

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 1998
Berwyn Heights, Maryland

The Special Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President C. Daniel Davis, Jr., at MFRI Headquarters in Berwyn Heights on Sunday, March 8, 1998 at 1300 hours. Chaplain Damewood gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. President Davis stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take action on the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. He then recognized those Past Presidents in attendance. Secretary King read a note of thanks from Mrs. Mary Ann Gibbons for the support and cooperation from the M.S.F.A., its officers and Past Presidents during the dedication of the Chapel at the National Fire Academy to A. Marvin Gibbons.

Chairman Danny Carpenter proceeded with the review of the proposed amendments. Proposal #1 dealing with the time line to present proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. After some discussion the following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by R. Steger:

Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed.

Proposal #2 dealing with adding the word "conference" and the business sessions of the convention. After discussion the following motion was made by M. Bilger and seconded by F. Jester:

Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed.

Proposal #3 dealing with all references to variable terms limits and to make all committee appointments annually. After lengthy discussion the following motion was made by R. Brooks and seconded by J. Ransom:

Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed with a 5 to 2 hand vote.

Proposal #4 dealing with the addition of the Public Relations and Bulletin Committee as a standing committee. The following motion was made R. Steger and seconded by M. Bilger:

Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed.

Proposal #5 dealing with the addition of the Recruitment and Retention Committee as a standing committee. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by R. Steger:

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Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed.

Proposal #6 dealing with a requirement for the submittal of the Annual Statistical Report. After lengthy discussion and several proposals the following motion was made by R. Brooks and seconded by R. Steger:

Motion: To accept the proposal as submitted. Hand vote taken, opposed unanimously. Motion failed.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was instructed to re-write the proposal without such a strong penalty for not submitting the Annual Statistical Report.

Proposal #7 dealing with nominations and balloting at the annual convention. After lengthy discussion the following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by J. Ransom:

Motion: To accept the proposal as submitted. Hand vote taken, opposed unanimously. Motion failed.

The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by R. Brooks:

Motion: To accept the proposal as amended. Hand vote taken, opposed unanimously. Motion failed.

Proposal #8 dealing with reimbursement of expenses for the Board of Trustees. The following motion was made by M. Bilger and seconded by F. Jester:

Motion: To authorize the proposal to appear on the 1998 Convention Ballot. Motion passed.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was instructed to re-write the proposal. The meeting was turned back to the President. President Davis instructed the Secretary to submit the action taken by the Executive Committee on the proposal to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Attorney for review and then to distribute the proposals. The Executive Committee was asked to stay for a short executive session. Chaplain Damewood closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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