

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 1991
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Bernard J. Smith at 0900 hours at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Headquarters Station. The President called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the invocation and led those in attendance in the pledge to allegiance.

PRESIDENT - President Smith thanked everyone for their support and confidence. The President presented Certificates of Appreciation and Resolutions to the following: Mayor Powell of Ocean City, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, The Westminster Band, and the families of fallen firefighters and deceased Past Presidents. He distributed copies of his tentative committee list and then went over the list.

President Smith recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; H. B. Hare, 64-65; P. P. Lockery, 68-69; C. N. Ringer, 69-70; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; and T. A. Mattingly, 90-91.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Fleshman thanked everyone for their support and pledged to serve the Association. As Chairman of the Budget and Revenue Committee, requested all chairpersons and others to complete their requests by July 15th. He stressed that all requests must be documented and asked that the requests be held to bare minimums due to the financial constraints we are under. He called a budget meeting for July 28th. at the Beltsville fire station.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Hurlock thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and pledged to serve the Association. He congratulated those individuals who received awards during the Convention.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton thanked those in attendance for their continued support. He asked that all photos and reports due for the Proceedings Book to be submitted no later than mid August.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville thanked everyone for the support given him, and also stressed the need for budget requests to be fully justified.

CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Damewood thanked everyone for their support and offered the assistance of the Chaplain's Office to all personnel. He recommended that all departments have photos of members on file, and that when a member passes away to contact the family a few weeks after the arrangements and request a photo at that time.

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The President introduced President Jean Slifka of the Ladies Auxiliary. President Slifka thanked everyone for their cooperation, and pledged the support of the Ladies Auxiliary. Senior Vice President Janet Pfeiffer, Junior Vice President Gayle Jester, and Bessie Marshall Chairperson Elaine Huttenloch were also recognized. Chairperson Huttenloch relayed that the Ladies Auxiliary had voted to increase the Bessie Marshall benefits by fifty percent. This means that the maximum benefit will now be \$750. per approved claim.

President Smith reported that he had received a letter from the Governor reference child safety seats in EMS transport vehicles. He relayed that he felt that most units already are equipped with the safety seats.

President Smith recognized other guests in attendance, and turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chairman Donald Mooney. The following Executive Committee members were in attendance: D. Mooney, R. Wood, F. Jester, G. Blanco, C. Stack, G. Worthington, R. Winter, M. Robinson, D. Davis, and Past President T. Mattingly. R. Poole, J. Snyder, and G. Curfman were absent.

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Executive Committee and stressed the need for everyone to work for the betterment of the volunteer emergency services of our State. The Chairman relayed that the President had appointed G. Glaubitz and H. Hare as the Association's Parliamentarians and R. Powell as the Association's Attorney, and asked for conformation. The following motion was made by R. Winter and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF G. GLAUBITZ AND H. HARE AS PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND R. POWELL AS THE ASSOCIATION ATTORNEY.

Passed.

CENTENNIAL - Chairman Baker reported that the Committee is working with the Attorney to resolve the Centennial Book bill and a letter will be sent from the Attorney. He reported that almost \$11,000. was received for the book sales during the Convention. The Committee is working on a distribution list for circulating the books across the State.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - Chairman Mooney of the Executive Committee stressed that everyone should work to explain any proposed changes to the respective areas of the State prior to the Convention. L. Sacks commented that he felt the need for the change, the impacts, and or requirements for change, should be more clearly communicated to the member departments. Chairman Owens relayed that up dated copies of the Constitution and By-Laws will be available by the August meeting.

CONVENTION - Chairman King presented the available dates for future Conventions as follows: 1992 - June 14-17; 1993 - June 13-16; 1994 - June 19-22; and 1995 - June 18-21. The following motion was made by and seconded by

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MOTION: TO APPROVE JUNE 18-21, 1995, AS THE CONVENTION DATES FOR 1995.
Passed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their cooperation and assistance during the Convention. He went over the various activities and events of the Convention. He reported that the Picnic was larger than ever, the Parade was the largest ever, but the Dance was down in attendance. He added that the Convention Committee will be evaluating all aspects of the Convention, and requested comments from everyone. He also relayed that they will be working on producing a video tape of the entire Convention for individuals to obtain.

Chairman King gave the background behind obtaining the new fire engine podium which is dedicated to the memory of Past President A. Marvin Gibbons. He reported that the podium is to belong to all emergency services organizations, to be used all over the State, and was donated to the emergency services of Maryland by the American Fire Equipment Corporation (Emergency One). He advised that if any organization is interested in its use to contact him for scheduling.

Chairman King reported that he had been called to meet with the Ocean City Police Department. The purpose of this meeting was the actions of personnel from the Kentland department, during the Convention and Parade. He relayed that they were not participants in the parade but spectators. Lengthy discussions were held on this issue.

PROGRAM - Chairman Thomas thanked several individuals and organizations, without which the program could not have been produced, for their assistance with the program. He recapped the various program topics which were presented. He asked that Certificates of Appreciation be sent to the Pre-Convention Seminar presenters for their efforts in putting on the various programs. He relayed that the Committee solicits any comments on the program.

Past President Mattingly thanked the Convention Committee and the Program Committee for all their efforts in putting on the Convention and Program.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION - Chairman Cumberland relayed that he had turned over information on the Bill of Rights and another proposal similar to our Good Samaritan Law to the Legislative Committee.

TRAINING - Chairman Fairfax and Vice Chairman Watkins distributed copies of the new Ten Year Training Plan for all departments. He relayed that the Plan should be discussed by the Executive Committee at another meeting.

HALL OF FAME - Chairman Baker reported that with the passage of the resolution on the floor of the Convention the Committee will have to start working on the specifics and would like to have the Executive Committee's input on how far back to go for inclusion in the Roll of Honor for

emergency services personnel who have been killed in the line of duty. After some discussion the following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by C. Stack:

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MOTION: TO START THE ROLL OF HONOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WITH 1979, THE DATE THE HALL OF FAME WAS STARTED. THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE WILL PERFORM THE COORDINATED EFFORTS OF THIS TASK. Passed.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Chairman Brooks relayed that he is receiving concerns over the number of Haz. Mat. Units being placed in service across without any standards or standardization for the units or support units. He also reminded the President that he should appoint a representative to the GEMAC Training Committee from the Association.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported that they are currently working with the Officers, the EMS Committee, our Attorney, and MIEMSS, on some concerns over the Commercial Ambulance Regulations (Maryland Register Vol. 18, Issue 11, Sec. 14.17.02). R. Powell felt that in the original draft, some of these regulations may involve the volunteer ambulance services, but after talking with MIEMSS the concerns will be addressed. He also relayed that they will be looking into the question surrounding taxes on sodas sold in paper cups at fundraising functions of the volunteer departments.

The Chairman stated that they will be working on an alternative means for providing funding for the 508 Program this year. He felt that the Lenowes Tax Taskforce will be working this summer and they will be checking out this for funding alternatives.

MEHAC - Representative Mattingly reported that they are still working on the lack of twenty four hour coverage in two areas of the State, and a proposal for charging for inter-hospital transports.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Past President Mattingly relayed that a contract has been signed to paint the building and for the roof work to be done.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Chairman Woods reported that they have sold out of glass and ceramic mugs, and golf shirts. He relayed that they took in \$11,313. with a profit of approximately \$4,000.

CERTIFICATION BOARD - Representative Carpenter and Chairman Robinson relayed that the National Board on Fire Service Accreditation will be reviewing Maryland's certification in July.

WAYS AND MEANS - Chairman Hay reported the raffle took in \$29,141. this year, which is down some \$3,000., and after awarding the prizes leaves a profit \$15,673. The Committee thanked those who sold the raffle tickets and stressed the need for individuals and member departments to sell the tickets.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - D. Powell reported that the Board has reorganized with D. Powell as Chairman, C. Riley as Vice Chairman, and F. Fatkin as Secretary. He relayed that they are polling the individuals who are receiving benefits for updating information purposes. Chairman Powell

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reminded those in attendance, of Article 4 of the Constitution which states that the Trustees are officers of the Association.

A.L.S. - Chairman Robinson relayed that MIEMSS has assigned an individual to assist with the compiling of information from the ALS Survey Forms from each jurisdiction.

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

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER OF THANKS TO THE BELL MOTOR COMPANY FOR THEIR COOPERATION OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. Passed.

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

MOTION: TO SEND LETTERS OF THANKS TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE CONVENTION AND CONVENTION PROGRAM. THE LIST TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Passed.

A lengthy discussion was held surrounding the actions of the Kentland V.F.D. during the Convention and Parade. Several individuals spoke on the actions, conduct, and public image which was displayed. After the discussions it was decided that the Officers of the Association, the Executive Committee Chairman, and the Convention Committee Chairman, will meet with the Prince George's County Fire Department, Fire Commission, County Association, and the Kentland Department to resolve the problem. The meeting will be arranged by the Prince George's County Fire Commission.

R. Thomas discussed the Fire Service Night at the Orioles Baseball Game on August 24. The Orioles organization requires a \$500. deposit for the advance ticket sales this year. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO ADVANCE \$500. TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE FOR DEPOSIT ON THE ORIOLES BASEBALL GAME TICKETS. Passed.

Past President Shimer apologized for comments made at the Leonardtown Executive Committee Meeting. Director Hoglund thanked Past President Shimer.

Past President Cumberland relayed information on the Past Presidents forming a committee to organize the Past Presidents Club and to come up with some guidelines to assist the officers of

the Association.

Past President Mattingly brought up recent discussions which have been held with Past President Leslie B. Thompson concerning his collection of fire service memorabilia. B. Gladhill has offered to construct a room in his Gladhill Farm and Fire Museum for this collection with the collection being controlled by the Thompson family and the State Association.

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The following motion was made by T. Mattingly and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPT THE OFFER OF THE FIRE SERVICE MEMORABILIA FROM PAST PRESIDENT LESLIE B. THOMPSON TO BE KEPT IN THE GLADHILL FARM AND FIRE MUSEUM IN DAMASCUS. Passed.

V. Silar stressed the need for all Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and others, that have Association property to provide a complete inventory. This should be provided on the form which the First Vice President has been distributing along with the Budget Request Form. A current replacement cost should also be included for each item on the list.

Past President D. Kirk advised that any individual desiring to keep receiving, or would like to receive, the Allegany-Garrett County Bulletin must let him know your current address.

Past President H. Hare requested that if any individual has old Proceedings Books that they do not wish to keep, to let him have them to aid in completing sets of the books.

The meeting was turned back to President Smith. President Smith announced the following dates for Executive Committee Meetings: August 10 & 11, 1991, at Lansdowne; October 19 & 20, 1991, at Ocean City; January 11 & 12, 1992, at Level; April 25 & 26, 1992, at Bowling Green, and the Legislative Meeting to be announced later. The President made some other announcements and thanked everyone for their cooperation and support. Chaplain Damewood delivered the benediction.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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

