pitner made his outreach presentation
 - Discussion, question and answer
 - o 25-year Federal contract to operate FirstNet program
 - Build out will be 99% done in 4 years
- > TFLAG update already done under legislative agenda discussion
- Pumper races discussion by Stephen Donnelly
 - Discussion of constant issues with host city and pumper race set up
 - Stephen would like to see a pumper race rep on the site selection committee
 - Pumper race participation is declining

Break from 2:35-2:45

President Cheshire called board into Executive Session at 2:45pm

President Cheshire called board out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 3:37pm

- > No action taken in executive session reported by President Cheshire
- Motion is: We draft a letter to the Governor signed by President Cheshire regarding current issues relative to inspector certification in the State of Texas.

Motion by 1st VP M. RichardsonSecond by: IPP H. PerryMotion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- ➢ VFIS grant update by Barbara Marzean
 - Update on health and wellness grant
 - 105 applications for over 447,000.00
 - o 78 Grants awarded earlier this week for over 233,000.00
- Public comment section discussion by President Cheshire
 - New format used whereas public completed a form before the meeting started and gave that form to assistant secretary White.
 - Rick Isaack from IAFC/industrial section: spoke of scholarships available for training
 - Donnie Boggs: Running for SFFMA 4th VP
 - Frankie Marcinkiewitz: Running for SFFMA 4th VP
 - Michael Richter: Running for SFFMA Secretary

- Brent Allen: Running for SFFMA Secretary
- Frankie Joe Salinas from Fire Marshall Committee is available to help with any FM questions
- David Wade: SFFMA past president spoke on need for better communications for legislative sessions and legislative day gathering

The next scheduled meeting is in June 22, 2018

There being no further agenda items.

Closing prayer by Chaplain Kennedy

Motion to adjourn by: IPP PerrySecond by: Assistant Secretary WhiteMotion Passed with 8 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

President Cheshire ended meeting at 3:52 pm

Respectively Submitted Joe Ondrasek Secretary 2/16/2018