

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1993 OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The first Executive Meeting of this year was opened at 9:00 A.M. by President Philip Hurlock. Chaplain Pierce Damewood read many verses and led the body with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Hurlock acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance: Charles Riley, Bernie Smith, David Kirk, Leonard King, Peter Paul Lochary, Elmer Dunn, Jerry Glaubitz, William Fleshman, Roy Wood, Joseph Robison, Robert Cumberland, Edwin Preston, Robert Dempsey, Les Thompson, and Robert Smith.

President Hurlock welcomed Ladies Auxiliary President Gayle Jester who in turn acknowledged her Senior Vice President Eloise Busl, Junior Vice President Sharon Worthington, and new Bessie Marshall Chairperson June Black who stated that letters would be going out to all member companies stating the change of leadership and an informational package.

Past President Bernie Smith was called upon to swear in Executive Committee Vice Chairman Hartwood Cornell who was unable to attend the convention.

Board of Trustees Richard Powell acknowledged C. Oscar Baker, Charles Riley, and Francis Fatkin; and stated that Clarence Carpenter was absent due to the illness of his wife.

President Hurlock recognized M.F.R.I. Steve Cox, Craig Moe from the Governor's office, and Ron Schaeffer of M.I.E.M.S.S.

President Phil Hurlock started with his opening comments and thanks for the support received from the officers, restated the goals and objectives that were the same as before; and he looked forward to the support from everyone. He stated that the Past Presidents had a vast source of working knowledge and a good history from many years of being in office; he urged anyone needing help to make use of the Past President's expertise. He stated that the officers and committee chairmen had done an outstanding job, and while the committee's list was not complete yet, most had been told of their assigned tasks. President Hurlock looked forward to working with Vice Presidents Yinger and Cross.

Vice President Fred Cross had not much to say yet, but inquired if anyone was going to the firefighter's funeral in Arundel, be prepared to leave at 8:00 A.M.. Fred Cross also noted that his home telephone number is (410)-252-3721, and his work telephone is now (since leaving the Postal service) (410)-252-0300, or 1-(800)-321-0226; he is employed by the Gosnell Hviding Insurance Company.

Secretary Leonard King recognized his Assistant Secretaries of David White, J. Edward Cross, and Ralph Dull. Leonard stated that Charles Burton after leaving the hospital would be going to the home of his daughter which is all on one floor. Secretary King called attention to the 'Maryland Fire Service Tribute to Charles B. Burton' to be held on *Saturday August 21st, 1993 at 5:00 P.M. at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept. Activities Center.* Get your tickets early.

Secretary King stated that anyone handling money or turning money in from any committee to get a receipt, which will make the yearly audit much simpler. He stated that all communications whether written

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oral can and must improve.

Chaplain Pierce Damewood reported that we have the same three chaplains as before; and Chaplain Joe Burris stated he had not received any calls of assistance. Pierce again reminded everyone that when a member passes away, and you cannot locate a photograph, get the person's driver's license; and all photos received have been returned back to each county's representative.

President Philip Hurlock recognized Treasurer Robert Saville who gave his report, and acknowledged his assistants of Dave Kirk and a new person in John Shuhart. Dave Kirk stated that changes or additions of stationery should come to him for fast delivery.

The meeting was turned over to Executive Committee Chairman Francis Jester who thanked everyone for his support to serve as the Exec. Comm. chairman; and asked that all communications should flow between the MSFA and the county associations. Chairman Jester acknowledge the new members of the Executive Committee: Paul Sterling, from Montgomery County; Mike LeCompte, from Ocean City; Vice Chairman Hartwood Cornell, from Frederick County; and Ex-officio member and Past President William Fleshman.

The office of the Parliamentarian looks forward to helping any member company with questions of parliamentary procedure.

The Budget and Revenue Committee will meet at Citizen's Truck Company No. 4 at July 25th to decide on the budgets, its requests and necessities.

Special Activities Chairperson Laura Woods reported that they sold out of all mugs, glass or ceramic, and most of the tee-shirts.

Ways & Means Chairman John Means reported a tentative profit on the raffle of \$15,168.65.

E.M.S. Chairman Charles Wills thanked the President for appointing Paul Fabrizak as Vice-Chairman to lighten his load; and since they had completed all their work the meeting for August was canceled. Charlie asked that the Executive Board work toward getting Lee Sachs on the Governor's E.M.S. Governance Board, and that we should see that Dr. Richard Alcorta be pushed for his job (and no longer Acting).

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE E.M.S. COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION AS STATED.**  
**(Mooney/Davis) PASSED**

Legislative Chairman Charles Riley stated the E.M.S. Board will be established by the Governor on July 1, 1993, and it's director will be chosen from its 11 persons. Lee Sachs stated that DeVries has not been formally installed, but it will be a formality.

Charles Riley asked that if any members of a fire company passes away to please notify the legislative representative from that county as they have a notification system set up and it only takes that

one call.

Past President Robert Cumberland stated that we should get involved with the federal legislative docket in Washington, D.C. as well as the local county by county activities. The United States Fire Academy/FEMA is about to be reorganized as an all hazards agency. Bob also stated that S.B.995 must get  
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passed to be of benefit to all of us.

Hearings on the sprinkler bill and the arson bill are being held at the present time. It was stated that eighty (80) firefighters died in the line of duty during 1992.

The Fire Prevention Committee stated that there were fewer fire prevention floats than last year; and they need to know why this is happening.

William Hawkins reported that a total of 306 member companies registered, and 22 past presidents registered. Bill appreciated the good will shown to the Secretary's office.

The Transportation Committee was looking for notification guide lines as to the persons who had dropped their automobile/truck F-D tag registrations; this would require \$2400 in postage.

**MOTION TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES NOTIFY THE PAST REGISTRATIONS OF BEING DROPPED. PASSED.**

Chairman Harry Hetz stated that 8000 names will be taken off the listing, and that his committee had sought a third (3rd) computer in order to spread the work load with the upkeep and maintenance of this on going work project.

Convention Chairman Leonard King stated that the convention dates for the following conventions, are as follows:

1994 Convention	-	Sunday, June 12th - 15th
1995 Convention	-	Sunday, June 18th - 21st
1996 Convention	-	Sunday, June 16th - 19th
1997 Convention	-	Sunday, June 15th - 18th
1998 Convention	-	Sunday, June 14th - 17th

Leonard King also noted that the Hub Caps drew 750, the Picnic drew 750, the Country & Western dance drew 650, and the Pajama Parade drew 1400 persons (the second (2nd) largest attendance at the convention). There were 136 vendors which appeared to be happy with their sales. The parade started on time at 2 P.M. and lasted 4 hours and 20 minutes; required 44 judges, and all trophies were given out by 8:10 P.M.. Thanks were extended to the Prince George's Fire Department for their extensive help and cooperation.

Some of the negative activities were the Budweiser girls as they were not seated on the apparatus in a safe manner; Beltsville had an unsafe piece of apparatus, Burtonsville was disqualified for their apparatus and an unsafe manner; and Riverdale who did not act or appear in a very professional manner. Easton won the Marvin Gibbons trophy.

The meeting dates of the forth coming Executive Committee meeting were announced, as follows:

EASTON VFD	AUGUST 14th & 15th
OCEAN CITY VFD	OCTOBER 16th & 17th
ODENTON VFD	JANUARY 15th & 16th
GRANTSVILLE VFD	APRIL 23rd & 24th
102nd Convention-OCEAN CITY	JUNE 12th thru 15th

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President Phil Hurlock stated for the record that he is not interested in purchasing the presidential car, but wanted permission to put in a cellular telephone, which was authorized.

President Hurlock thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary  
Leonard T. King  
David M. White  
J. Edward Cross  
Ralph E. Dull