

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Valley Lee, Maryland

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The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Paul Hall Center hosted by the Valley Lee Volunteer Fire Department on October 9 and 10, 1999. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Carl B. Edelin, Jr. Chaplain Dixon offered the invocation and spoke of the members who needed our prayers, followed by leading the group in prayer and the pledge to the flag. The Chaplain asked for silent prayer for Danny Dean, Jr. who recently passed away. The President and Chief of Valley Lee gave welcome. The Director of the center also brought greetings and spoke of the various activities that would be going on over the weekend.

President Edelin gave his welcome, went over the logistics of the day's activities. The President announced that Judy White would have been appointed to the executive committee representing Frederick and Washington Counties. PP Knippenburg gave the oath. The President recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. H. 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 1991-92, R. L. Yinger, 94-95; G. A. Cross, 95-96; S. D. Cox, 96-97; C. D. Davis, 97-98; and R. E. Knippenburg, 98-99. He then introduced those guests in attendance which included Betty Grabenstein, President LAMSFA, who spoke to the group briefly bringing greetings from the ladies. The President then went into reports.

**PRESIDENT** Edelin presented his written report and proceeded to state that it has been honor to serve. Carl has traveled 10,310 and spent 518 hours performing the job as President. The Presidents have been meeting with MOSH and other fire service leaders since 1998, September meeting was cancelled. Lt. Governor Townsend hosted a meeting focusing on technological issues, PP Knippenburg to be MSFA representative. The Upper Shore Training Center problem has been resolved. He attended the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, thanks to all who were involved in this very special tribute. Congratulations to Charlie Burton on his special award of volunteer administrator given by Prince George's County. The President has requested a meeting with Dr. Bass to discuss EMS issues. The President is waiting on a written reply from Ocean City VFD in regard to hosting the NVFC meeting. The Baltimore City FD has filed an appeal on the case regarding the Good Samaritan ruling. The President attended the dedication of the New Castle Division Fire Service Center. This year our association participated with the Annapolis FD in the Fire Expo. Sympathies are expressed to PP Lochary who lost two sisters in the past two months, condolences to the family. The President attended fire station dedications at Port Deposit, Flintstone and Owings Mills. The President has been working with Union Bridge VFC to host a fundraiser for the Bessie Marshall Fund. The next meeting of Association Presidents is scheduled for Nov 14, noon, at Earleigh Heights. The MSFA officers would like to have the contract for the current pagers cancelled. The MSFA web page will be updated with current information on fire prevention and safety issues. Thanks to everyone for your time and effort in progressing ahead toward the new millennium. Your dedication and hard work is truly an asset to the organization.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** Roger Steger presented his written report and proceeded to comment on the contents. He reported that it is an honor to serve the association, here to serve you. Thanks to many for their support. He has had the privilege to represent the association at banquets, county association meetings and parades. He spoke of the state conventions he attended. Congratulations also to Charlie Burton on his award. He traveled 6,848 miles and put in 465 man hours performing his duties.

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**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** Charles Mattingly presented his written report, stated it is a great privilege to stand here this morning. He also gave special thanks to all in hosting this weekends meeting, job well done. Also thanks to others, specifically family. He represented the association at numerous events such as meetings, installation of officers, banquets and parades across the state. He also spoke on attendance at the state conventions. He attended the St. Mary's County EMS Appreciation Day, function was a real tribute. Condolences to the families of Frank Cortefo, Otis Wood, Wilbur Marshall and Joseph Carroll. He also attended various other meetings. Itinerary traveling 3,824 miles and spending 380 man hours in performance of his office attached.

**SECRETARY** Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. We have had additional problems with the copy machine, time to replace. The minutes of the previous executive committee meeting have been transcribed, duplicated and distributed. Applications for associate membership from the City of Annapolis Fire Dept, MFRI, MFSPQB and MAFRA have been received. The directory will be distributed this weekend, any corrections, please notify him. Work is progressing well on the proceedings book, need updated pictures. Prints and resolutions were presented at the National Memorial. Also would like to congratulate Charlie Burton on his award. The office continues the team effort working for the best interest.

**TREASURER** Bob Saville brought greetings, he then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts with balances. He spoke on communications with auditor, draft to be ready by next meeting. Question was asked about the volunteer recruitment budget that has overspent and the special activities. Question was asked about the date of the report.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** Bob Jacobs presented his written statements and provided explanation of the statements.

**CHAPLAIN** Harvey Dixon provided a written report, stated thanks to all for their input to improve the chaplain's corps. The Chaplain provided itinerary over the past months.

**ATTORNEY** Powell spoke on the Good Samaritan ruling in Baltimore City. He then spoke of the specifics being filed by Baltimore City. The issue of paying taxes for ambulance service needs to be addressed with the ambulance billing. The Appellate Court may take up to 14 months for the ruling. He suggests we deal with the problem by legislation. Concern was raised about signing on the brief if it serves MSFA interests.

Executive Committee Chair Sterling opened the meeting by going around the table for concerns: Lester Downes - thanks to all who have worked on the upper shore training center, Richard Brooks - condolences to the Lochary family, Calvin Stack - greetings, commend Hurlock VFC for 75 years of service, new rescue truck at Cambridge, new 8,000 gallon tanker at Linkwood Salem, Terry Thompson - Howard county had problem with regulators on oxygen bottles, Terry has stepped down to VP of Howard county, Steve Hales - spoke of recent deaths, Donny Hall - welcome all to Southern Maryland, congratulations to Waldorf for 50 years of service, Judy Lau - had a successful convention, congratulations to Berwyn Heights for 75 years of service, Judy White - appreciate the appointment, Frederick County hosted a social for fallen firefighters, thanks to MSFA for their assistance with FLSA, Frederick County has made a change in their LOSAP program, Washington County currently working on LOSAP program, their association officers have moved into building they purchased, Wylie Donaldson - going well, cadet program doing well, convention was successful, Bob Knippenburg - Allegany Garrett convention to be held in Midland next June, their 100th anniversary, spoke on the contract with O'Leary's concerning the national memorial lithographs, selling price

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\$20, \$16 for MSFA, displayed the helmet given him at Ocean City, George Blanco - spoke on the letter from Rawlings VFC, Lee Sachs - announced new officers of association.

Chairman Sterling asked for approval of Associate Membership for: City of Annapolis Fire Department; Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute; Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board; and the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION to approve Associate Membership Applications for: City of Annapolis Fire Department; Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute; Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board; and the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies. no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

**BESSIE MARSHALL FUND:** Betty Radisch provided a written report, stated that 11 cases have been paid with receipts of \$23,406. Question was asked about the qualifications of recipients, home company needs to scrutinize the applications.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Chairman Doc Moltrup presented a written report. He stated that President Edelin had requested funding of additional \$200,000 for the trust fund. Remaining funds for FY00 are \$194,000. App 00-01 from Hoopers Island grant for \$145,000 to purchase new pumper with matching funds of \$50,000 and \$5,000 grant from county. The Board approved a grant of \$130,000. App 00-02 from Flintstone grant for \$145,000 to purchase new engine. The Board rejected the request. App 00-03 from Hacks Point grant for \$71,000 with matching funds of \$5,000 grant from county to assist in repaying existing loans. The Board rejected the request. The Board also discussed the rising costs of bids for apparatus, plan to discuss this issue further at a future meeting. Question was asked about the status of Rawlings, dealing directly with state. Concern was addressed about spending of next year's money. The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by S. Hales:

**MOTION to concur with the Board of Review on application 00-01 from Hoopers Island for a grant of \$145,000. For a pumper. no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by J. Lau:

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**SHOCK TRAUMA:** Brenda Fosler brought greetings, spoke on document handed out. She spoke on the admissions for FY2000 and some other key issues. Question was asked about occupancy, are we sending less seriously injured personnel, will discuss with Spearman. Dr. Bass provided an explanation. Thanks Brenda for all the interface you provide to our members.

**INCENTIVE PROGRAMS:** Chair Joan Robison presented a written report and highlighted the report. Joan spoke on tax year 98 problems, it is important that records are accurate and current. A revised form has been sent to all county coordinators. Baltimore and Charles counties have made changes to their LOSAP program.

**MFRI:** Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and started his oral remarks by thanking MSFA for acceptance of their membership. Steve spoke on the upper regional training center, MOU was signed on

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September 14, Atlantic Construction successful bidder. He updated the improvements to be made at southern Maryland and the headquarters facility at MFRI. Steve reported on the statistical report provided, 692,751 student hours. MFRI is co-hosting the ISFSI fall instructor training conference October 15-16. The next MFRI executive development seminar will be on handling mass casualty incidents in November.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Will Williams presented a written report, stated that Alan Zentz's duties would be handled by Associate Director, Steve Koehn, will be filling the position. The statewide open air burning ban imposed was lifted on September 2. Will spoke on the interagency fire response whereby nine personnel responded to incidents across the country. He provided statistics for fire calls. Requisitions have been submitted for new equipment with delivery by summer. Will spoke on the grant of \$30,000 provided by the US Forest Service. Over the next month, the web site will be completely redesigned.

**MFRI BOARD OF ADVISORS:** Charlie Wills presented a written report, summarized the contents saying that Director Edwards had covered most of the report. Charlie also spoke on some improvements at the training centers.

**MARYLAND STATE POLICE:** Sgt. Gary Tracey talked about the rapid sequence intubation program, seems to be doing very well. The 5,000 hour maintenance inspections are going on. Trooper 7 was involved in an incident with a goose. Back injuries to the medics is becoming a concern, need additional help to load patients.

Meeting returned to President Edelin for the lunch break, Harry Hetz provided the blessing. Meeting was called back to order by Chairman Sterling. Jim Snyder reported on actions undertaken by Laytonsville VFD regarding the conditions from the hurricane in North Carolina. They will be coordinating efforts to support.

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL:** Fire Marshal Gabriele presented a written report, Rocco brought greetings from the state government. He introduced Larry Garrett, the executive assistant and Bob Shimer. Chairman Livingston of the Fire Prevention Commission was reappointed, several candidates being considered for appointment. The Commission has adopted the Christmas tree policy that was in effect for the last two years. The Mid Atlantic Conference held in Laurel was a great success, 245 in attendance. Rocco then spoke on the smoke detector give away program, 10,000 given. He then talked about the smart growth committee appointed by the Governor, the Fire Marshal sets on the code subcommittee. Maryland does not have a building rehab code, recommend to adopt the HUD code. Question was asked reference chair of the commission, Chief Sherlock elected.

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass presented a written report. He then proceeded to say that MIEMSS continues to work to fulfill its mission of providing leadership, direction and expertise, as well as coordination of EMS resources, through several on-going initiatives at both the state and federal levels. Dr. Bass reported on a notice received reference the recall of ephinefern. He spoke on the HCFA negotiated rule making for reimbursement of ambulance care. He then gave an update on the triage tags, 50,000 distributed. MIEMSS staff has prepared a revised draft of the EMS plan. There are EMS personnel around the state that have not completed a protocol update, its up to each jurisdiction to take action. The weapons of mass destruction contract has been received \$350,000 to develop a plan to coordinate emergency management, public health and medical services responding to terrorist weapons of mass destruction incident. A meeting will be held to address the yellow

alert in Region III. MIEMSS has developed regulations in response to the passage of a public access

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defibrillation bill. Sexual Assault conferences for pre-hospital care providers, dispatchers and social workers is underway. MIEMSS has asked the BPQA to consider permitting paramedics to vaccinate/immunize their own EMS personnel. Dr. Bass that gave an update of the activities of SEMSAC. He spoke of the EMS Board legislative issues, both proposals are awaiting the governor's review. Concern was raised about the seal of excellence program, will look into.

**EMS:** Charles Wills presented a handout packet and proceeded to state that they will be meeting with Dr. Bass on Thursday. He then addressed the inspection programs. He reviewed the items that would be discussed at that meeting, being instructor certification, legislation, immunization, protocols changes, filling of Murphy's position and other minor issues. MIEMSS, MFRI, and MSFA have decided to sponsor a forum on the EMTB recertification process. Maryland does not have many CRT instructors, asked MIEMSS what does it take to be a CRT instructor. He then spoke on the Baltimore City appeal, suggest that we empower the association attorney and the President to sign on to that appeal if they feel it is in the best interest of the association. Lee Sachs further spoke on the DOT inspections for ambulances and future ALS training. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee authorize the President to take whatever position he believes, after consultation with the attorney, is best for the association with regard to the case, now pending in the Court of Appeals of Maryland, dealing with the issues of billing for ambulance service and the Good Samaritan Law. further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

Attorney Powell felt the motion restricts himself in dealing with the legislative committee. PP Riley concerned about signing on and it fails, will hurt our legislative process. Chairman Wills continued with his report, spoke of the American Heart Association proposals for new medication.

**INSURANCE ADVISORY:** Chairman Bryan Lau spoke on objectives for the upcoming year, resources. He then talked about the billing issues coverage, impact on non profit status.

**MFRETC:** Chairman Bob Shimer thanked all for their cards, calls and prayers during his recent surgery. He then spoke on the letter from Rawlings VFC, \$33,000 is being withheld by Allegany county. The MSFA rep to the Mid Atlantic conference failed to be at any meetings, need new appointment. He then spoke from his written report, a training center enhancement task force was appointed.

**GEMAC:** Bob Shimer presented his written report, spoke on the activation of the emergency operations center during the hurricane. Most state agencies will be manned around the clock beginning on December 31 through January 4 to monitor any Y2K problems. The federal government is also conducting a CAL-VEX exercise dealing with the reactor in Calvert County.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL:** Bob Cumberland presented a written report, updated the activities. He reported on meeting of the Operation Respond Institute, Inc., a program designed to improve information available to first responders at hazardous materials and passenger train incidents. He talked about HR 1990 dealing with funding to support programs on police actions. He also spoke on HB 1168 the \$5 billion support, Bartlett and Gilcrest have not signed on the bill.

**RESCUE:** Chairman Ed Woods presented a written report, working on the resource manual and the upgrade

for equipment standards.

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**COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION TASK FORCE:** Fred Cross presented a written report. He provided dates of upcoming meetings.

**OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR:** Steve Cox presented a written report listing the state conventions.

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS:** Bob Knippenburg reported there has been no meeting of that committee, has met with state officials looking into computerization.

**CONVENTION:** Chairman Leonard King presented his written report, commented the committee is working to finalize all aspects of the 99 convention. Many constructive comments and ideas from the critique were discussed, all under consideration. He spoke on the most positive events being the dedication signs for the facility, the corporate sponsorships, honor guard contest, utilization of the control center, size and type of exhibits, training sessions, golfing, child safety seats and the combat challenge. The committee will again be making recommendations to the convention center administration about the food. He spoke on some the negative happenings. We want to stress again that everyone conduct themselves in a professional manner. He provided dates for next conventions, June 18-22, 2000. A draft of next years convention is out for comments. Again thanks to the more than 200 individuals that are required during the convention week. Question was asked about the voting time frame. Question was asked about the officers banquet day.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Chairman Nancy Cox provided a written report. Only 24 tickets were sold by MSFA for Timonium Dinner Theater. She discussed a brunch cruise leaving from the Inner Harbor at noon for three hours at cost of \$35 per ticket on Sunday May 21. A deposit is required if interested. Question was asked about the deposit, is it refundable. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee authorize a deposit of \$1,750 toward the May boat ride. further discussion. Motion made to table til Sunday morning, so ordered.**

**FIRE LAWS BOOK:** Chairman Mark Bilger presented a written report, stated still waiting for the additional shipment of 150 copies from Mitchie. Arrangements will be made to distribute to the legislators.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Chairman Bobby Collins presented a written report. Bobby stated only 6 members present at the last committee meeting. The committee is working on purchasing a second 911 simulator. Committee members are working on the fire safety video competition, this will be a VHS tape approximately ten minutes long. The committee will be placing an order for literature. There will be public fire and life safety seminar hosted by MFRI on May 18. Discussion continued about the lack of attendance at some of the committee meetings.

**LOW INTEREST LOAN TASK FORCE:** Wylie Donaldson presented a written report, spoke on the draft of the guidelines. The draft consisted of a statement of need, with data gathered from the statistical committee. The committee established goals and objectives of the revolving fund, outlines to request funding, sources of funding, management of the fund. The next step is for the legislative committee to meet with state government to obtain support.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Chairman Bernie Smith presented a written report and reported on its contents. Bernie has been in touch with DNR in reference to the Reforestation Act. The President's agenda was hand delivered to the Governor and are awaiting an appointment date. The legislative reception will be held on February 7. The **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
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committee recommends that MSFA present an appropriate certificate and gift to Bobby Swann on his retirement. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION that the MSFA recognize the retirement of Robert Swann from the Comptrollers office by appropriate gift to be determined by the President. no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

**TRAINING:** Chairman Dan Stevens presented his written report, reported on the meeting held at the Joseph Sacco Fire and Safety Training Academy near Valley Lee. The committee sees a need for a hazmat liaison. A lengthy discussion was held reference the Fire Officer III pilot program, only 9 or 10 members remaining in the class. Firefighter I and II classes are being revised. Concern was raised about the parking at the new headquarters building. Frederick County presented an outline for firefighter refresher course.

**HALL OF FAME:** Chairman Robert Dempsey made oral comments, letters have gone out to committee members.

**17 STATE CIRCLE:** Chairman Jim Ferguson presented his written report, have commitment from the painter to paint the building. Also need a carpenter to make some repairs to sections.

**STATISTICAL:** Chairman Jim Ferguson presented a written report, stated a new format will be used this year, copy provided. Comment was made about the length of the form, also the lack of EMS information specifics.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Chairman Tom Flint presented a written report. The President has advised to cut off the list and go with the data presently and print the tag books. A letter will be going to the county coordinators with some concerns. Currently there are 7,857 active tags to be listed.

**SAFETY:** Chairman Bobby Balta presented a written report, proceeded to review his report. The committee discussed having a health safety commercial produced for airing on various cable public announcement spots. Future meeting dates were presented.

**MCMERG:** Chairman Bobby Balta provided oral comments, gathering statistical data on boats.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Chairman John Means stated the raffle tickets are printed, distributed at Betterton.

PP Yinger announced that he attended the retirement of Alan Zentz, presented him with a bronze piece and certificate of appreciation. Alan sends his thanks to all.

Chaplain Dixon provided discussion on pictures from last years memorial service, given to the executive committee members. No other action, returned to the Vice President, Reverend Taugher gave the prayer, meeting recessed. The Sunday morning meeting was called to order by President Edelin, asked Reverend Taugher for prayer who led the group in the pledge, followed by scripture and prayer. The President recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. H.



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sign at the next meeting. Meeting was turned over to the Executive Committee. Chairman Sterling brought greetings, asked for committee reports.

**MEMORIAL:** Chairman Don Mooney provided an update on the activities, announced the breakfast to be held at Level VFC in benefit of the memorial. He further spoke on the funding issue, in the process of looking at sculptors, continue to meet monthly. Presently have a contract with architect for \$32,000, however he is on hold.

**STANDARDS:** Chairman Bill Huttenloch presented his written report, stated the committee inspected Fairmont VFC for membership. Bill needs input from the companies who have boats for marine firefighting so a standard can be written for the by-laws.

**NFPA OVERVIEW:** Chairman Bill Huttenloch presented a written report, committee has not met this summer. He then spoke on letter received from Rawlings reference engine standards. The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and seconded by J. White:

**MOTION that we accept Fairmont Volunteer Fire Department as a new member. no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND BULLETIN:** Chairman Ron Watkins presented a written report. He stated that he has received favorable comments on the first edition. The Chairman further discussed the public relations requirement, feels the committee needs improvement, will be working on. He is requesting regional news from across the state.

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:** Bill Cooke presented the written report, spoke on the WEB information program prepared by Bill Wagner. The enhancement of the 1-800-FIRELINE is well underway, however still need some POC's. He spoke on the funding issues, will need additional money to continue with the program. Wayne Powell has stepped down as an active member, thanks Wayne for your dedicated work over the years.

**RURAL WATER SUPPLY:** Chairman Herman Rhue spoke on the class that had to be postponed due to the drought. Rural water operations needs preplanning.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** A written report was presented, chairman was not present.

**SURPLUS:** Chairman Skip Massey presented a written report consisting of items in storage. Anyone needing a vehicle needs to put request on company letterhead.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Chairman Riley presented the report. The Board approved a voucher for \$24,900 for 32 widows, 2 disabled fireman, 7 children. He then spoke on the procedure guide to follow.

**BUDGET & REVENUE:** Chairman Paul Fabiszak presented his report. Several requests have been

received, however some have not spent their budgeted money, asked to come back later. The first request was from the secretary for a new copier, \$10,000 purchase or lease of \$201 monthly. The committee recommends to lease the copier either from this vendor or on state contract for 5 year time period. No action is required by the executive committee, money presently in budget under copier and repairs. Next issue from the President dealt with the pagers, the committee restated the intent of the communications equipment, no action required.

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The President advised money appropriated last meeting for the NFPA travel is no longer needed, the committee recommends \$2,000 be put back in miscellaneous and administrative, \$1,000 under NFPA for future use. The President advised the fire prevention queens were being removed from the fire prevention budget, line 26 reflects \$1,350 for the contest to be placed in new category. The next issue reference public relations request for \$250 for committee work, committee recommends grant of request. The next issue from the statistical committee, request of \$500 for committee work, committee recommends. The last request from recruitment and retention for \$1,000 to cover costs from last year, committee recommends. Paul then spoke on the request from the entertainment request to cover the deposit for the cruise, feels this is not a budgeted item.

President Edelin asked for the hosts to come forward, made presentations of money to the center. The Paul Hall Center donated the money back to the Bessie Marshall Fund. Senior Vice President Peggy Webb expressed her appreciation. Also thanks to Valley Lee VFC for their hospitality over the weekend.

Question was asked about the line items that were over expended, special activities is an accounts receivable, not required to be in the budget. The recruitment and retention \$2,000 is an overage from expenses from last year, simply remove and place in budget carryover and deduct. Question was asked about the fire prevention request, established a new committee. The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee authorize the moving of funds as requested by the Budget Committee. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

Discussion continued about the fire prevention expenses, Bobby Collins provided explanation. The following motion was made by J. Lau and seconded by L. Sachs:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee provide \$250 to the Public Relations and Bulletin Committee. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

The following motion was made by S. Hales and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee allocate \$500 to the Statistical Committee. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

The following motion was made by J. Lau and seconded by J. White:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee allocates \$1,000 to the Recruitment and Retention Committee. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

The President asked for guidance about the fire prevention budget. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION that the Executive Committee approves the transfer of \$1,350 from the Fire Prevention Committee. discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

Discussion continued about the pagers, several made comments. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

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**MOTION to bring off the tabled motion from yesterday. no discussion, passed.**

**MOTION that the Executive Committee authorize a deposit of \$1,750 toward the May boat ride, further discussion.**

The following motion to amend the motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**To amend the motion to say, for a check of \$1,750 for the deposit requested by the Entertainment Committee. further discussion, voice vote taken, amended motion passed.**

Question was asked about the NVFC meeting proposed for Ocean City reference funding. The President has not sent the letter requesting to host the council. Bob Cumberland spoke on the guidelines to host a meeting, obligation of MSFA would be to provide an evening meal. VP Steger has not asked for any funding from Ocean City, no answers to give. Several others made comments. The following motion was made by S. Hales and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION that due to the un-preparedness of this issue that we withdraw our invitation to host the NVFC meeting.**

The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION to table the motion. no discussion, voice vote taken, passed.**

President Edelin asked that time be allowed for full presentation in December and that he will appoint a committee.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was returned to the President. President Edelin brought thanks for the attendance, reminded all of the Bessie Marshall fund raiser, wish everyone a safe trip home. Reverend Taugher gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary  
Leonard T. King, P.P.  
J. Edward Cross  
Gene Worthington  
Charles B. Burton, P.P.

# **MOTION SUMMARY**

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**Motion: that the Executive Committee authorize a deposit of \$1,750 toward the May boat ride. Motion tabled until Sunday. Passed.**

**Motion: that the MSFA recognize the retirement of Robert Swann from the Comptrollers Office by appropriate gift to be determined by the President. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee authorize the moving of funds a requested by the Budget Committee. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee provide \$250. to the Public Relations and Bulletin Committee. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee allocate \$500. to the Statistical Committee. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee allocate \$1,000. to the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee approve the transfer of \$1,350. from the Fire Prevention Committee. Passed.**

**Motion: to bring off the tabled motion from yesterday. Passed.**

**Motion: that the Executive Committee authorize a deposit of \$1,750. toward the May boat ride. Motion to Amend the motion to say, for a check of \$1,750. for the deposit requested by the Entertainment Committee. Amended motion Passed.**

**Motion: that due to the un-preparedness of this issue that we withdraw our invitation to host the NVFC meeting. Motion to table the motion. Passed.**