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The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company on April 19 & 20 1997. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Stephan D. Cox. Assistant Chaplain Father Newman asked the invocation and spoke of those who needed our prayers, asked special prayer for Chaplain Damewood who is home, read a scripture, and gave prayer. President Cox gave his welcome, asked for President Russell to give the host company welcome. President Russell went over the logistics of the weekend's activities and welcomed everyone to Clear Spring. President Cox then asked Washington County President Jay Grimes for remarks. The President then recognized the following Past Presidents in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; R. L. Yinger, 94-95; G. A. Cross, 95-96. He then introduced other guests in attendance including President Joyce Thorne. The President advised that at ten o'clock we would take time for recognition of the Oklahoma disaster. President Cox then presented photos taken during the last legislative session to Charlie Riley, Danny Davis, Bob Knippenburg, Nancy Cox, and Bernie Smith. He then went into reports.

**President** - President Cox presented his written report and proceeded to summarize by commenting that he has traveled 17,942 miles and spent 986 man hours performing his duties since last meeting. He further spoke on Director Edwards's continuous support of his efforts. He spoke about the memorials, funerals and illnesses, attended the funeral of Charles Weber, Sr., spoke of other deaths; Roger Powell's father, Richard Brook's grandmother, Steve Edward's mother, Sue Shell's grandmother, Bob Sheldon, Donny Howard's wife, Amos Joiner, Ed Wood's father. Special mailings were sent out on NFPA 1200 and a letter from Comptroller Goldstein by the Secretary. The President thanked Chairman Riley, Vice Chair Bernie Smith, Office Supervisor Louise Dell and the entire Legislative Committee for their outstanding work during the 97 General Assembly. The Association received a \$10,000 check from the NVFC as a grant for a Maryland Fallen Firefighters' Memorial. The National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service will be held October 4 and 5. We have received verbal confirmation that MSFA will secure a seat on the National Memorial Foundation, that appointment will be Mrs. Mary Ann Gibbons. The President continues to participate in professional development training classes, and the helicopter replacement committee. He then spoke of meetings with Governor Glendening; on February 10 he was a guest of Governor Glendening to attend the General Assembly as President Clinton addressed the body. On March 26, we participated in a press conference where the Governor unveiled a plan to help the emergency services community. He spoke on the article in the Baltimore Sun, spoke of new committee appointments, re-appointments of Joe Weisgerber and Leonard King to the MICRB, and a letter from the Maryland SIDS. He spoke about special meetings attended reference the regional training centers and the Berwyn Heights center. We received a letter from Joe Bowen in reference to the rumors about the Volunteer Firefighters' Room being dismantled. A letter was forwarded to the NVFC directors in support of Bob Cumberland for the position of Second Vice Chairman.

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A letter was sent to George O'Donnell in support of Phil Hurlock. The President then complimented the Secretary's Office for the fast response in getting out the minutes of the Association.

**First Vice President** - Vice President Davis presented his written report and commented on selected topics. He has traveled 12,081 miles and spent 581 hours since last meeting representing MSFA. He discussed the meeting with the coalition on topics of FLSA, the 80-20 issue, and legislation. He spoke on the programs for convention. He had the opportunity to assist in judging the Governor's Volunteer Awards Program, only one volunteer fire company was nominated. He attended the recruitment and retention seminar at Hollywood. He then added some names to be remembered due to sickness and death.

**Second Vice President** - Vice President Knippenburg presented his written report and commented on the topics. He spoke on activities he attended, the legislative reception, special congratulations to Pikesville for their century of service, and has traveled 12,448 and spent 455 hours performing his duties since last meeting.

**Secretary** - Secretary King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. He thanked Richard Snader for his assistance on the equipment. Minutes were transcribed and mailed in timely manner, The 1996 Maryland Tax Report has been completed. We are in receipt of application for membership from Whiteford VFC of Harford County, forwarded to Standards Committee. We continue to receive the red light forms, published the new tag book, and have made several mass mailings. Letters inviting Governor Glendening and Mayor Mathias to attend the convention have been sent. Credentials forms are due, membership dues are past due, reminder of final reports from committee chairs are due today. He reminded all that elections for Board of Review reps are required in May for submission. Secretary Emeritus Burton has again agreed to be the Convention Registrar. Proceedings Books are due in next week, distribution to follow. MBNA is increasing their interest rate. Assistant Secretary Bob Jacobs gave the financial report.

**Treasurer** - Treasurer Saville presented a computer print out on the financial accounts of the Association, and has started transferring funds to the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool. He stated that he now has fax capabilities. He then gave an explanation of the recent newspaper ad depicting MSFA's name.

**Chaplain** - Chaplain Pierce Damewood was not able to be with us.

President Cox thanked Williamsburg Ambulance for their hospitality on Friday night for hosting an open house. Also thanks to Washington County for their assistance in preparation of the weekend meeting. Thanks to Eloise and Russ for hosting a reception this evening. Roy Woods announced that PP Bill Fleshman had a heart attack, doing OK, will undergo further testing. PP Bill Moore is in a nursing home. President Cox then asked Assistant Chaplain Newman to lead the group in tribute to those killed in the Oklahoma bombing, prayer and silent time.

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Executive Committee Chairman Brooks opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their presence and then asked for concerns from the various members: Fran Jester, the family of Amos Joiner would like to express their thanks to all the fire service personnel for their tribute, thanks to those who supported PP Hurlock; Gene Curfman, Carroll County is presently doing physicals of personnel, proposal from the community college to have a permanent place for Carroll County Hall of Fame; Mike Robinson, Anne Arundel in process of starting a Hall of Fame, AA Fire Dept has changed its name to Anne Arundel County EMS Fire Rescue Department, professional qualifications fully implemented in AA county, only leaves six volunteer fire chiefs; Roger Steger, -progress at convention center; Chip Jewell, reported on IRS activities in Frederick County; George Blanco, Allegany Fire Board requires statistical report to state to receive county funding; Dan Carpenter, Southern MD will be hosting its 50th Annual Convention at Potomac Heights May 3-4.

**Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund** - Chairman Betty Radisch reported that 28 cases totaling \$20,850 have been paid, and reported on receipts and a breakout of cases paid. Thanks to all for continued support.

**Attorney** - Attorney Powell reported on article upcoming in Trumpet, contacted by MBNA on start of new program. Question was asked on receipts from credit card program, about \$4,000 annually.

**Parliamentarian** - Lee Sachs spoke on the election process at convention, requires majority of votes cast to elect.

**State Fire Marshal** - Rocco Gabriele presented an oral report. He started by saying he was visited by the former Fire Marshal Robertson. FY98 budget was approved with exception of \$21,000 overtime, examination given for potential candidates of Fire Marshal Deputy One, 500 applicants, will hire after July 1. Agency vehicles issue is resolved, new Crown Vics on hand. He expressed thanks to Charlie and Bernie, and the MSFA for their assistance with the legislative package. Maryland will enjoy a sprinkler contractor bill requiring installers to be licensed. The explosives law has been revised, carbon monoxide detector bill failed, referred to summer study, 911 transfers to state police failed. Transition team is being formed with the state police, gave examples of requirements. He spoke on a problem with residential sprinklers, 50% of Omega heads installed in the 1980's have failed, aggressive investigation forthcoming. The Fire Marshal will be asking the Fire Prevention Commission to form a task force to review the state code. The arson grant is going extremely well, the guide goes to press this week. Many companies are delinquent in completing the statewide incident reports, need cooperation, and may result in holding of 508 funds. New reporting system is being evaluated by using personalized forms, PC supported by year 2000. Met with ATF to resolve problems, second shift has started in some regions. Question was asked about the activity of the bomb squad, extremely active. Concern was given about the new reporting system by PP Yinger.

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass presented a written report and proceeded to report that he presented an update to the NVFC reference proposed revision of the NHTSA paramedic curriculum. The new advanced

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life support protocols will be coming out July 1. A symposium was held on April 9 to discuss issues pertaining to EMS medical direction. SEMSAC is revising their by-laws, the regional affairs committee is currently discussing funding formulas for various EMS programs. Dr. Jeff Fillmore has been appointed to be the new medical director for Region II. The finance committee will begin budget hearings on May 1. Thanks to the MSFA for a very successful legislative session, individuals named, he then highlighted the bills. The helicopter replacement committee is in the process of finalizing the report in a couple of months. The basic life support subcommittee continues to work on the EMT-B program. The ALS funding committee has submitted its final report with five recommendations: 1. Improve ALS funding to 50% state participation, 2. Committee remain a standing committee and perform evaluations annually, 3. Distribute state funds to regions via formula, 4. MIEMSS develop a new ALS course request form, 5. Committee should provide annual report on ALS training status. The designation of trauma centers and the standards for specialty centers took effect on March 24. The AED subcommittee has ratified a draft data set for distribution to the PMAC for evaluation. National EMS Week will be observed May 18-24. The EMD continues to grow rapidly, 18 classes conducted with 17 more scheduled for 167 dispatchers certified.

**EMS:** Charles Wills presented a written report and commented from the ALS forum with MFRI. He then spoke on the activities of the committee for the year. Thanks to the Legislative Committee for their support. He gave an editorial on the AED reports, one page in length. He then spoke on the Heart Association providing training of the AED unit, feels they do not have the training necessary to do. Compliments to Lee Sachs for his work on the ALS accreditation study. Lee Sachs spoke briefly on the subject.

**MFRI:** Director Edwards was not present. Regional Administrator Ron Bowser presented the written report and remarked on behalf of the Director. Expressed regrets as Steve was at the FDIC. Ron updated the MFRI training and education plan, FY98 budget approved with increase of \$168,000. Capital projects, Upper Eastern shore planning money for FY98, continue to work on moving the construction funding in FY99, again thanks to MSFA for moving forward. He then spoke on the ALS training, recommendation available at convention. He updated those on the residents of Berwyn Heights wanting to re-open the facility as an elementary school, currently meeting with town officials, counter proposal presented. MFRI conducted a National Fire Service Staff and Command Course in conjunction with IAFC in Ocean City. MFRI will conduct the National Fire Service Emergency Medical Services Staff and Command course in Towson. The 1997 spring seminars is out, new address for the internet [www.mfri.org](http://www.mfri.org), home page has 9,000 hits.

**Training** - Keith Fairfax presented a written report, stated attendance at meetings could be better. Plan to review the ten year plan in May, spoke on the letter from Gerald Vickers detailing DNR course offerings, Firefighter refresher/recert will be looked at over the next year, via drill of the month. Reminder of the Zembower award. Question was asked about the SMRTC money for improvements, Keith spoke on the letter sent by President Cox to Dr. Langenberg on the subject. Washington County is evaluating a training center, question reference money.

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**MFRI Board of Advisors** - Richard Brooks gave an oral update, stated they had met with NERTC board, plaque will be presented in memory of George Ludwig on April 27.

**Department of Natural Resources** - Alan Zentz presented a written report, introduced Rick Lillard as area host, and reported that the 1996 statistical report was attached. Alan spoke on meeting with Steve Cox, will be entering into a cooperative agreement whereby designated forest service personnel will be eventually certified as Level I and II instructors through MFRI. DNR is launching its home page on the net today. Meeting was held with Steny Hoyer's staff reference RCFP funding to restore at \$3.4MM. Alan gave numbers on emergency responses for this year to date. The heavy equipment is scheduled for arrival in June. Rick spoke to the group bringing greetings.

**Fallen Firefighters' Advisory** - Chairman Petry presented a written report and reminded all that May 2 is Maryland Fallen Heroes Day. The national memorial at Emmitsburg date has been changed to Sunday, October 5, by the Foundation. He continued to speak on funeral procedures manual printed by NVFC, cost of approximately \$10 per copy, 400 copies needed.

President Cox recessed the meeting for lunch. After lunch the meeting was reconvened.  
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**Recruitment & Retention** - Chairman Flinn presented a written report, no verbal comments made.

**Incentives Programs** - Chairperson Joan Robison presented a written report and highlighted the report. Joan stated that committee continues to provide information and has been extremely busy. To date 5,318 volunteers have filed from 7,100 projected. Two companies have chosen not to participate. False reporting is subject to fine of \$1,000. Overall reporting has gone well. Question was asked about filing that does not meet the law, discussion. Acknowledgment was made of the letter received from the comptroller's office.

**Transportation** - Chairman Yinger presented a written report, and stated that the committee has been busy since new tag distribution. To date 8,000 tags are out, spoke of HB308 to abolish organizational plates, HB1453 to do same, SB852 to require minimum of 250. Toll books for passes to all facilities within the state are coming for the three Presidents. A second tag will be made available for Past Presidents. Tag books have been printed and distributed this weekend. Question was asked about the old black and white tags, stickers are still being given. Question was asked about special legislation needed for our tags, this was done years ago, however this year's legislation would have rescinded all.

**Memorial** - Chairman Mooney spoke from his written report, submitted a grant application to NVFC for \$10,000 to be used for planning, design and construction. Check has been received. Meeting to be held in May to start planning, hope to have the project completed in two years.

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**Legislative** - Chairman Riley presented a written report, stated that the session was difficult, however a great success. He reported that the leadership within the General Assembly had a problem in reaching an agreement on key issues. Problem for MSFA when legislators introduce bills without our input or knowledge such as HB228 and 621. The committee screened 1,470 house bills, 28 house joint resolutions, 915 senate bills and 17 senate joint resolutions for a total of 2,430. There were 81 bills introduced concerning the emergency services. He then gave a synopsis of the key bills. MSFA testified on 24 bills, won 21 and lost 3. Funding programs as follows: 508 funds \$5,245,000 increase of \$150,000, MSFA grant \$100,000, Trustees \$125,000, EATF \$547,244. Thanks to the Governor for his support during the session. He then spoke on gambling bills, requested local counties look at this legislation and pass local bills. We need to meet this summer with key legislators to increase 508 funding, Delegate Conway has already sent letter to Governor for increase of \$2MM. The legislative reception was a great success, thanks to Paul Fabizak for his financial support, thanks also to the ladies. He then personally thanked individuals for their support during the session. Special thanks to the ladies, especially Louise Dell for her untiring support, hand appreciation given. Question was asked about the EATF stay grants and loans, yes. Comments were made about association looking at officer standards and vanity tags. Concern was raised about the income tax incentive to address the older non active fire fighters.

**17 State Circle** - Chairman Ferguson presented a written report, no verbal comments were made.

**MFRETC:** Bob Shimer presented a written report and proceeded to express concern from Allegany County in selection to Board of Advisors without any input from local fire board. He stated the commission had met twice, on February 13 several were given awards for their years of service and dedication to the training needs of the emergency services. He talked about the new appointments made and new ones to be made, 50% turnover, and gave an update on the MICRB certifications, Commission went on record to support SB390, also spoke on tuition reimbursement and federal funds for training. President Cox will send a letter in support of Bob Shimer for appointment as Chair. Discussion pursued on surplus or excess property from the federal government.

**Entertainment** - Chairman Cooke presented a written report, no verbal comments were made.

**Scholarship** - Chairman Olsen presented a written report, and stated that a new scholarship program from the Foundation was out, more information at convention. Meeting to consider new applicants and continuance to be held in May.

**Five Year Planning** - Chairman Joe Robison presented a written report, stated that many of the topics discussed at the last meeting have been discussed today. He spoke on topics discussed to include committee consolidation, recognizes that committees are an important part of our association, but the number of committees are outpacing our capability of reviewing their reports and taking necessary action, also recommend that a special committee be sunset in five years. Committee also discussed the ADP requirement for the association for now and in the future to include communications. Discussion was made about the reporting of statistics, suggested to put

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question on ballot in support of requirement. The president's retreat for next year was discussed, benefit of statewide fire service credit union and upgrading the communication package at 17 state circle.

**Volunteer Firefighters' Room** - Chairman Watkins presented a written report, and expressed concern about the misunderstanding of the material being taken from the room. Meeting was held with party's concerned, very frank discussion. He read a letter sent to President Cox reference same from UMCP. MSFA has not used the room for eleven years. He asked everyone for assistance to place a map in the center cabinets and identify departments having significant events.

**Fire Laws Book** - Chairman Bilger presented a written report and displayed the new book, stated distribution has been made, 850 copies gotten. Concern about the mistake printed and distribution.

**Statistical** - Chairman Worthington presented a written report and stated 168 companies remain outstanding. The committee provided stats to the Sun papers for article on membership. The committee asked the executive committee to support a question on the convention ballot requiring member companies to file a statistical report. Chairman Brooks asked Mr. Powell to draft a question of intent for presentation later.

Chairman Brooks asked President Cox to present an action item needing action by the Board. The President requested concurrence to remove Ed Wright as Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee and replace him with Bobby Collins. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by C. Jewell:

**MOTION - To remove Ed Wright as Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, and to concur with the appointment of Bob Collins as Chairman, with Ed Wright remaining on the committee. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.**

Chairman Brooks reopened the floor for discussion on the funeral manuals, stated that Donald Knauer wishes the Chaplains to review before any action, granted. Discussion then pursued further about firefighter funerals.

Attorney Powell read the following for the question of intent for statistics. To amend by the Executive Committee to amend the constitution Article I Section 2 entitled regular membership to require as a condition to maintain membership that the member company complete and file as required statistical reports by adding a paragraph to Section 2 so providing for and against. Discussion. Secretary King asked for other required information is added. Further discussion. Mr. Powell will rewrite and present later.

Question was asked about the sound system upgrade. Meeting returned to the President. President Cox invited all to the open house at the Healy's. Sunday's meeting will be transferred to the activities hall, breakfast will be served tomorrow morning by Clear Spring VFC, and benediction given by Father Newman, meeting recessed. The Sunday meeting was called to order at 0900 by

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President Cox. Father Newman offered scripture and invocation, followed by the pledge. President Cox asked President Russell for comments, gave the welcome, Ladies Auxiliary given applause for the breakfast provided. The President recognized the following Past Presidents in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; 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; 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; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; G. A. Cross, 95-96. The President then recognized the guests including President Joyce Thorne who gave remarks, stated there will be a family outing day at Oriole Park in early July. The President then turned the meeting over to the Executive Committee. Chairman Brooks asked for concerns around the table, George Blanco announced the open house at the American Legion in Ocean City in honor of candidate Knippenburg. Thanks were given to Eloise and Rus for their hospitality at the open house. Thanks to the host company Clear Spring.

**National Volunteer Fire Council** - Chairman Cumberland presented a written report, and spoke of the last meeting held at King of Prussia, 41 states represented. NVFC donated \$50,000 to the Fallen Firefighter Foundation and put on three seminars. The NVFC has approved honorary membership status to recognize people that have made substantial contributions. He announced the annual awards presented by the council, highlighted spoken words by Curt Weldon. Motion was passed requesting that the proposed NFPA 1200 be pushed back a cycle. Congratulations to Bob for being appointed to the Executive Committee of the Council. The Council along with the NFA has produced a video about the VIP classes. Next meeting in West Virginia on September 4-7. He presented President Cox, the membership certificate from the NVFC.

**National Fire Academy Liaison** - Chairman Cumberland presented a written report, highlighted by stating MSFA concerns of the memorial service. Mary Ann Gibbons has been suggested to serve on the foundation as MSFA rep. Great concern who will be working to put the program on. He requested \$100 for gift to be presented to Linda Hurley on her retirement.

**Federal Legislation** - Bob Cumberland updated the happenings of congress to support changes in FLSA regulations, rural community fire protection program, tax exempt financing for volunteer EMS organization, federal surplus property transfer act, and spectrum reallocation. Question was asked if NVFC was involved in Compliance 2000 program IRS audits, no discussion or knowledge of. Question was asked about the stand of NVFC on NFPA 1200, council conducted full day session, recommended 32 changes.

**Safety** - Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, and asked Attorney Powell to join him. He discussed the NVFC video grant money, still not resolved, Safety Committee requests the MSFA comply with the motion at Earleigh Heights meeting and return the \$3,000 to the NVFC. They further recommend a cover letter be sent with return check stating the intent of producing a safety film and expressing the dissatisfaction of this organization over the no strings attached handling of the grant offered by the NVFC. A great deal of time and effort has been expended by everyone involved in this matter with no apparent resolution, therefore it is time to end this matter and get on with our program. Ron Siarnicki spoke with Mr. Smith who asked for two conditions 1.

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no organization in any fashion could make any money from the proceeds of that video, 2. see copy of agreement in place between MSFA and NVFC. Attorney Powell would like to correspond directly with Mr. Smith. The following motion was made by F. Cross and seconded by R. Steger:

**MOTION - To return the \$3,000 to the NVFC. Discussion. Hand vote taken, unanimous.**  
**Motion Passed**

Chairman Mattingly continued his report by updating those in attendance on this year's video based on the Safety Officer. The Safety Contest this year will use a different format. Handouts will be presented from donations of insurance companies. The Safety Committee will put together a proposal for sponsoring a safety trophy program. Provident Insurance presented a check to the Safety Committee for assistance with the video.

**Hall of Fame** - Chairman Gatton presented a written report, stated that letters for nomination have been sent, response slow, the Gates Award also, May 1 deadline. Also working on the plaques to go into the regional centers with completion by end of calendar year.

**Bulletin** - Chairman John Gatton, Jr. presented a written report, and stated that the last issue of the Trumpet had been released, dissatisfied with the spelling errors. Next deadline is May 1.

**Constitution and By-Laws** - Roger Powell presented the amendment changes to Section 6 and 14. The question of intent for the Statistical Committee request will read to add a provision for a member company to maintain its status as a regular member it will be required to file statistical reports. Question was asked about the budget time frames in the amendments. Chairman Brooks requested to come back later to this matter.

President Cox introduced Senator Munson who gave remarks to the group.

**Sprinkler Technology** - Chairman Bender presented a written report, stated the committee has met the two goals established, first being legislation to license sprinkler contractors, second, the committee continues to monitor state and national fire sprinkler activities and to promote the life safety and economic benefits of residential sprinkler systems.

**Standards** - Chairman Huttenloch presented an oral report by stating that the committee has application for membership of Whiteford VFC. The state would like to set up statewide standard on water source locations for roadside signage.

**NFPA Overview** - Chairman Huttenloch spoke on the proposed NFPA 1200. IAFF pushing the change, 12 personnel within 10 minutes required on fire ground, establish flow of 400 gpm for thirty minutes. Bill responded with 42 comments. Questions and discussion on the process of making comments. Rocco made comments about the procedure, suggested that you can comment to make amendments to COMAR at state level. Bill also talked about the 1901 standard on emergency lights.

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President Cox recognized Russ and Eloise Healy, Sharon Winkler, Gilda Ferrell, Dan and Sharon Healy for their hospitality at the open house.

**Presidential Vehicle** - Chairman Mattingly presented a written report, stated that the committee had met with Danny Davis to make selection for the new car, delivery expected June 1 at cost of less than \$20,000. Tires were replaced on Steve's car. Bids are being solicited for the old car.

**Convention** - Chairman King provided a written report and remarked from its contents. Committee saddened by the passing of Amos Joiner, Sr., sorely missed. Tom Mattingly spoke on the program book, need copy ready ads, rates remain same. Committee chairpersons need to have their year end report on computer disc by today. No increase in exhibit space rental costs, except for new East Hall, \$45,000 deposited to date with expectations of \$80,000 space rental. Pre-convention seminars again be coordinated by MFRI, hold in convention hall. Registration will start at 10AM Sunday morning, need convention packets back stage by 8AM period. Patch swap and honor guard competition on Sunday. The Officers banquet will be at the Sheraton Sunday night. Other activities will include the picnic, beach party, golf tournament. Opening ceremonies and morning session will be different, morning session will be adjourned after the memorial service. Other events parade, queen contest, pajama contest, etc remain same. Ron spoke on the program between gavels, some exciting topics. Tom gave further info on the golf tournament, executive committee to meet on Thursday at 15th street station at 2PM. Thanks to the ladies for their \$2,000 donation. Update was given on construction of the convention hall, ahead of schedule, some areas are off limits, construction only. Please arrive early Monday morning. Bus passes again will be issued.

President Cox recognized Treasurer Emeritus Dave Kirk, Secretary Emeritus Charlie Burton and Chairman Emeritus of the Volunteer Firefighters Room Buck Gladhill.

**Constitution and By-Laws** - Roger Powell gave the update to the changes of the amendments on sections 6 and 14. All language has been cleaned up, makes best of all possible worlds. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by R. Steger:

**MOTION - That we accept the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and have the proposed amendments placed on the ballot. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.**

Roger Powell then presented final language on the question of intent requested from the Statistical Committee on Article 1 Section 2 regular membership. If approved possible amendment for next year if proper wording can be coordinated. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION - That we accept the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for the question of intent as it relates to the Annual Statistical Report. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

**Budget and Revenue** - Chairman Fabiszak presented a written report, and stated that the Committee has the budget prepared for presentation. He then highlighted the proposed budget. Questions and discussion on line items. Action needs to be taken at the June 19 meeting.

President Cox asked the chaplain for blessing of the meal, followed by lunch. The President called the meeting back to order, asked the Clear Spring VFC supporting staff to come out for recognition. Donations totaling \$1,127 were presented to the host company, who donated the revenue to the Ladies Auxiliary Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. President Joyce Thorne thanked them for their generous gift. President Cox again thanked Clear Spring for their hospitality.

**Board of Trustees** - Chairman Riley presented an oral report, stated that since October 23, MSFA have had six line of duty death claims filed. He talked about the complexity of making determinations of line of duty death. Today approved claim of Charles Weber from Violetville, rejected claim of Tiffany Carrington. Three paid claims for Sam Stahl, Eugene Burline and Charles Weber. Rejected claims for Steven Trice, Jr., Tiffany Carrington, still pending Lenardo Maguigad. The Trustees ask for all to notify them immediately, let them make determination on line of duty death. Question was asked on criteria to make decision, same information used on workman's compensation claim. Much discussion on definition of on duty, many different opinions. Chairman Riley continued his report by giving the financial update.

Chairman Brooks asked the members of the Executive Committee for guidance on preparation of annual report. Discussion pursued on a communications message center, will allow 800 numbers to be installed with a multi answer call box. The following motion was made by F. Cross and seconded by D. Carpenter:

**MOTION - That we deny the request for \$100 from National Fire Academy Liaison to be used to purchase gift for retiring Linda Hurley. Hand vote taken, 2 yea, 7 nea. Motion Failed.**

The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by P. Sterling:

**MOTION - That we approve the request for \$100 from National Fire Academy Liaison to be used to purchase gift for retiring Linda Hurley. Hand vote taken, 7 yea, 2 nea. Motion Passed.**

Chairman Brooks then asked for any additional comments from around the table, Herman Rhue spoke on line of duty death procedures, no one else commented. Richard thanked all for the support he has received as chair during the year.

President Cox made closing remarks, encouraged the transition process to work, Past President Shimer gave the benediction. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **MOTION SUMMARY**

**MOTION - To remove Ed Wright as Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee and to concur with the appointment of Bob Collins as Chair with Ed remaining on the Committee. Motion Passed.**

**MOTION - To return the \$3,000 to the NVFC. Motion Passed.**

**MOTION - That we accept the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws committee and have the proposed amendments placed on the ballot. Motion Passed.**

**MOTION - That we accept the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for the question of intent as it relates to the Annual Statistical Report. Motion Passed.**

**MOTION - That we deny the request for \$100 from National Fire Academy Liaison to be used to purchase gift for retiring Linda Hurley. Motion Failed.**

**MOTION - That we approve the request for \$100 from National Fire Academy Liaison to be used to purchase gift for retiring Linda Hurley. Motion Passed.**