

TIESB Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2023  
TEEX Room 200 – 0800

- I. Call to Order – David A - 0807
- II. Roll Call – Kevin C - 12 present – 5 online – 5 absent
  - Some members are attending a funeral in South Texas
  - I would like to see the board members listed and the slots they fill if at all possible.
- III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports – Kevin C – none currently. Kevin will send out a list of previous years comparison for YTS.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2022 Meeting - Minutes will be voted on at the next meeting – We had two members join the meeting a few minutes after 8am and did have a quorum. Motion by Brett, second by Gordon - approved
- V. Action Item Review - Kevin C.
  - HB 2876 is in committee for industrial firefighter license plate – Brisco Cain is carrying it. Fire service consortium is following all legislation closely. A lot of positive bills for the fire service.
  - Board is full. No new members needed.
  - Procedures updates – Ronnie is working on a few items but has some questions on NFPA language. Will need some assistance in making changes based on new requirements but feels staying with current language is best. All board members agreed. NFPA is still taking the approach, once certified always certified. Kevin sent out revision to the board for review. Gordon pulled the current procedure to look at for the crosswalk. Crosswalk is on the TIESB website. A lot of members train to the standard but do not certify to the standard and follow OSHA 1910.156. No action today.
  - Gordon/Guy - 3 IMT have been trained. Working on region 1,2 and 6. Need progress on regions 3,4,5.
- VI. Communications – David A - none to discuss
  - A. Committee Reports
    1. Area 1 – Elgin Browning (0 YTS Report)
    2. Area 2 – Mark Garvin (0 YTS Report)
    3. Area 3 – Ronnie Williams, Todd Johnson (0 YTS Report)
    4. Area 4 – David Atkinson (0 YTS Report)
    5. Codes, Standards & Legislation – Gordon Lohmeyer, David Wade
      - Gordon – update on a few bills in the State.
        - HB2233 focuses on fire fighter mental health and training. TEEX will develop curriculum as this continues to move forward. Other bills for fire fighter traffic safety.
        - NFPA reorganization is underway. 1081 was able to stand alone.
        - TEEX will remove pro board for bulk storage and investigator. Not enough need from customers.
        - Live fire instructor and instructor in charge is in place and certifying. Some of the curriculum will be modified.
        - NFPA 470 credentialing will now include Haz mat safety officer and officer pro board, under development.

6. Board Membership – Gordon L
  - No vacancies.
  - Guy- make a motion to replace slot 16 with TFS. Jared Karnes will replace Jimmy who retired.
  - Tim requested to leave board (via email) and replace it with someone from his region. David A to reach out to discuss with Tim.
7. TEEEX Advisory Board – David A
  - 9/1/2023 will be 100% SCBA. Red lines will be added to projects. All entry into the “red line” will be required to be under air, including instructors. Changes to NFPA 1403, cancer initiatives and safety concerns are the focus of these changes. TEEEX has started hiring staff and purchasing equipment for this change. Continual studies on products to burn and modifications on more efficiency.
  - ProBoard Certification numbers are up. 6222 certifications issued as of 5-1-23
  - Registrations are up for the industrial school (401 current).
  - July 6 at 1000 is the ribbon cutting for the new administration building.
  - Lithium-ION workshop – October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Invitation only. Best practices will be put on TEEEX website.
8. Texas Chemical Council – Eric A
  - No update
9. EMS – Mark G
  - No update
10. Industrial Certification – David A /Gordon L
  - Website is no ready to accept certification and document uploads.
  - Certification issuance will start again.
11. Organizational Membership/Marketing – David Wade and Kevin Creamer
  - Reduction in dues may have helped with uptick in membership.
12. Texas A&M Forest Service and State Incident Management Team – Guy/Jared
  - Continuing to roster and train members.
  - IMT was mobilized to assist in the Cleveland manhunt.
13. Industrial Fire Training – David Atkinson
  - No update
14. Vehicle Registration – Kevin Creamer
  - 591 currently. A few more to add.
15. Firefighter Liability – Todd Johnson, Jeff Suggs
  - No update
16. NFPA Committee – Gordon Lohmeyer
  - Early update
17. Board Procedural Documents – Ronnie Williams, Elgin Browning
  - Earlier discussion. Hazmat is the final document. Ad hoc committee should be complete by next board meeting.
- B. Executive Director’s Report – Tim / Kevin
  - Portal is now available on the website.
- C. Industrial Coordinator’s Report – Kevin Creamer
  - See above
- D. Other

- VII. Old Business
  - A. Industrial Fires of State Significance Updated Annex – David A
    - No update. Indemnification is still not in place for industrial/private companies.
  - B. Other
- VIII. New Business
  - A. United Training Specialist LLC - Dale Sypherd, President Owner; Chris Kehl, Director Texas Operations
    - Presentation and questions regarding third party certifications and ideas/request to modify TIESB certifications.
  - B. Other - None
- IX. Announcements
  - A. Ex-Officio Members - none
  - B. Review of new Action Items from meeting
    1. Provide numbers of YTS submissions by year for the last couple of years - Kevin
    2. Add Jared Karins information to the site and add to the group e-mail – Kevin
    3. Provide Tim Graham’s attendance information to David Atkinson – Kevin
    4. Verify procedural documents are ready to post to site. - Kevin
  - C. Round table discussion
  - D. Next meeting(s) – August 4<sup>th</sup> - TEEX – 0800-1100
  - F. Other - None
- x. Adjourn – Motion made by Gordon, second by Ronnie – 10:23