

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 1996
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company's Headquarters Station on Friday, June 21, 1996. The meeting was called to order by President Stephan D. Cox, at 0900 hours. Chaplain Damewood gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. President Cox gave his welcome, made some general remarks, and recognized the following Past Presidents in attendance: R. L. Adkins, 65-66; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; E. F. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; C. W. Riley, 82-84; 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; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; R. L. Yinger, 94-95; and immediate Past President G. A. Cross, 95-96. The President recognized President Joyce Thorne of the Ladies Auxiliary and other guests that were in attendance. President Cox then reported that the new administration has held numerous meetings in preparation for this first organizational meeting. Handouts were distributed of the new MSFA organization. The President pointed out that the new organizational structure is intended to broaden the coordination, assistance, and communications at all levels of the organization. He presented some goals and empowered the committee personnel to establish two committee goals to be brought back to the next Executive Committee Meeting. He then went into details of the statewide notification and communications network.

First Vice President Davis thanked everyone for their support over the last year and pledged his continued work for the coming year.

Second Vice President Knippenburg thanked everyone for the support received and reported that he is looking forward to working with everyone for the coming year.

Secretary King thanked all for the support and cooperation and relayed that the Secretary's Office is a team ready to assist and work for the Association.

Treasurer Saville thanked everyone for the support and confidence given and asked everyone to cash all outstanding checks.

Chaplain Damewood stated that he was happy to serve the Association and reported that he had appointed two additional assistants.

The Trustees report was given by Chairman Riley. He reported that the Trustees had met and that the Trustees officers will be staying the same. He relayed that they will be working on some changes to the time frame for submittal of nominations for the Colburn Cup.

President Cox then turned the meeting over to Chairman Richard Brooks of the Executive Committee. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by H. Rhue:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

Chairman Brooks gave an overview of the procedures to be used in conducting the Association business during the Executive Committee Meetings. He requested that a summary of committee activities and

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action items be mailed to the Secretary two weeks prior to meeting dates so that they can be sent to the proper personnel. He relayed that all action items will be addressed at the end of the day for motions or other action. Discussion then focused on the passing of the budget amendments by the convention by which the Treasurer's books will be closed June 30 and an audit to be conducted in a timely manner. He then went into committee reports.

Convention Committee - Chairman King presented future convention dates as follows: June 15-18, 1997; June 14-17, 1998; June 13-16, 1999; June 18-21, 2000; and June 17-20, 2001. He reported that approximately 44,573 square feet of space was used during the convention, over 1400 attended the Beach Party, over 1500 attended the Picnic, over 415 attended the Prayer Breakfast, and 134 participated in the Golf Tournament. He relayed that the parade took over 4 hours with over 400 entries, and we had 304 member departments register for the convention. We ate 6,200 hot dogs, 750 pounds of beef, 3,450 pieces of fried chicken, and 3,000 pieces of ice cream. The chairman thanked everyone who worked to put on the convention and stressed that it was a total team effort. Discussion followed from many on the events of the convention.

EMS Committee - Chairman Wills stated that the EMS Committee met Friday morning and discussed two issues, one being the questionnaire to be mailed after July 1st, and the other the proposed legislation. A motion was ruled out of order by the chair would have dealt with the Executive Committee concurring with the direction of the EMS Committee with regard to this issue.

President's Vehicle Committee - Chairman J. Mattingly reported that the request from the President to install a cellular telephone and radio in the car has been approved by the committee.

MFRI - Steve Cox represented Director Edwards and presented the Goals 96 handout and verbally spoke on the status of the plan over the last three years.

Special Activities Committee - Chairman D. Carpenter spoke of the successful financial year for the committee, making a profit of \$2,911.86. He recommended that a standardized number of mugs be given away for speakers.

NVFC - Representative Cumberland gave an update on some federal legislation and also spoke on the training hours of the EMT program.

Out of State Coordinator - R. Cumberland reported that 18 representatives from Delaware, Virginia, and Pennsylvania were at the convention. He went over dates of the neighboring state conventions.

Budget and Revenue Committee - Vice President Davis presented the budget for 1996-97 with operating expenses of \$64,640. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO SET THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AT \$0.00. Hand vote taken with all yeas. Motion passed.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 1996-97 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED. Hand vote taken with all yeas. Motion passed.

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

MOTION: TO SET THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AT \$0.00 FOR THE NVFC. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT. MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO EXCLUDE 275 MILES OF TRAVEL BY NVFC. Hand vote taken with 9 yeas and 3 neas. Amendment passed. Hand vote taken on motion with amendment, with all yeas. Motion passed.

MIEMSS - Dr. Bass provided an EMS handout and spoke on issues as follows: SEMSAC update, EMS Plan, MIEMSS Neonatal Program, Helicopter Replacement Committee, HB-1052, Good Samaritan Law for commercial ambulances, DNR protection, AED Committee, Maryland EMD Program update, trauma standards regulations, paramedic curriculum, ALS Sub-Committee, BLS Sub-Committee, EMS Week, and

MIEMSS quality management. Lee Sachs spoke on the EMTP training ;hours of 1,400 hours. Doc Wilson commented that the standard of care in Maryland being CRT. Charles Riley commented on ALS program within Maryland.

AUDITING COMMITTEE - Chairman Purdy inquired about the filing to IRS to inform them of the new fiscal year. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to make the notification.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - Chairman Means gave a preliminary report of annual raffle of \$22,039. Profit. Discussion followed about budget item to print next years tickets. Chairman Means stated that it was understood that the cost for printing was taken from raffle profits to cover costs of printing. President Cox stated it was his understanding that a recycling process was used to cover the printing costs that came from the raffle profits. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by H. Rhue:

MOTION: TO APPROVE UP TO \$1,500. FOR PRINTING OF NEXT YEARS RAFFLE TICKETS FROM THE RAFFLE ACCOUNT. Motion passed.

BOARD OF REVIEW - John Gatton presented an application for concurrence.

96-10 Friendsville VFC - To construct a new station with funding of \$122,980. and \$200,000. Loan for twenty years, with \$5,000. Matching funds. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by F. Cross:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW TO PROVIDE A \$122,980. GRANT AND A \$200,000. LOAN TO THE FRIENDSVILLE VFC FOR A NEW FIRE STATION. Hand vote taken. Motion passed.

TRAINING COMMITTEE - Chairman Fairfax spoke on concern of being appointed to chair of committee without any budget approval. He added that the committee would be looking at the Ten Year Training Plan as one of their goals for the year.

PAST PRESIDENT'S ORGANIZATION - Chairman B. Smith stated that he was the new chair, P. Hurlock the vice chair, and R. Shimer the Secretary/Treasurer. He stated that the guidebook would be published this year.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE - Chairperson Joan Robison reported that the committee had held a meeting and commented on duties of the area coordinators.

Chairman Brooks then went into action items for the Executive Committee. The following motion was made by F. Cross and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GO ON RECORD TO BE IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE EMS COMMITTEE. Hand vote taken. Motion passed.

Vice President Robert Knippenburg requested that since he had purchased the 1995 Ford Van and would be using it for Maryland State Firemen's Association business that he be allowed to keep the decal on the vehicle and add the word "Vice." The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by D. Carpenter:

MOTION: TO ALLOW VICE PRESIDENT KNIPPENBURG TO KEEP THE ASSOCIATION LOGO AND TO ADD THE WORD "VICE." Hand vote taken. Motion passed.

The meeting was then turned back to President Cox who summarized the activities of the day. He then addressed other issues that he will be following such as the MEDEVAC replacement funding, proposed EMS Legislation, gambling issues, concerns from Howard County on the FLSA issue, and the Golden Hour Coalition. He pointed out that unity is a major goal, committee appointment listings were passed out, and he thanked the Ocean City VFC for their hospitality and stressed teamwork for all throughout the year.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned after the benediction by Chaplain Damewood.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Leonard T. King
Edward Cross
Robert Jacobs
Gene Worthington