

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 1998  
Ocean City, Maryland

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company on June 18, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 0930 hours by President Robert E. Knippenburg. Chaplain Pierce Damewood read from scripture, gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. President Knippenburg gave his welcome, appointed sergeant at arms, and recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; DR. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; 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; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; S. D. Cox, 96-97; and C. D. Davis, Jr., 97-98. The President recognized those guests in attendance including Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Cumberland. President Knippenburg introduced the newly appointed Executive Committee and presented oral comments from his report. He spoke of his goals being to hold a mini retreat, form and put into motion a Rescue Committee, Marketing Committee to be pro active, expand on meetings with various organizations throughout the state, conduct a meeting with the county association presidents, find a new location for our memorabilia, make contact with those companies not belonging to the association, statistical submission of 100%, additional seminar on EMS Billing, ensure the Amoss funding is increased by the \$2.5MM, keep apprised of legislative issues, complete the web page, work with the EATF to resolve the matching fund requirement and make revolving loan fund. He then commented on changing the format of the directory, please update your information. The August meetings will be hosted by Abingdon. Executive Committee member Wyllie Donaldson was installed by President Knippenburg.

Vice Presidents Edelin and Steger, Secretary King, Financial Secretary Jacobs, Treasurer Saville, Chaplain Damewood, and Trustee Shimer all thanked everyone for their support and pledged their dedication. Financial Secretary Jacobs reminded everyone that the fiscal year end is June 30. The meeting was turned over to Executive Committee Chairman George Blanco, who made some comments and called for reports.

**Board of Review** - Chair Moltrup spoke on the challenge of the Board and relayed that the officers of the Board will remain the same as last year. He spoke on additional application requirements and reviewed an application which was tabled.

**Budget and Revenue** - Chair Fabiszak spoke on the proposed budget, some changes from previously submitted. He highlighted those changes, made some other comments, and presented the budget for approval. After discussion the following motion was made by M. Bilger and seconded by L. Sachs:

**Motion: That the Fyl-98-99 Budget be accepted as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

Executive Committee Chair Blanco stated that any committee requesting an addition or change to their budget MUST present their request by 1000 hours on Saturday of any Executive Committee meeting.

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**Constitution & By-Laws Committee** - Chair Gordy reported on the by-laws amendments that passed.

**Convention Committee** - Chair King spoke on the activities of the convention. Questionnaire responses will be evaluated and recommendations will follow. He thanked the Mayor, City Government, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, and all those individuals that helped with the convention and its activities. He relayed that the Committee will be critiquing the entire convention and will be making some recommendations at the August meetings.

**Fire Prevention Committee** - Chair B. Collins introduced Jessica White, the newly selected Miss Fire Prevention who spoke to the group. He relayed the names of the Fire Prevention Award winners.

**Special Activities Committee** - Chair L. Woods reported on the sales during the convention, approximately \$14,000. in sales. Remaining items will be on sale throughout the year.

**Firefighter of the Year Committee** - Vice Chair J. Gatton reported that the committee is requesting guidance as to the continuation of the award. He relayed that very few applicants are being received and that most applications do not follow the guidelines and rules for the award. The following motion was made by J. Mattingly and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**Motion: That the Firefighter of the Year Award be continued. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

**Hall of Fame Committee** - Chair J. Gatton reported that 37 nominations were received and that 22 nominations had been received for the Gates Service Cup Award.

**Safety Committee** - Chair Balta stated that the committee will not be doing a video next year, wishes to promote the pocket safety mask better next year. Only one safety incident was reported, action was taken. Concern was asked about the fire equipment in line of parade with compartment doors open, committee will investigate. He reported that Sharon Shoemaker was the winner of the safety contest.

**Ways and Means Committee** - Chair Means reported on the raffle and stated that Wicomico County did not receive any tickets, these were given to an individual for distribution. Profit was approximately \$22,131., with 36,000 in ticket sales, winning names were announced. J. Mattingly was responsible for the sales of 6,000 tickets.

**Board of Trustees** - Chair C. Riley reported that the officers of the Board will remain the same as last year.

**Past Presidents** - B. Smith addressed concern reference posting of election banners for candidates.

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**Recruitment and Retention Committee** - Chair Ebling highlighted the activities during the convention. Many deserve thanks, seminars conducted with minimal attendance. Family appreciation awards were presented, names announced. Procedure was given for the 1-800-FIRELINE program.

**Memorial Committee** - Chair Mooney reported on the progress, made contact with the Comptroller and Governor on Sunday. The \$4,000. check from the NVFC should be on the way, asked for authorization to transfer that money directly to the memorial fund and not spend M.S.F.A. money. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Jewell:

**Motion: To transfer the funds from the NVFC to the Memorial Account. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

Bob Shimer commented on the position of the Fire Marshal in reference to Mark Bilger running for office. They cannot endorse him, however, fully support his efforts in regards to leave, schedules, etc., to make him available to perform those duties required.

**EMS Committee** - Chair Wills reported that the Hunt Award winner presentation will be held at the company in July.

**Incentives Programs Committee** - Chair Joan Robison stated that the report will be ready to forward, gave the statistics, up from previous year.

Trustee C. Oscar Baker stated that he will not seek re-election as Trustee next year, supports John Means to replace him.

B. Huttenloch stated that the audio portion of the memorial tape had technical problems and did not broadcast.

President Knippenburg spoke on the funding for the pagers. The following motion was made by D. Davis and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**Motion: That the funding for the pagers and telephones be carried over to next year if not purchased before June 30. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

The following motion was made by D. Davis and seconded by L. Sachs:

**Motion: That the Budget Committee take the outside auditing proposal back and place in next years budget. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

The following motion was made by H. Rhue and seconded by L. Downes:

**Motion: To retain same expenses as last year. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.**

Chairman Blanco reminded all Executive Committee members that name plate brackets, badges, Fire Laws Books, etc., need to be passed on to new committee members. Their being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned by prayer from the Assistant Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary  
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J. Edward Cross  
Gene Worthington  
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