

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**June 13, 1999
Ocean City, Maryland**

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Ocean City Convention Center on Sunday, June 13, 1999. The meeting was called to order at 0945 hours by President Robert Knippenburg. Chaplain Dixon gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. President Knippenburg gave his welcome, recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of Gerald Glaubitz, Elmer Dunn, T. L. Reynolds, Leonard King, Bernie Smith, Joe Robison, Bob Cumberland, Clarence Carpenter, Bob Shimer, Phil Hurlock, Charles Riley, Steve Cox, Thomas Tharp, Oscar Baker, Peter Paul Lochary, Richard Yinger, and Danny Davis. The President then recognized the guests today to include Joan Cumberland, President LAMSFA, who spoke to the group briefly bringing greetings from the ladies.

President Knippenburg presented oral comments of appreciation to all, special thanks to the executive committee. Comments were received from First VP Carl Edelin-thanks to all for the support, Second Vice President Roger Steger-thanks, gave update on the parade, Secretary Leonard King-thanks, 50th year for the convention to be held in Ocean City, he then spoke on the convention activities. Registration this year will be computerized. Treasurer Saville thanked his assistants, thanks to all, needs receipts for expenses. Chaplain Dixon thanks for the support and guidance.

George Blanco asked for concerns from around the table of the members. Lester Downes thanked the President for the appointment, has been a great experience, county seems to be content. Judy Lau also thanked the President for the appointment, looks forward to serving again. Herman Rhue hoped he has done a good job, thanks. Jenks Mattingly thanked the President, thanks to all for the hospitality given, announced the hospitality room, here to serve you all. Paul Sterling congratulated President Knippenburg on a good job, announced the hospitality room. Steve Hales also brought thanks, congratulated the President, announced their hospitality room, thanks to the other members of the Board and the committee chairs. Lee Sachs thanked Knip for the appointment, look forward to serving in the future. Chip Jewell thanked PP Steve Cox, Davis and President for the appointment, congratulated Jason Baer for his election to the Board of Review, thanks to the two counties. Wiley Donaldson thanked President Knippenburg for the appointment, congratulated him for a successful year, everything welcome in Anne Arundel county. John Denver thanked Bob for the opportunity to serve. Mark Bilger congratulated President Knippenburg for a successful year, also Joan Cumberland with the ladies, Carroll County received an increase in the budget, asked for support for John Means as Trustee, thanks to Oscar for his many years of service, stated that Bob Cumberland was elected as President to Carroll County, the fire laws books have been distributed, been an honor to serve.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Bob Cumberland provided a written report, spoke on the meeting held, 41 states in attendance. Bob discussed the dues increase and gave numbers on membership. Chairman Allinson wording on contracting a public relations firm for the

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purpose of corporate fundraising. It was reported that two fire companies and 19 volunteer firefighters had lost everything from the storms in Oklahoma. The council continues to work on ambulance billing, four part survey forthcoming. The council approved a resolution urging its constituents to participate in negotiation of the tobacco settlement. Maryland state concerns were given consisting of the FLSA problem IRS unrelated business income and unfunded mandates. Bob was elected to the NVFC executive committee. Maryland would like to host the spring 2001 meeting in Ocean City.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: Bob Cumberland provided a written report, spoke on training for weapons of mass destruction, not much change since the April meeting.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE: Chairman John Means reported on the raffle and asked for tickets to be turned in early and thanked the association for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Review.

MEMORIAL: Chairman Don Mooney spoke on the activities, requesting money to move forward.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman Balta stated that the committee is here to support you, request all to review the facility. Thanks to President Knippenburg for the appointment, have a good convention.

EMS COMMITTEE: Chairman Wills spoke on the EMT-I curriculum, drafted a position statement for MIEMSS consideration. Charlie then reported on the billing in conflict with the Good Samaritan Law.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Powell also spoke on the billing issue, MBNA will have a booth at convention, also donated \$1,000.

TASK FORCE TO CONSOLIDATE COMMITTEES: Steve Cox stated only received four replies, need your input.

PRESIDENT'S CAR: Chairman William Clark stated the car is here at Ocean City, thanks for the help received.

LEGISLATION: Chairman Bernie Smith spoke on the assisted suicide bill, sent letter to Governor requesting veto. Governor will sign, bill will be submitted next year to put us back in.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Chairman Laura Woods displayed the new items.

Chairman Blanco introduced guests Dr. Bass and FM Gabriele. Dr. Bass further talked on the suicide bill, absolutely committed to correct. John Murphy will be retiring end of the month, interviews presently happening. Question was asked about the DNR protocols, spoke on the

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Attorney General position.

Rocco Gabriele thanked all for the support given last year, have a good convention.

FIRE PREVENTION: Chairman Bobby Collins spoke on the contest Monday evening at 6pm. He also spoke on the awards presentation, thanks to the queens for a great year.

PAST PRESIDENTS: Chairman Smith need to meet at the conclusion of this meeting in preparation of opening ceremonies.

The fire prevention queens brought greetings to the group.

John Denver brought concern from Harford Cecil reference the exhibits open during the memorial service. Leonard King answered the concern, totally agree with the motion passed. Leonard further commented on the guidelines for opening of the exhibition hall.

The following motion was made by Steve Hales and seconded by Chip Jewell:

MOTION to adopt the NVFC recommendation to host the 2001 meeting in Ocean City. discussion, voice vote taken, passed unanimous.

Chairman Blanco thanked President Knippenburg for the appointment as chair. Good luck to Betty for the coming year as President.

A concern was raised about the misspelling of names in the proceedings book, will correct in the future.

STANDARDS: Chairman Bill Huttenloch presented an application from Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad for membership. The following motion was made by Danny Davis and seconded by Jenks Mattingly:

MOTION to approve the application for membership of the Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed unanimous.

President Knippenburg called on Harry Hetz for the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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