

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2023

SFFMA Office

Meeting called to order at: 2:06 p.m.

by President: President Richardson

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Brent Allen

Board Members present on site:

President Richardson
1st Vice President Boggs
2nd Vice President Tidwell
3rd Vice President Wobus
4th Vice
Immediate Past President Richard Van Winkle
Secretary Brent Allen
Assistant Secretary Mike Richther
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Board Members Not Present:

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present: Mascot Casey Johnston

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Tim Rutland

Approval of Minutes from Secretary Allen:

A motion to approve the minutes from 1/27/2023 as presented.

Motion was made by 1st Vice President Boggs and seconded by IPP Van Winkle, the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Guest present: Stephanie Dew -VFIS

Old Business:

Stephanie Dew - VFIS

Ms Dew stated she is going to continue the relationship with us.

- We signed a lease, for the 3 offices.
- We will continue to advertise in the E-info Fire
- We will continue to sponsor the Annual Firefighter and EMS Awards and the Morning Breakfast.
- The VFIS web site is offering training /online, with members being able to print out a certificate.
- Also, we will continue the health and wellness program.

President Richardson

To Dedicate the 2023 Conference to Curtis Brown

The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Tidwell and seconded by 3rd Vice President Wobus, motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

President Richardson

Planning Conference Wrap-up

Exhibit Committee

- Exhibit Committee, we met with them this morning, Raymond, didn't have anything specific for McAllen, did have communication from the vendors. They expressed concern with the vendor show being to far away from the host hotel.
- President Richardson and ED Tim Rutland met with the Exhibit Committee Chairman in Webster. As a result of this meeting, the Executive Board developed a board guideline, that the vendor show would be within walking distance of the host hotel.

Constitution and By - Laws

- Met with Harvey Cheshire via Zoom; he as currently 2 amendments we have chosen to present, He as an amendment from South Central District, they have picked up the EMS amendment, they are asking the committee to look that over.

Sargent of Arms

- Everything looked good, the only concern was marking the delegate badges when they get their clicker. This will get worked out before convention. Possibly use the Q/R code, so they can't give it to someone else, also punch a hole in the Q/R code.

Speaker Selection

- Good Insight on the surveys that they had done, it's what the membership had wanted.
- Talked about the General Sessions and topics to be presented.
- Pattern it after the leadership symposium
- Breakouts will be after lunch.

Memorial Committee

- (Chaplain Kennedy) We are set ready to go as far as I know.
- The Valley guys are going get some things to us on particular things, (pipes, drums, honor guard) Other than that, all spots are filled.

Site Selection Committee

- We met just a little while ago, and currently we have one Bid, from Amarillo.
- We have a couple other cities, trying to get stuff together, to give us bids
- Lubbock is working on trying to get a proposal to us.
- The only other one we expect to see something from, is Odessa, they are going to submit a proposal to us, they said they could get it to us by the second or third of February.

Motion to consider a three - city rotation by 2nd Vice President Tidwell, for 2027 Amarillo, Waco and Abilene

The motion was made by 1st Vice President Boggs and seconded by 2nd Vice President Tidwell, motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Lifetime Membership for Robert Moore

Motion for Honorary Lifetime Membership for Robert Moore.

The motion was made by 3rd Vice President Wobus and seconded by IPP Van Winkle, motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Update on Constitutional Amendments

Jr. Firefighter Amendment

2nd Vice President made the motion to send the Jr. Firefighter Amendment the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Tidwell and seconded by Chaplain Kennedy, motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Proposal Racing Committee By-Laws

Reword so it includes all competitions that is sanction by the SFFMA.

The motion was made by 1st Vice President Boggs and seconded by, 2nd Vice President Tidwell motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Elections

Motion to send amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws committee for officer elections.

The motion was made by Chaplain Kennedy and seconded by, 3rd Vice President Wobus motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Donny made a motion to withdraw the amendment he put fourth on the officers' elections. That it is not needed.

The motion was made by 1st Vice President Boggs and seconded by, 2nd Vice President Tidwell motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain

2nd Vice President Tidwell

Marketing Update

- Working with Mark and their Hass County PIO
- Created a Job Description to hand out to the colleges for interns.
- We didn't send it out till Mid January, so we are little behind.
- Discussed opening it up to our membership, to see if anybody in our membership that might specialize in this, maybe interview them.
- Need a By-lingual person.

1ST Vice President Boggs Discussed the SFFMA Facebook page. We discussed getting information posted on the SFFMA page. So more people can get the information quickly.

2nd Vice President Tidwell

- Sent 2 different proposals.
- Cutting down to 4 shirts
- Doing One Coat, Upgrading the Quality of the Coat.

- The Coat and the type of Shirts, which will be going from a Van Heusen to a CK.
- Proposal 2- Would be that we be purchasing all though the Men's Warehouse
- If we purchase from one Men's Warehouse, we possibly could get a break.

Motion to go with Proposal 2 with Marron Coats.

The motion was made by 1st Vice President Boggs and seconded by, IPP Van Winkle

The motion was withdrawn until further information on colors is available.

Legislative Day

- We are on track, Tim and I met with Bill Graner good details for a lot of things I didn't know.
- There will be no meal.
- Approving the LODD names for the memorial.
- The names for engraving on the memorial the capital lost their person who was doing the engraving.
- **No engraving has been done since Mid-2018**
- **April, 5th 2023 10:00 a.m.**

Motion to approve the names with the addition of Captain Karpota of Alvin F.D.

The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Tidwell and seconded by, 3rd Vice President Wobus motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

District Support Letters

- Do we need two Signatures?
- Is there any limit on how many they can turn in.

Motion to as written with the changes with signature line effective July1, 2023.

The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Tidwell and seconded by Secretary Allen motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

ERSC

Kris Kehl - Owner

Emergency Response Specialist 1

Emergency Response Specialist 2

Motion to send tis to the Industrial Board.

The motion was made by Chaplain Kennedy and seconded by 2nd Vice President Tidwell motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

Certification Board – Brain Scheffer

- Certification met last week.
- NFPA has some updates, its time for us to do our updates.

- In HazMat they have adopted 470
- 1041 Live Fire Instructor looking to implement.
- Rescue, we are going to work on adopting 1006
- 1001 is Changing to 1010 it will include F.F., Driver, Wildland and ARFF
- Testing for Driver Operator and Instructor 1&2

Motion of recommendation from Certification Board of \$25.00 for a retest fee.
The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Tidwell and seconded by Secretary Allen
motion carried with 7 voting for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstain.

SFFMA Conference F.F. Invitational

VP Tidwell presented a possible recruitment toll. He outlined a Firefighter Invitational to:

- Recruit Younger People
- Get Younger Kids involved
- Commission approved.
- The Gauntlet
- Donate Gear

Audience Comments: None

Board Comments: None

The next scheduled meeting is: To Be Announced

There being no more agenda items

A motion to adjourn was by 1st Vice President Boggs seconded by 2nd Vice President Tidwell
motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Richardson ended the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
02/13/2023