



Date: June 28, 2023

Location: Zoom

Call to Order: 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

President Boggs

1st Vice President Tidwell

2nd Vice President Wobus

3rd Vice President Thomas

4th Vice President Smith

Immediate Past President Richardson

Secretary Allen

Assistant Secretary Richter

Chaplain Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Mascot Hunter Tidwell

Approval of Minutes from: Moved to table until July Meeting

Motion by 2nd VP Wobus Seconded by VP Tidwell

Motion approved.

Agenda Items:

Old Business.

1. Advisory Board Appointment

Report/Discussion

SFFMA Staff

Tim Rutland - Executive Director

President Boggs reported that TEEEX has requested the David Atkinson be reappointed to the TEEEX Advisory Board.

Motion by VP Tidwell to reappoint David Atkinson to the TEEEX Advisory Board. Motion Seconded by VP Smith. Motion Approved

2. Parliamentarian:

Report/Discussion

President Boggs has asked Rayford Gibson to remain as Parliamentarian. Rayford has agreed.

Motion by VP Tidwell to reappoint Rayford Gibson Parliamentarian. Seconded by VP Wobus.

Motion Approved.

3. Uniform Policy

Report/Discussion

Uniform Policy was previously tabled.

Motion by VP Tidwell to bring uniform policy off the table. Seconded by VP Wobus.

Motion Approved.

4. Uniform Policy

Report/Discussion

VP Tidwell reported that uniforms would be 1 Navy Coat, 1 White Long Sleeve, 1 Cream Long Sleeve, 1 Red Polo, 1 Black Polo, 1 Gray Fishing, 1 Navy Fishing, 1 Navy Tie. Coat's and Long Sleeves would come from Men's Warehouse, Fishing and Polos could come from any vendor. Cost would be approximately \$525 per person, including Mascot. Jackets are Pronto Brand 33W1 Navy Coat.

Motion made by VP Tidwell to accept proposal as presented, Seconded by VP Thomas. There was a discussion on PP Richardson's uniforms. He has Blue Jacket and Fishing shirt and would be fine with that. Motion Approved.

New Business:

1. Convention update:

Report/Discussion

Director Rutland updated board on Convention: We had 420 registrations, 137 Member full registrations, 33 member weekend registrations, 7 non-member weekend registrations, 37 spouse registrations, and 24 presenters. Of the 420 registrations 94 were exhibitors, 48 registrations were Staff, TEEEX, or Executive Board, 18 youth and 18 TFA. We had 34 exhibitor booths sold for the conference. For training we had 164 students registered through TEEEX for classes. On class attendance there were 90 that attended 8 or fewer hours and 18 that attended

0 hours. Session attendance was anywhere from 1 to 88 in a session. Recruiting and retention classes were among the best attended. Memorial luncheon was approximately 320 attendees there were 255 banquet attendees. This year we used a different type of registration system from a company called Expo Pass. Attendees would use an I-pad type device, type their name and the system would find them, click a button and it would print their name tag. This was very popular going forward this will be the type of system that we would want to use. Derrell and Director Rutland have talked about creating the same type of system that would be tied to SFFMA Portal, this should be ready for the 24 conference. The vendor show was poorly attended. The new conference schedule will have the vendor show and training going on at the same time, will see how this goes. Other conferences use this same type of agenda. Would look at maybe a sub-committee look at how this would work. Would like to look at simplifying number or registration categories. Possibly need to explore registration amounts. This conference will cost us approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. Constitution and By-Laws have been updated on the website with changes made at the conference. Conference and election results are on the website.

VP Tidwell ask if we could appoint an ad-hoc conference committee to help Tim and Heather on conference.

VP Tidwell will head up this committee along with PP Richardson. President Boggs stated he would love to see the conference be free to members, paid for with sponsorships.

VP Wobus brought up the TDEM Conference was attended by 4200 attendees completely paid for by sponsorships. May want to see what they are doing. Does not know if just the San Marcus conference will be a good test may have to do over a couple of years, with membership overwhelmingly voting to go to Waco it appears they would like to see a centralized conference. VP Thomas would be willing to work with this along with VP Wobus and VP Smith.

2. Voting at conference

Report/Discussion

Previous discussion has been that once the chairs were elevated that there is no need to vote on any Vice President position. Robert's rule does not require a vote.

Parliamentarian Gibson replied this is correct. The way our chairs are established there is no need to vote once they are elevated.

3. Committee Appointments

Report/Discussion

President Boggs spoke about difficulty of getting committee names from the Districts. He has heard from Rio Grande Valley, Permian Basin, North Central (Josh Constancio would like to be removed and Jessie Slaughter be appointed, will relay to Certification Board) Red River (Two members have stated they want to remain on their committees, they will not be removed). That is pretty much the update on committee appointments. Deferred to July Meeting.

4. Capstone Projects for 3rd and 4th VP's

Report/Discussion

3rd VP Thomas – Small town emergency management coordinators – TDEM. Emergency managers are appointed by the county judge and there is very little training available. RJ brought up possibly cloning TDEM Certificate of Completion study and possibly providing a certification.

4th VP Smith – District development – work with districts to see how SFFMA can help the districts with working with the State and who to turn to with questions.

VP Wobus suggested that 4th VP Smith connect with the district 4th VP's and continue through the chairs.

5. E-Board attendance at Various Conferences

Report/Discussion

VP Wobus brought up Louisiana Fire Conference and possibly sending someone there to see how their conference works. It is week of August. Possibly having booths at TDEM, Safe-D, EMS EMAC, and the All-Hazard conference if we can work a booth trade.

VP Wobus, PP Richardson and VP Thomas will look at going to Louisiana Conference. VP Wobus will coordinate.

6. Update on San Marcos Conference and 4 Day Schedule

Report/Discussion

VP Tidwell gave a brief synopsis of a rough draft of the conference agenda. We need to look at getting with exhibitors committee and get feedback from vendors. VP Tidwell emailed a copy of the agenda to each board member.

7. Proposed training for San Marcus Conference

Report/Discussion

VP Wobus spoke on conference training agenda from this year and the need to get feedback from attendees on their thoughts. Possibly need to work on at planning meeting to see how much time and space is available for training.

VP Tidwell brought up possibly opening training to outside groups such as EMS and Law Enforcement.

General sessions need to be scanned as two sessions if scheduled as two sessions.

8. Proposal from Marketing Committee ref Kim Hilsenbeck

Report/Discussion

VP Tidwell reported that the committee recommends to the Board that if we can afford it to put Kim on full time.

Director Rutland stated that the budget is tight but is willing to work to see if this is workable.

VP Tidwell recommended that this be added to the July meeting as an executive session.

9. Safer Grant Committee Update Proposal

Report/Discussion

PP Richardson stated that at July Safer Grant dinner meeting it was brought up that having to have Executive Board approval makes the process too burdensome.

Motion by PP Richardson that we remove Executive Board approval from the process and let the committee run itself. Seconded by VP Wobus.

VP Tidwell commented on how the recommendation came from the committee.

Motion was voted down.

VP Tidwell will get with the Safer Committee and get a formal proposal of what they want for the Executive Board.

10. Dates for District Officers Symposium

Report/Discussion

Pres. Boggs would like to have another Symposium in January. Director Rutland stated in keeping with our normal planning meeting time frame the dates would be January 26 through 28th.

Motion by VP Tidwell to have planning meeting and District Officers Symposium on the weekend of January 26 -28th. Seconded by VP Smith.

VP Wobus suggested having Greg do Recruitment and Retention to help offset the cost.

Motion Approved

11. Compensating Presenters at the Conference

Report/Discussion

VP Wobus brought up it's been discussed about having a big name speaker or trainer come in and do a session. The problem is money. This idea was brought up at the President's forum.

After discussion it was decided to bring this up at District Officers Symposium.

12. LODD response by E-Board

Report/Discussion

President Boggs discussed the need to have the closest E-Board member make location and contact the LODD Task Force Leader at the fatality and be a liaison to the membership in case there is a need for person to assist the department.

13. Possibly Using Team Meeting for Executive Board

Report/Discussion

VP Tidwell brought up Microsoft Teams for meetings. There is an app for phones.

Tim and Billy will work on getting this set up.

14.E- Board Meeting in July

Reports/Discuss

The meeting will be July 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Les Bunte Building at A&M.

For the uniform VP Tidwell stated it should not be a problem having new apparel to board by the July Meeting.

Motion by PP Richardson to use 'Name Dropper' for Fishing Shirts and Polos. Seconded by VP Smith.

Motion Approved with one Abstaining.

Board Member Comments at 8:27 p.m.

Parliamentarian Gibson: Glad to be here.

Chaplain Kennedy Unable to hear Ben.

Secretary Allen: No comment.

Assistant Secretary Richter: No comment enjoyed being here.

4th VP Smith: Happy to be on board.

3rd VP Thomas: Up and down.

2nd VP Wobus: How soon do we want to look at possibly of multiple years at one conference site, possibly something to think about. Maybe two years in a row at one location and then go to another location. Possibly might get better pricing.

Will add to July for discussion. Possibly add Corpus Christi.

1st VP Tidwell: Great job everyone, RJ and Alex jumping in the issues we discussed tonight seem to tie together. Discussing one affects another over the next couple of years we have some tough decisions, some maybe not popular, but we have a good group of like-minded people on the board.

PP Richardson: I think we had a lot of good discussion, and to echo what Billy said I think we have a good board here and I think we can make a difference, that is all that we can expect.

Director Rutland: Some good news here the Waco Convention Bureau met this morning about sponsorship and will sponsor \$16,000. Which will cover the basic cost of the convention center.

President Boggs: Just a reminder July 6 is dedication of new Les Bunte building at A&M at 10:00 a.m. at the fire field, dress will be red polo over black jeans or pants. It is not mandatory to go. This legislative year was an eye opening for me, walking the halls, testifying, Billy Tidwell did, Ben, Mark, several of us. The more we walked the halls the more we were recognized. Even though this is an off year it is good to make contact with your legislature just to let them know we are here. Invite them to fundraisers or events. I want to thank each and every one of ya'll for what you do on a daily basis. Thank ya'll for taking care of me in McAllen, especially Billy Ray and Mark kind of took the reigns and ran with it and Chuck glad you really got to enjoy yourself while you were down there. I just hated missing it but I am glad I got to make the last business session ya'll are what make this happen an I appreciate ya'll. With that I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn VP Tidwell Seconded by PP Richardson.

Motion Approved

Adjournment 8:38 p.m.