

TIESB Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2023  
TEEX Room 200 – 0900

- I. **Call to Order** – 0900 – Chairman Atkinson asked for introductions and welcomed new members.
- II. **Roll Call** – Kevin Creamer - 17 in attendance – 1 online - 16 voting members
- III. **Committee Members Review YTS Reports**  
Members reviewed and signed off on YTS.
  - Lyondell Channelview – north and south
  - Albemarle – LaPorte
  - Marathon – Texas City
  - Eastman – Longview
  - Dow - Seadrift
  - Invista - Victoria
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Correction on Erik Pierce future employment – CPCHEM Cedar Bayou not Covestro
  - Correction on Ronnie Johnson to Ronnie Williamson on the document review committee
  - Gordon explained the board changes that took place at the last meeting and asked everyone to take note of new leadership on the board and board members. A lot of driving factors for certifications, regulations and changes in training and compliance. Information sharing and guidance will be from across the state and not so ship channel concentrated. Gordon updated the board in changes with TEEX personnel and curriculum updates as well as Pro Board accreditation.
  - Ronnie - motion to approve – Mark second – all approved
- V. **Action Item Review**
  - Creamer - Plaque for John Holloway mailed to him
  - Creamer - License Plate still waiting on the State
  - Atkinson - New board members – full – will revisit at a future meeting
  - Gordon explained we are meeting our minimums and feel we are in good shape. Having more representation from North and West Texas is our only gap.
  - Ronnie - Procedural review update. All have been reviewed that were revisited. Next step is reviewing the HazMat procedure to try to complete before the next meeting. Ronnie to send out for final approval.
  - Gordon – currently 6 IMT in the State. Looking for non-manufacturers to fit on the IMT and are they available and deployable. No movement at the State level yet. Discussion of why we would have nonindustrial groups involved in TIESB or attached to our procedures. Discussion came about from license plates or allowing them to be licensed to be an emergency responder. Guy and Gabe were involved in initial discussion from TFS. This was part of Annex F and industrial response.
  - Atkinson – change wording on “meeting minimum requirements for training” to change the word to and/or with 1910.156 and NFPA. Ronnie made a motion, Mark second and all approved. Change will be made to YTS and procedural language.
- VI. **Communications**
  - A. Committee Reports
    1. Area 1 – Brett Steed (0 YTS Report)
    2. Area 2 – Mark Garvin (3 YTS Report) Marathon Galveston Bay, Albemarle Corporation, Lyondell Channelview – North and South sites
    3. Area 3 – Ronnie Williams, Todd Johnson (2 YTS Report) Dow Seadrift, Invista Victoria
    4. Area 4 – David Atkinson (1 YTS Report) Eastman
      - Discussion on sending YTS out prior to the meeting electronically. Electronic signatures as well.
    5. Codes, Standards & Legislation
      - Gordon – NFPA standards – 1081 committee still intact. Live fire instructor and in charge Pro Board. These are chapter additions to 1041. Looking to create a bank of instructors to help with moving Live Fire Instructor program along (chapter 7 – 1041). HazMat changing to 470 from 1072. Rescue changes to 1006 last October. A/O first for Technician and Confine Space 1 and 2.
      - Gordon – no movement on 1910.156 in the last 18 months.
    6. Board Membership
      - Atkinson – no changes needed at this time. No pending applications currently.
    7. TEEX Advisory Board
      - Atkinson – went to 2 meetings and no action items at this time.
      - Gordon – new classroom building will be finished hopefully in the Summer. Lots of new technology for training classrooms. The building will be home of the Texas Fire Fighting Hall of Fame.
      - Gordon - Recruitment and retention for annual schools is in progress. New classes are being developed based on customer ask and need. Initial incident commander, industrial emergencies for municipal responders and others. More work will be done to work on industrial/municipal relationships and how to engage both sides.
    8. Texas Chemical Council - Atkinson
      - Occupational Health and Safety Meeting once a quarter. Looking for someone to take on this task. Give an update on what TIESB is working on and answer questions if there is anything emergency response related. Eric Anderson to attend.

9. EMS – Mark Garvin
  - Nothing to report
10. Industrial Certification - Creamer
  - Working on a process to upload certifications to the portal. Hopefully complete in 2 weeks.
  - Application process has been very easy to use.
  - Using the Pro Board website to send over applications works well also.
11. Organizational Membership/Marketing
  - Nothing to report. David Wade not in attendance.
12. TDEM/TFS/IMT - Duncan
  - 3 IMT currently available. One deployed to assist with Deer Park/ Pasadena tornado response. 6 teams in the state. Concerns always with MOU/MOA when it comes to a single resource without activating the entire team. Trying to model closer to Texas TF 1.
  - IST – Incident Support Team – a team who will support the event using the state partners to help manage the process with non-responder groups as needed. IMT will help manage the incident, but the IST will make sure the ESF and that nothing is falling through the cracks. More to come.
13. Industrial Fire School
  - Gordon - Announcement went out this week. Lots of group experience and senior leadership. Some changes will be seen in roles. Rescue curriculum will be based on new 1006 changes. Scenario based training will be added. Ron Gilbert from Exxon heading up the rescue. Need to help promote more hazmat training. Specialist classes didn't make last year.
  - Elgin – IRIS is trying to also do an annual school. Not to compete with TEEX, but some locals do not want to travel or have the means to travel because of budgets.
  - Jeff - Consider changing this item on the agenda to Industrial training instead of Industrial Fire School. Any vetted program can be brought up at this time. All agreed.
14. Vehicle Registration
  - Creamer – 178 renewed. 383 unpaid. Some stickers still said 2022 so they had to be resent.
15. Firefighter Liability – Todd Johnson, Jeff Suggs
  - ESF 4 was reopened, and indemnification added but nothing has been adopted. Industrial members are still not considered TIFMAS, or a state resource where protection in a disaster would be granted. Guy Duncan to follow up on ESF 4 and where that may be headed at TDEM.
  - State mutual aid allows indemnification if requested as a state asset, however no clear path for industrial companies and civil liabilities.
  - A lot of emphasis on the firefighting foam and PFAS is also a concern for indemnification.
16. Board Procedural Documents
  - See above on reviews and approvals.
  - Mark - Consider the EMS procedures. There are some absolute languages that need to be reviewed. The YTS says one thing and procedures another.
  - Motion to change the procedure to match the YTS and require ICS – 100, 200 and 700 as a requirement. Mark made the motion, Ronnie seconded and all approved.
- B. Executive Director's Report – Tim Rutland
  - The adoption of the fee decrease has been a positive move. The entire delegation approved the motion. This was a few hundred delegates. One reason for the reduction in fees was to help with increasing industrial certifications. Must be a member for training to count and get the certification. We are still in the early stages of getting the certifications moving.
  - SFFMA Portal is up. The site will be released in sections and pieces. The registration and member dues process is currently online. Hopefully in 2 to 3 weeks the training portion will be up and running, including scheduling of exams. Training based on objectives will be coming and uploading external certificates will be available.
  - Go establish your account if you haven't already done so.
  - Donnie – we know the process will take some time to get moving with certification. The SFFMA board appreciates all companies that have started the process.
- C. Industrial Coordinator's Report – Kevin Creamer
  - Verification of VIN for registrations. Some things are not matching properly.

VII. **Old Business**

- A. Industrial Fires of State Significance Updated Annex – no update

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Review of Committee Assignments – new additions below
  - Eric Anderson – TCC
  - Elgin Browning – Chairman Area 1
  - Gordon – Board Membership
  - Atkinson – TEEX Advisory
  - Eric Pierce - YTS and Training Criteria
  - Mark – EMS
  - Atkinson - Industrial Training – Formerly Industrial Fire School

- Drop TIESB Marketing and move to Organizational Membership
- Drop Annex/Mutual Aid/Liability
- Kevin will send out a note about ordering the TIESB shirt

IX. **Announcements**

- A. Ex-Officio Members - None
- B. Review of new Action Items from meeting
  - See above
- C. Round table discussion – None
- D. Other
  - Safer grant applications may cover association membership insurance? Tim to clarify.
- E. Next meeting(s)
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> at TEEX - 0800

X. **Adjourn – Motion made by Elgin, second by Ronnie. 12:47**