

State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas
Executive Board Meeting

Business Meeting

November 11, 2023

SFFMA Office

Meeting Called to order at: 8:30 a.m.

by President: Donny Boggs

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of the Board Members Present:

Board Members present on site:

President Donny Boggs

1st Vice President Billy Tidwell

2nd Vice President Mark Wobus

3rd Vice President R.J. Thomas

4th Vice President Alex Smith

Secretary Brent Allen

Assistant Secretary Mike Richter

Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non -Voting Board Members Present: None

Board Members Not Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Non - Voting Board Members Not Presents: Mascot Hunter Tidwell

Office Staff Present: SFFMA Staff: Executive Director Tim Rutland

Approval of minutes from Secretary Allen

A motion to approve the minutes from October 23,2023 as presented.

Motion was made by 2nd Vice President Mark Wobus and Seconded by 1st Vice President Billy Tidwell.
Motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Discussion Items from President Boggs

Proposed Budget

TEMSB

Certification Board Replacement

TCFP Moving

Proposed Budget

President Boggs

- Possible Action on the Proposed 2024 Budget
- For the most part we were all present on the Zoom call with the Finance Committee, We went through certain things. Adjustments were made.
- The only adjustment the committee stated was to up the projected income from conference registration from \$50K to \$55K. Director Rutland made a couple adjustments in expenses, I had not anticipated some of the travel of our NVFC Reps, which are attending NVFC now.
- The Finance Committee asked for \$5,000.00 for possible Speaker and Sponsorship.
- In the first ten days 1,000 Renewals in ten days, that's a pretty good return, right there!

A motion to approve the budget for the 2024 year.

Motion was made by 1st Vice President Billy Tidwell and Seconded by 4th Vice President Alex Smith
Motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

TEMSB

3rd Vice President R.J. Thomas

They met, on a ZOOM Meeting. I was on the zoom call with them, they covered the election of officers, and had a good showing on the zoom call.

- Election of Officers for the TEMSB
- Andy Dexter is the Chair
- Form 4 committees: Policy, Recruitment and Retention, Business & Adverting, Education
- FTO Program and Field Training Officer in final steps
- EMS Responder of the Year
- Did have a Founding Document

Certification Board Replacement

President Boggs

- Brad Hargrove is stepping down from his position on the cert board, he has recommended Jeff Ballew to fill the rest of his term, also going forward.
- I talked to Brian Sheffer, as you know Brian is retiring from Brenham F.D. He is taking a full-time training coordinator with TEEX in Zone 2. He is stepping down as the Secretary of Central Texas District, he still wants to continue to be on the certification board. I think some of the concern was, now that he is working for TEEX, is that conflict because we already have a TEEX rep on there. In my opinion and it's just my opinion, and we can discuss it, I look at it as

retirement, and me I don't see the conflict. I know Brian well, I don't see it as an issue, but that's not my call. He is going step down as chair.

- (R.J.) I think we should defer to the Central Texas District.
- Zoom Meeting the 15th at 5:30 p.m.

TCFP Move

President Boggs

- TCFP will be moving from downtown Austin.
- Will be moving to 4000 Blk of N. Lamar

Old Business

District Meeting

President Boggs

- Fall District Meetings are now complete, as far as we had scheduled.
- President Boggs, R.J., and Chuck went to Rio Grande Valley meeting on the 4th of November, in Los Fresno's.
- (R.J.) went the week before, to congratulate them on their 75th Anniversary.
- (R.J.) represented us well, we were requested by somebody from the board.
- Had a really good meal, 38 to 40 people.
- Meetings in the Spring and one in Fall.

Voting Amendments

President Boggs

- Was picked up by Guadalupe District will push that through to the by-laws committee, will do that at the planning conference.
- Due's paying members, present and register at the conference, you will have a vote.
- It was well received.
- Pro-Rate on dues for new departments. (New members) Rayford looked at it and stated it was good to go.
- I have submitted to the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws, all ready.
- I did see Harvie, at the East Texas District meeting, He did say, he did receive it. And push out to the Constitution and By-laws committee members.

Sponsorship Committee

1st Vice President Tidwell

- We met last week, at a Zoom meeting, and had assigned some tasks.

- We update the agenda the best we can at this time.
- Charles has broken out of the expenses on each event for the whole organization, breaks, waters, drinks to get that data broken down.
Kim has been working on 3 proposals, on a hydro blend on the sponsorship and venders.
- Heather is putting a sponsorship list together as, far back as we can.
- Donny is getting a list of venders from TEEX.

4-Day Conference

1st Vice President Tidwell

- I issued everybody a draft; we approved it last year.
- If we have questions or concerns or certain aspects, that would be who you contact.
- Days for conference
- Set -up.
- Site Visit was good.

Travel Grant

IPP Chuck Richardson

- Change Verbiage
- Send to Venders List
- Table this.

Update on Prop 8

President Boggs

911 Service Alliance

Support for enhanced 911 across Texas with the Broadband Infrastructure bill.

- It passed.
- Towers are being worked on.
- New Capabilities

New Business

TEEX Focus Group

President Boggs

- Name submitted to Advisory Board
- Just what Training needs to be.
- 4 to 6 names for focus group
- Billy Ray, E-board, (very vocal), Donny Hurd, Granbury VFD

Ubaldo Perez, Rio Grande Valley, Greg Atchison, Devine VFD., Mark Wobus, E-board, Vince Whitfill, Canyon FD.

Executive Director Tim Rutland

- Yellow Post Card reminder to pay dues.
What returns.

E-Board

President Boggs

- Do a site visit in San Marcos
- Visit on November 10th.
- Meal inside
- Venders in front of venders
- Texas Rock House
- Retain Charles for the convention in San Marcos 2024

Officers of TEMSB

- David Lambrix, Jason Loyd, Billy Tidwell
- 1 Board members
- Zoom Meeting, 20th.
- EMS of the Year

Executive Board into Executive session at 9:42 a.m. and come out of Executive session at 10:15 a.m.

Donny Boggs

- 100.00 for fuel per week
- Back and forth to the SFFMA Association Office for President Boggs

A motion to approve fuel allocation for President Boggs for fuel as presented.

Motion was made by 2nd Vice President Mark Wobus and Seconded by 4th Vice Alex Smith.
Motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Next Schedule Meeting: None

Motion to adjourn the executive board meeting,

Motion was made by 1st Vice President Billy Tidwell and Seconded by Secretary Brent Allen

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

Adjourned at 10:44 am by President Boggs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Allen

SFFMA Secretary

12/6/2023

