

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND**

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College Park Training Academy

The Executive Committee Meeting held at the MFRI Fire Training Academy at College Park was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Richard L. Yinger. Reverend Taugher gave the opening prayer and followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. President Yinger introduced Mr. John Hogle of MFRI who gave the official welcome. *"Good Morning Gang"*. He continued with some historical comments reference the academy, reflected on the achievements of Director Edwards, gave an update on the new technologies being tested, and reaffirmed the welcome.

President Yinger gave his welcome, recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. W. Riley, 83-84; R. J. Smith, 84-85; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; and P. M. Hurlock, 93-94. The President recognized the Board of Trustees, those guests in attendance including Eloise Busl, President LAMSFA, Senior Vice President Sharon Worthington, Junior Vice President Joyce Thorne, and others.

PRESIDENT - President Yinger presented his written report and proceeded to highlight topics verbally from the report. He stated that he had met with Dr. Kirwin from the University of Maryland at which they presented Dr. Kirwin an appreciation card for his thirty years service to the University. He further stated that he met with Colonel Tolliver from the state police in reference to the light bill, which Mr. Tolliver stated that he had never seen the bill. After further review, Mr. Tolliver said he saw nothing wrong with the bill. Approximately 350 registrations have been turned into the Secretary's Office for red light usage. The President spoke on the solicitation effort being conducted across the state by the union. He is in receipt of a letter from the union president where they requested the solicitation be stopped. After a phone conversation with the solicitation group, they were told that an extension would be granted until February 1, 1995. This group invited the MSFA to their corporate headquarters for a tour of the facility, no interest was shown. The President attended the dedication of the new helicopter at Centreville, and the opening day activities in Annapolis for the start of the legislative session. President Yinger made comments with respect to our MSFA community who were ill and offered sympathy to J. Francis Fatkin on the death of his wife and the Skillman family of Harford County. These included Mary Burton, presently in a nursing home, Pierce Damewood, and Eloise Busl. He concluded those concerns by commenting on the lack of communication within the MSFA and the need for improvement in this area.

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The President has been appointed to the Governor's transition team on public safety. He relayed that this is quite an experience, and that communications problems were bad there also. He is in receipt of the final draft of their report. President Yinger presented Dave Kirk with the Treasurer Emeritus pocket badge. He presented William Cooper his badge, the new Board of Review member from Talbot and Dorchester counties. Past President Hurlock gave the oath of office to Mr. Cooper.

First Vice President - Vice President Cross presented his written report and proceeded to comment on it. The executive committee meeting in Ocean City in June will be held on Friday, not Thursday.

Second Vice President - Vice President Cox presented his written report and commented on the togetherness of the officers. He commented on the commitment to the position and has traveled over 20,000 miles since convention.

Secretary's Office - Secretary King presented his written report, commented on the computer support difficulties presently, and requested help. The minutes of the last executive committee from Friendsville have been transcribed, copied and mailed. We have an application for membership from Dorchester EMS Company of Cambridge, which the Standards Committee will give a report on, and have sent an application for sustaining membership to Emergency Insurance Services Program, Inc. A mass mailing has been sent to all member companies' reference the red light bill and the MNBA credit card program. The Secretary's Office has been involved in updating the Awards Manual, a joint effort with the committee. Dues notices, credentials forms and memorial forms have been sent out, working with the President in preparation of the upcoming strategic planning weekend, proceedings books are complete and will be distributed this weekend, thanks Charlie Burton, reminded everyone that new postal rates are now in effect, reminded that 25 copies are needed from committee chairman for distribution, presented the financial report with \$8,408.50 received and all turned over to the Treasurer. This year committee chairman will be getting a computer disc for typing the annual report into the convention program book.

Treasurer's Office - Treasurer Saville presented a computer print out on the financial accounts with balances. Mr. Mooney questioned why the special activities money was not a budgeted item and not borrowed from the general account. Mr. Cumberland expressed his concerns reference checks he turned in for sale of the fallen fire fighters pins.

Chaplain - Chaplain Damewood gave thanks to all for his day of honor. He further talked about the memorial service at the convention, and talked briefly about his medical problems. Please remember the Assistant Chaplains are available for your service.

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President Yinger reported that the Volunteer Firefighters Room and Berwyn Heights Offices are open today. He then turned the meeting over to the executive committee chairman.

Chairman Cornell opened the meeting by reminding all present to hold your private meetings in another location. He then asked for concerns and issues from the various executive committee members: Herman Rhue - solicitation phone calls; Roger Steger - solicitation also; Paul Sterling - new county executive, DOL update on the fair labor standards act; Roy Wood -new county executive, budgetary concerns, solicitation; Don Mooney - new county executive, fire chief vacancy, new career fire equipment; Mike Robinson - new county executive, named to transition committee, solicitation; Gene Curfman - budget surplus, CCVFA past president Bill Gabler passed away, solicitation; Danny Davis - thanks to all during his recent illness.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Marty Scanlan representing Gordon Bernard Company. He proposed that MSFA publish a calendar. He gave suggestions on input, no cost to the association, funding by vending advertisements, 400 calendars will cost \$1,500 to include mailing, distributed an envelope of information.

Office of the Attorney - Mr. Powell gave an update of the MNBA credit card, working with the Trustees on two matters, summons to produce records reference trial in Worcester County, T-shirt issue correspondence and request for \$500. The following motion was made by G. Curfman and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: That the attorney move forward with one final letter informing the gentleman unless he comes through we will file suit and if that does not follow through within a period of time in which the attorney feels reasonable that he proceed with filing suit in US District Court. Passed.

The attorney continued that he wrote correspondence to Avon Chisholm requesting materials be brought to this meeting.

Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund - President Busl gave the following report representing Chairperson June Black. Total receipts to date \$18,913.49, with expenditures to date of \$14,850.00.; 22 cases have been paid this year to the following jurisdictions: Allegany-3, Anne Arundel-1, Baltimore-1, Carroll-2, Cecil-1, Charles-3, Frederick-3, Prince George's-3, Queen Anne-1, St. Mary's-1, Talbot-1, Wicomico-2.

Auditing - Chairman Purdy stated committee will meet Saturday, May 13th. A tax exempt credit

card income is not business tax related, will not effect 990 taxable income status was distributed.

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Ways & Means - Chairman Means stated that raffle tickets are being distributed this weekend. He made an observation that is disheartening to look at the raffle sheet and see companies not selling any tickets.

Written reports covering the 911 Board, Governor's Emergency Management Board, and the MFRETC were presented for all to review by Fire Marshal Gabriele due to the absence of Robert Shimer.

Safety - Chairman Jinks Mattingly presented a written report, commented on the report concerning discussion that committee members were not attending the meetings. A written request was sent to the National Volunteer Fire Council for funding of \$15,000 over the next five years, copy presented. Safety video is on schedule, though not finalized. Safety messages will be presented via closed circuit TV at the convention hall. Selective Insurance will again purchase bags for the Safety Committee convention handouts.

President's Car - Chairman Jinks Mattingly presented a written report, requested that the second paragraph be deleted reference bids, President Yinger has advised of his request to purchase the car. Vice President Cross has advised the committee of his request for a van as his selected vehicle. Chairman Cornell advised that the past presidents were in a meeting at the present time discussing recommendations for the president's vehicle. Further discussion would follow (fifty-four minutes of discussion took place during the weekend meeting).

Scholarship - Vice Chairman Bender presented a written report, commented on the endowment fund. Attorney Powell has offered to draft a letter under President's signature to be directed to corporation CEO's in hopes of funding. The committee further requests that those connected with the MSFA to memorialize deceased members of their families by donations. An updated brochure is presently being prepared.

Trustees - Chairman Richard Powell presented an oral report, since convention paid out \$65,715. for pensions. Mr. Powell stated his term is up this year, and he will not be seeking re-election.

Fire Prevention - Chairperson Judy White presented a written report, made the following comments: The 1995 Fire Prevention Week theme will be "Watch what you heat, Prevent home fires". The placemat project was printed and distributed last weekend. The committee instituted an informational round table with discussion of various topics. BRK Industries is making available a video on carbon monoxide testing. Letters to fire prevention award sponsors will be mailed this month, other plans for the convention were discussed. Another project is the MSFA Fire Safety

Resource Kit to be distributed to the jurisdictions. The joint seminar with MFRI and the state fire marshal for May 6 is progressing well. Governor's Fire Safety Symposium will be September 20 at
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Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

Board of Review - Chairman D' Camera presented applications for approval:
95-08 Shaft VFC - A grant of \$60,000 for apparatus was requested. The Board recommends that a grant of \$18,200 and a loan of \$35,000 with matching funds of 5,000 for a total of \$58,200 be approved. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Curfman:

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation for 95-08 for the Shaft VFC. Passed.

95-09 Linkwood Salem - A grant of \$154,000 and a loan of \$154,000 for building and apparatus was requested. The application was rejected by the Board. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Curfman:

MOTION: To concur with Board recommendation for 95-09 for the Linkwood-Salem VFC. Passed.

The Board of Review has been experiencing a problem with the Board of Public Works requiring \$5,000 matching funds. The new administration will look at eliminating the requirement. This appears to be a Governor Schaefer initiative.

MIEMSS - Dr. Bass made an oral presentation on various activities and issues involving MIEMSS. Mr. Craig Coleman was also present. Last week at the EMS Committee meeting an issue came up regarding age qualification. Dr. Bass wanted to make sure that we clarified this. He reviewed this policy and the policy is that training at sixteen and certification at sixteen is conditionally allowable as long as the young man or woman represents maturity and has parental consent. That is the policy of MIEMSS and that is the policy that we will be working with. Second issue DNR, I would like to thank the committee very much for helping to pull that together particularly Lee Sachs for his assistance helping us to resolve the impasse. We will be moving ahead with that program, we do have to go back to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance as we made some changes but after that we should be able to go ahead and get the program moving. We have a tremendous education challenge in terms of the attending physicians and the emergency physicians, as well as EMS providers in the state and we have to be addressing that issue. The EMS plan is moving right along, and again we would like to thank all the committee for all their and input and particularly the input last week. The board has received the plans from SEMSAC in a final draft form they are in the process now of setting up an additional public hearings for a total of five regional public hearings across the state, each one headed by a member of the board. Even beyond this point there will be

additional opportunities for comment right up until the very end when the board approves the final plan. We made some realignment of our departments at MIEMSS that is out in this month's newsletter for details we have combined the nursing department and our training and certification

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department into an education and certification department. We have elevated SYSCOM EMRC to the level of the executive counsel's because that is a very operational oriented program that we need direct input. We made other changes and the plan at MIEMSS is to work steadily on improving our customer interface our service to you and we are working on developing our mission vision values program up at the agency level now that will be going down to each department. Again the focus would be on doing what we can to improve what we do. One issue came up last week and in fact as I travel around the state, a number of agencies have asked me if perhaps MIEMSS could fund AED's next year. I very much think we should look at that, in addition, some questions came up last week about the policies and that methods in which MIEMSS allocates the defibrulators. What I plan to do is set up a committee to study that issue, number one how we evaluate and number two next year is it advisable to go ahead and perhaps pass out automated defibrulators. So I will be asking for MSFA to help us as we develop those policies and make some of those decisions. The joint air and medical committees and the joint committee of the SEMSAC and the board has started meeting to address the questions in the law that the board has asked to address regarding the Maryland State Aviation Program. Those three questions are should the aviation division bill for services, do inter facility transports, what should be the crew compliment. They are deliberating on those issues and will be making their recommendations within a few months. We have two committees SEMSAC just about appointed the EMT basic committee and also a committee to study our ALS training programs and revamping those. A point of concern is the issue of management care on the trauma system. It's very important that we maintain our trauma system to set up relationships only with certain hospitals, will be meeting those health care commissions. Emergency medical dispatch is a program that is really gaining momentum all around the country. The DOT will be out this spring looking at our program on EMTD.

Mr. Coleman then spoke on critical stress management debriefing, gave a brief history, presently 90 members, gave an overview of the program. A serious problem is the lack of mental health care on the eastern shore. Dr. Bass complimented Mr. Coleman and the team. EMS - Chairman Wills presented a thorough written report, and commented on several items and issues that Dr. Bass had referenced. The EMS plan was presented at the EMS Board meeting, chairman asked that copies be distributed. The plan has been reviewed by the EMS committee and make the following recommendations:

1. Page 23, 3rd complete paragraph, last line, change the word "professional" to either "paid" or "career". Reason - associating the word professional with a paycheck is offensive to the state's volunteers.

2. Page 40, 4th bullet, change to read: "Assure jurisdictional medical director's authority to

include BLS, for the purpose of protocols, scope of practice and continuous quality management. Reason - to clarify the level of authority, local or statewide.

3. Page 42, objectives, 5th bullet, change the word "mandate" to "encourage". Reason - this encourages compliance for non-complaint areas of the state. In addition, other state laws already

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mandate compliance.

4. Page 56, 3rd bullet at the top of the page, change to read: "develop administrative and utilization guidelines for medical physicians who are on the scene, either as volunteer care givers or attending physicians." Reason - clarification of type of physician, initiated by Dr. Barranco.

The following motion was made by D. Davis and seconded by P. Sterling:

MOTION: To concur with the EMS committee recommendations for changes in the report. After discussion the motion passed.

Mr. Lee Sachs made a presentation on DNR (do not resuscitate). Applies to people in a terminal condition or about to die. MIEMSS has drafted protocol. Requested the executive committee to endorse the position as stands today. The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by P. Sterling:

MOTION: To concur with the recommendations of the EMS committee relevant to the implementation of the DNR regulation. Passed.

Chairman Wills reviewed the policy on age of EMT's, was given that policy by Dr. Bass who covered subject in his report. The next issue referred to accountability of MIEMSS equipment, the next issue was managed health care, suggested that all attend the MFRI training seminar. Mr. Mooney was confused about proper placement of a band-aid.

Department of Natural Resources - Mr. Alan Zentz presented a written report, proceeded by stating that they have been able to hire a fire specialist in the western region, other vacancies have been filled. Staff Administrator Mr. Jim Klunk has announced his retirement. DNR has placed into effect a hiring freeze on all classified positions which includes any existing vacancies. Effective April 1, 1995, we will initiate our fee schedule for landowner services. The RFPC funding program the feds has had a significant reduction to \$103,200. A review of the stats was given. Thanks to President Yinger for making it possible for DNR to make a presentation before the governor's transition team.

State Fire Marshal's Office - Fire Marshal Gabriele presented a written report of selected statistical data from 1991 to 1993. He expressed thanks for the support given to him over the past 12 years and his re-appointment as the fire marshal. The office has entered into a MOU with the Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reference cross training. The Consumer Product Safety Commission will reimburse the OSFM for salary, wages and expenses on all confiscated fireworks destruction. John Bender represented the OSFM on the governor's transition team on public safety. The office met with Wicomico County Council and Administration concerning some personnel problems, as a result investigations and inspections will be done by OSFM personnel. 1994 MFIRS

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are due by March 1. After a break for lunch Fire Marshal Gabriele continued his report with various cost containment measures being taken by the office. He gave an overview of the Cold Fire Extinguisher, awaiting aerosol can approval. Plan review program is going well collecting 80% of the invoices submitted. OSFM personnel have received personal protection equipment in the last several months. Mr. Michael Mulligan was hired and placed in the metro region. Additional office space is becoming available. OSFM has moved into the computer age. The OSFM is accepting criminal record checks on their forms for applicants to volunteer fire departments, if no record form will be mailed back to department, if criminal record appears, no notification will be made. Long discussion on reporting system.

MFRI - Director Edwards extended his welcome to the Institute, presented his written report and spoke on selected subjects. The Training Education plan has 12 selected goals for this year, progressing very well. The computer registration training package is being developed. Budget hearing with the EMS Board, requested some training props for the regional training centers starting FY96. 7.7% increase in the budget approved. Lower eastern shore training center is ahead of schedule and under budget, exceptional good contractor. Upper shore site location is under negotiation with Maryland DOT. Southern Maryland upgrade of paving to start next week. Pumps course has been updated, pilot program for review. Rescue tech class is undergoing final phases of revision. Haz Mat curriculum review starting. The statewide fire training directors have selected MFRI to host their 1995 fire training conference in October. Director Edwards gave an extensive report on the college credit equivalency program. American Council of Education (ACE) came in and did a complete program review. Final draft of the program will be mailed to each individual company.

Safety - Jinks Mattingly introduced Mr. C. J. Bens from Provident Insurance Company for a presentation of a check for \$500 toward the safety video.

Sprinkler Technology - Chairman Bender presented a written report and attached an article from Fire Chief Magazine. This article is very negative toward residential sprinkler systems, very detrimental to the fire service. John reviewed some changes and problems with the BOCA. The fire suppression mist system under NFPA committee 250 is working to develop a standard, appears to be bogged down in the red tape, EPA involved.

Certification Board - Clarence Carpenter presented a written report, and highlighted the by law change as follows: The Data committee will be deleted and the State Fire Marshal will be added as a permanent member of the Board. Clarence will vote in favor of these amendments by written ballot.

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Awards - Chairman Graf presented the new awards information manual. Question arose reference the insurance coverage on the major trophies awarded to individuals.

Surplus Property - A written report was distributed in the absence of the chairman.

Past Presidents - Past President Glaubitz presented a written list of recommendations for the President's car. The Executive Committee Chairman advised that these will be discussed on Sunday.

17 State Circle - Chairman Ferguson presented a written report. The building has been inspected and no major problems were found. Hot water heater problem will be addressed by Charlie Riley. Governor elect Glendening visited the office.

Data Systems - Chairman Snader presented a written report, further commented on the death of past chairman Jesse Jackson. Richard gave an update on the status of the committee during the transition. He has picked up most all of the equipment from Mrs. Jackson. Committee is working with the Harry Hetz from transportation to debug programs. Software package Foxpro will be phased out into new Access a Microsoft program. Word Perfect users support is limited, migrate into the Microsoft Office world. Internet address has been set up for file exchange. Computer breakage problems need to be addressed to Richard for repairs promptly. Requested guidance on what the future direction for this committee.

Toby's - Chairman Steve Cox presented a written report, tickets are out for distribution, Gosnell Insurance paid the cost. The show is "Fiddler on the Roof" on Friday, May 5 at \$23 per ticket. Steve also reported on his new address as 901 Gracen Square, Bel Air, MD. Phone number remains the same.

Volunteer Firefighter's Room - Vice Chairman Watkins presented a written report and commented on some concerns. New locations for plaques are being addressed. Room was open for tourism this day. Question arose as to the security of the room, Director Gentry will address this problem.

Special Activities - Chairman Danny Carpenter presented an oral report of activities. Golf balls

with MSFA logo are on sale, flight bags for \$30, fire mark update discussion to be held on Sunday. Fire Laws Book - Chairman Bilger reported that the committee has not met, problem with past chairman turning over materials, attorney is pursuing.

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The meeting was turned back to the President, benediction given, and adjourned until Sunday. President Yinger opened the meeting with a welcome. Vice Chaplain Knauer read scripture, gave prayer, pledge. The President recognized those past presidents in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; and P. M. Hurlock, 93-94. Ladies Officers Busl, Worthington, and Cox were recognized along with other guests. President Yinger presented President Busl a check for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund from the Middletown VFD. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Cornell.

Haz Mat - Vice President Cross gave an oral report. Federal legislation may require each company to purchase individual face masks for each person. This is part of the 1910.120 package.

Out of State Coordinator - R. Cumberland reported that invitations are coming for five states meeting in March.

National Fire Academy Liaison - R. Cumberland gave an oral report. Critique was held, some notification problems with escorts.

National Volunteer Fire Council - R. Cumberland presented a written report prepared by Tom Tharp. Some staff changes in the Washington office. The NVFC Foundation has established a new safety project named "Partnership for Fire Fighter Safety". Tom Tharp has been appointed on this steering committee. The objective being to enhance the ability of volunteer fire fighters to respond safely to hazardous materials incidents. Progress continues on the joint NVFC-MFRI project to conduct a series of four regional seminars. MSFA has accrued 12 points under the Membership Incentive Program. The new NVFC quarterly magazine was canceled. CFSI annual dinner is planned for April 26 at the Washington Hilton. There are plenty of openings in the four VIP sessions scheduled for this year. Question arose concerning the DOL, Congressman Bateman will reintroduce his bill. President Yinger read a letter from Tom Tharp reference his candidacy for office of the NVFC. He requested an endorsement from the Association be mailed to the NVFC directors. President Yinger voiced his concern with the letter. Bob Cumberland gave an overview of the election process. The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by D.

Mooney:

MOTION: To table this issue and that sometime between now and the retreat in Emmitsburg, the President and Executive Committee chairman meet with Mr. Tharp and perhaps go into executive session up there to discuss the issue. Second. Called for vote with no response, discussion. Chairman Cornell asked for withdrawal of motion and second, no

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withdrawal, chairman ruled not open to discussion for table. Called for vote, asked to repeat the motion, parliamentarian ruled that motion has to state postpone, Mike amended to postpone, Don Mooney seconded. Motion Passed.

Bernie Smith questioned National Fire Academy funding being cut, Bob responded budget cuts are being made, staff vacancies, will request a meeting with Ms. Brown, has been in contact with Senator Sarbanes office, part of the reorganization of government. Two finalist for the Deputy Administrator Bill Killen and Don Bathurst.

Convention - Chairman King presented a written report. He highlighted the report by stating ads for the program book are being solicited in a copy ready condition. All departments are asked to purchase an ad. Committee chairman will be given a computer disc for input of their respective reports. Proceedings books being distributed this weekend. Packets for exhibit space rentals will be mailed in February, rental space raised to minimum of \$300. Pre convention seminars will only be held at convention hall. Officers banquet Sunday evening and picnic Tuesday at lunch. The Annual golf tournament will be expanded, Thursday morning tee. Monday night activities will be re-organized. Discussion arose reference the poor quality of the proceedings book. Discussion on the distribution of books, suggested past presidents take this under consideration.

President's Car & Past Presidents: Continued discussion of recommendations presented on Saturday. Question on how these differ from existing, response color and sedan type. Clarified that these recommendations are for next year's car. Much discussion. Jinks was asked if he understood the existing guidelines, response he did until yesterday. Chairman Cornell summarized discussion with too many people are interfering with the chairman's job. Discussion continued. Chairman Cornell ruled to end discussion, discussion continued. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by M. Robinson:

MOTION: To adopt Past President's recommendations on the President's Car. Failed.

The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: That we end discussion and allow the chair of the committee to perform his duties of the committee and relative to the questions of the new car that he work with the new President to resolve providing he meets the current guidelines established. Passed.

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

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MOTION: To take these recommendations to the retreat and consider them at that point for adoption or rejection. Passed.

MFRI Board of Advisors - Tom Mattingly and Charlie Wills presented a written report. Recommended that the Association send a letter to the Board confirming Richard Brooks as the hazmat rep. Regional reps for confirmation have not been sent to the Board from Frederick, Cecil, Talbot, Calvert, Worcester counties.

Training - Chairman Smiley White presented a written report, commented on the following. The ten year plan subcommittee is moving forward, draft forthcoming. The training assessment workshops have concluded, attendance was less than desired, draft report developed. The criteria for the Zembower Award has been revised and placed in the awards manual. Smiley will be representing MSFA at the FDIC on February 6, in Indianapolis. Discussion pursued on the dual training standard proposed. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by D. Davis:

MOTION: To authorize Chairman White to represent us in opposition of the proposed dual standards. Passed.

LOSAP - Chairperson Joann Robison presented an oral report of the activities of her committee consisting of furnishing information as requested, honoring the various counties for legislative updates, no pending legislation. Gene Curfman relayed information on legislation from Carroll County to change wording from "may" to "shall." Don Flinn addressed the Board with LOSAP matters of Montgomery County.

Legislative - Chairman Riley presented a written report with attachments of legislative committee appointments. Highlights of his report were verbally stated. Session begins on January 11 and ends April 10. As a result of the last election, 61 new delegates, 19 new senators, new Governor and Lt. Governor for a 44% changeover. Our major task this year is to educate these new legislators. The General Assembly has within its structure 10 major standing committees, six in the House and four

in the Senate. All the committees except the House Commerce and Government Matters will have either a new chair, vice or both. We are planning on having the Income Tax Incentive Bill introduced again this year. The MSFA officers will be meeting with Governor Glendening in the near future to discuss our funding programs and possible having the 508 funds increased by 2.9%. Other legislative matters include parking remains a problem, legislative bulletin will be sent each week, office will be manned Monday thru Friday. A reception for the legislators will be held on Monday, January 23, from 5 to 7 pm Senate office building room 400. We need cooperation from all to be successful. Light bill seems to be working well, minor problem in Southern Maryland resolved. Carroll County requests sales tax on open soda containers be repealed. Discussion on

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casino gambling have a tax generated and dedicated to the emergency services. Question reference about information on light bill been sent out to the various state police barracks, this was to be done by the police. Concern about commercial bingo coming into Washington County. President Yinger discussed activities on the opening session day. BWI fire personnel under the local chapter have requested to be placed under Secretary of Public Safety.

Transportation - Chairman Hetz presented a written report. He updated the database program status. A meeting was held with MVA on issue of new tags. Mr. Rickert agreed to issue tags with a silk screen logo at no cost. Request to the Executive committee for: authorization to proceed with MVA to develop the new tag issuance program. Once the design is finalized, approval for the President to send the necessary request to MVA to start the process rolling. Committee recommends that the 1995 annual recertification be delayed. MVA is requesting some certification and issuance of tags be changed.

Secretary King addressed the body with a request to participate by providing a business card to Craig Shergold who has a brain tumor. He has turned to the Children's Make A Wish Foundation and expressed his desire to have an entry in the Guineas Book of World Record for the largest collection of business cards received by an individual (over 300 business cards were collected and sent.)

The meeting was recessed for lunch, and was reconvened by President Yinger and then turned over to Chairman Cornell.

Statistical - Chairman Worthington presented a written report and made comments that all stat packets were mailed to regional reps on January 3. April 1 is submission deadline. Needs support from all for success. 1994 yellow books were handed out this weekend, distribution list remained same.

Recruitment and Retention - Chairman Flinn presented a written report and made comments on the

activities of the committee. He reviewed several topics including the multi-part youth programs initiative, the MSFA/Gov/Allstate partnership, a proposed statewide one day workshop, and discussed in detail the Volunteer 4 television feature. The committee will be delivering a different presentation at the Maryland Fire Chiefs seminar. Mr. Flinn provided a special acknowledgment for the efforts demonstrated by Eileen Cackowski and asked for all to support her in that position for the future. Discussion was held concerning notification to Governor Glendening in support of Eileen. The President advised that this was already in the making.

Public Relations & Bulletin - Chairman Gatton presented a written report, last Trumpet contained twenty pages and next issue deadline is February 1. More regional events are in this issue.

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Standards - Chairman Huttenloch presented a written report stating the committee has inspected the Dorchester County Advanced Life Support Company and recommends their acceptance into membership. The committee will also be submitting a by-law change to meet the requirements of OSHA. Question came reference an engine/tanker standard.

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

MOTION: To accept the Dorchester County Advanced Life Support Company as a member of the Association. Passed.

NFPA Overview - Chairman Huttenloch presented a written report and attachments from NFPA. Their recommendation is the President send a letter immediately stating the feeling of the MSFA and our intent to fight such division among the fire fighters and EMS career and volunteers. The committee will draft a letter for President's signature. Discussion on distribution list. President Yinger will travel to the FDIC and voice our displeasure of dual standards. Reaffirmed that Smiley White will represent MSFA.

Five Year Plan - Chairman Robison presented a written report and reviewed orally some of the highlights. Joe explained the flow chart from the EMS board. Joe gave a presentation before the governor's transition team along with the President, a cover letter, brochure, 508 funding, funding overall, state training, future MSFA funding, Delaware auditors report. President Yinger lauded the efforts of Mr. Robison on his briefing to the transition team.

Chairman Cornell again brought the issue of the President's car to the floor. He was concerned about the trade in value of the present car since the President has the option to purchase. Discussion followed with a motion being made but died for a lack of a second.

OLD BUSINESS: The issue of allowing the NVFC office space at Berwyn Heights was tabled to

this meeting. Discussion by Bob Cumberland stating there is still interest. President made a statement on the issue. NO, we do not have the room to give them, archives are increasing. The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by P. Hurlock:

MOTION: That we oppose allowing the NVFC to utilize our space at MFRI. Passed.

Danny Carpenter reintroduced the fire mark issue. He questioned where the money would come from to up front the cost. Question arose toward the quality of the unit. Time frame is close. Advised the chairman to keep shopping.

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Paul Sterling gave a presentation on the DOL update. Bateman Bill has been re-introduced HB28. IAFC has taken a position to oppose this ruling. Possible a senate bill will be introduced also. Resolutions are being requested in support of the Bateman Bill. Question on response from Congressman Hoyer, verbally he would take a more close interest on the volunteer side.

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October meeting. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: President Yinger would like to appoint Mr. Richard Fox as chairman of the Historical and Archives committee due to resignation of prior chair. Some particulars need to be addressed at the retreat. A facilitator will coordinate the topics. Discussion reference lodging and meals at the retreat. Don Mooney requested an audit trail of the finances over the past 5 to 10 years for review at the retreat.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Phil Hurlock has been appointed to the MFRETC. The meeting was turned back to President Yinger who made some closing remarks and the benediction was presented by Assistant Chaplain Taugher. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MOTION SUMMARY OF JANUARY 21 & 22, 1995

MOTION: That the attorney for the association move forward with one final letter informing the gentleman unless he comes through we will file suit and if that does not follow through within a period of time in which the attorney feels reasonable that he proceed with filing suit in US District Court. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation for 95-08 for the Shaft VFC. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation for 95-09 for the Linkwood-Salem VFC. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the EMS committee recommendations for changes in the report. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the recommendations of the EMS committee relevant to the implementation to the DNR regulation. Passed.

MOTION: To table this issue and sometime between now and the retreat in Emmitsburg, the President and Executive Committee chairman meet with Mr. Tharp and perhaps go into executive session up there to discuss the issue. Second. Called for vote with no response, discussion. Chairman Cornell asked for withdraw of motion and second, no withdrawal, chairman ruled not open to discussion for table. Called for vote, asked to repeat the motion, parliamentarian ruled that motion has to state postpone, Mike amended to postpone, Don Mooney second, motion passed.

MOTION: To adopt past president's recommendations on the President's Car. Failed.

MOTION: That we end discussion and allow the chair of the committee to perform his duties of the committee and relative to the questions of the new car that he work with the new President to resolve providing he meets the current guidelines established. Passed.

MOTION: To take these recommendations to the retreat and consider them at that point for adoption or rejection. Passed.

MOTION: To authorize Chairman White to represent us in the opposition of the proposed dual standards. Passed.

MOTION: To accept the Dorchester County Advanced Life Support Company as a member of the Association. Passed.

MOTION: That we oppose allowing the NVFC to utilize our space at MFRI. Passed.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October meeting. Passed.