

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 1990
FORESTVILLE, MARYLAND**

A Special Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Thomas A. Mattingly at 1010 hours at the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department. The President called upon Bill Olsen who gave the invocation and led the pledge to allegiance. President Mattingly thanked the Forestville department for hosting the meeting on short notice. The President stated that the purpose for the meeting was to clarify the position of the Association on the Governor's MFRI Task Force, and cost issues involving some of the proposed Association publications, and then turned the meeting over to the Executive Committee.

President Mattingly reported that the Procedural Guide in the Event of Death or Injury in the Line of Duty of a Member of the Fire Service publication which is to be produced by the Board of Trustees and the Secretary's Office will require over 70,000 pages for the 500 copies. He also went over the costs involved, the time, and the amount of copy machine use which would be required to produce the book. One price has been obtained for printing of the book for \$1,050.00 and another price will be obtained for comparison. Vice President Smith relayed that the Budget Committee could find the necessary funds for the printing. After additional discussion the following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: To authorize the transfer of the necessary funds for the printing of the Procedural Guide Publication as proposed by the Board of Trustees. Passed.

President Mattingly reported that he had received a request for a copy of our membership mailing list from the Uniformed Services University. After discussion it was decided to provide the list for the standard \$25.00 cost.

President Mattingly went over the educational marketing package which is being developed. He relayed that he has approached the State Fire Marshal's Office, M.F.R.I., and M.I.E.M.S.S. requesting funding assistance for the project. The proposed 750 copies will cost approximately \$2,884.00 to produce. After discussion the following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Winters:

MOTION: To authorize the Treasurer and the Budget Committee to take the necessary funds for the publication of the Educational Marketing Package from State funds. Passed.

President Mattingly recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; R. N. Small, 59-60; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. W. Cumberland, 87-88; and J. R. Robison, 89-90.

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President Mattingly then discussed the primary purpose for the meeting, that of obtaining a clarification on the position of the Association on the Governor's MFRI Task Force. President Mattingly distributed three handouts to the Executive Committee: 1) 97th Convention Proceedings Book (Page 409) which contained the intention to pull MFRI from the University of Maryland System by then President Robison; 2) President Mattingly's ten hot topics for consideration by the Governor's MFRI Task Force; and 3) a proposed reorganization plan for MFRI obtained from the National Fire Academy.

P. Sterling relayed that he felt that the position of the Association was clear and that being to continue working for the removal of MFRI from the University, and felt that issues have not changed. President Mattingly relayed that he felt that if the University would take action on the MFRI Administrative Review issues it would work well for MFRI, and he felt that they would do so after meetings he has had with President Kirwan.

Past President J. Smith felt that history and performance by the University over the past twenty years shows the need to continue with the efforts. Past President Cumberland relayed that he feels that MFRI has come thru at the years end each year to provide the needed classes, but also felt that the MFRI budget needs to be made available. Past President Burton stated that almost every President of our Association since 1977 has recommended the removal of MFRI due to the lack of cooperation and funding from the University. Past President Baker relayed that when the Institute was created and placed under the office of the University President, this was to be the cure all, and this has not worked.

M. Robinson relayed that MFRI enjoys a good nationwide reputation and like agencies work well when under a university system. After other discussion surrounding the issues of funding, cooperation, budget location, and physical location of MFRI, the Executive Committee went into executive session. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by R. Poole:

MOTION: To give the President the latitude to act in the best interest of the Association. The Executive Committee Chairman ruled the motion to be out of order due to the previous stand which had been taken by the Association.

The Following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by R. Poole:

MOTION: To reconsider the previous motion of the Executive Committee of June 22, 1989, dealing with MFRI. Passed Unanimously.

After discussion the Chairman called for a hand vote on the original motion of June 22, 1989. The hand vote was 3 yea and 8 nea. The original motion failed after reconsideration.

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

MOTION: To give the President the latitude to make a decision on the Governor's Task Force, which would be in the best interest of the Association. Passed.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who called upon Bill Olsen for the benediction. There being no additional business to come before the Association the meeting was adjourned at 1145 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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