

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 1990
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

A Special Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Thomas A. Mattingly at 1500 hours at the Annapolis Elks Lodge, hosted by the West Annapolis Volunteer Fire Department. The President called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the opening prayer and led the pledge to allegiance. The President went over the purpose for calling the Special Meeting, which was to discuss the publishing of the Fire Laws Book and to take action on the FY-91 Budget.

President Mattingly went over highlights of a recent meeting he and the two Vice Presidents had with President Kirwin of the University of Maryland. He relayed that Dr. Kirwin will be working on some of the points and concerns brought out during the Administrative Audit recently completed of MFRI, and that Dr. Kirwin felt that MFRI should be connected with the University system. He also relayed that Dr. Kirwin felt that the MFRI Director should not report directly to him but to a Dean or Vice President. President Mattingly reported that the recently announced policy of MFRI to charge for certain courses has been rescinded. He also reported that other topics discussed included, personnel morale, the apparent high number of resignations, cuts in field programs, and transfers of personnel. The Board of Advisors role and the Management Council's need to exist were also discussed. President Mattingly expressed his feelings that the meeting was a good open exchange of information and felt that Dr. Kirwin was responsive to the concerns of our Association.

President Mattingly announced that he had learned that the Governor's Executive Order dealing with the appointment of the MFRI Taskforce is on the Governor's desk. President Mattingly announced that President Bush has signed the document officially creating the National Fallen Firefighters Monument at Emmitsburg.

President Mattingly asked that everyone help dispel the rumor as totally untrue reference the Trauma Center closing or moving.

President Mattingly then turned the meeting over to Chairman Davis of the Executive Committee. Chairman Davis called upon Budget Committee Chairman Smith for discussions on the proposed budget.

Vice President Smith presented correspondence from the Mitchie Company covering the publishing of the Fire Laws Books. The Mitchie Company quoted a price of \$18,700.00 to research and print 850 copies of the supplement. R. Powell went over the work involved in preparing the document, which included researching statutes, re-indexing, and court rulings and opinions. B. Smith went over the new articles, the amendments, and the additions and changes to the current book.

J. Robison requested that an estimate be made of the amount of funds which would be derived from

the sale of the Fire Laws Books. Fire Laws Books Chairman Chisholm relayed that no specific amount

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could be estimated at this time, but that the committee felt that it should be a sizable amount. He also reported that reprints can be purchased from the Mitchie Company in amounts of 100 or more.

J. Robison suggested that the amount showing in line 60 for previous years expenditures should not be shown against the new budget as it puts a burden against the new administration from the previous administration.

Vice President Smith went over the proposed budget submittal line item by line item, with discussions being held on several items. J. Robison commented that a determination should be made as to how much, if any, funding should come out of the General Fund or reserves. J. Mooney commented that a determination should be made as to how much should be established as a reserve.

The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND BY \$9,700.00, DECREASE FIRE PREVENTION \$3,000., DECREASE PUBLIC RELATIONS BY \$2,000., DECREASE DATA SYSTEMS BY \$2,000., AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY \$2,000., TOTALING \$18,700.00. Motion Defeated.

R. Winter asked if this meant that the Fire Laws Books would be published? The Chairman replied that this is one of the specifics that is charged to the MSFA from the State Funding. The State requirements were read. President Mattingly spoke on the various programs and publications of our Association. The consensus was that the \$100,000.00 State Appropriation is not sufficient to accomplish all programs and publications.

The following motion was made by G. Worthington and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION; THAT THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS AND AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE STATE APPROPRIATION TO MSFA FUNDS: LINE 27, \$1,500.00, LINE 36, \$350.00, LINE 48, \$1,575.00, LINE 60, \$7,716.00, AND LINE 68, \$735.00, TOTALING \$11,876.00, AND LINE 61 BE REDUCED BY \$6,824.00. Hand Vote - 5 Yea, 6 Nea; Motion Defeated.

Treasurer Saville reported that he could probably take \$1,500.00 from the raffle fund to be placed into the General Fund.

The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by R. Poole:

MOTION: TO FUND THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRE LAWS BOOKS FROM THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT, AND TO WORK FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE TO REIMBURSE THE FUNDS. Hand Vote - 9

Yea, 2 Nea; Motion Passed.

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The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FY-91 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED AND AMENDED.
Motion Passed.**

The Officers and Executive Committee strongly urge all committees to hold down on their spending.

The following motion was made by G. Curfman and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION: THAT THE DATA SYSTEMS COMMITTEE BE INSTRUCTED TO HOLD
OFF ON ALL NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Motion
Passed.**

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Chaplain Damewood at 1755 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Charles B. Burton
William A. Hawkins
Leonard T. King
Ralph E. Dull