

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**February 5 – 6, 2000  
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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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### **North East, Maryland**

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the North East Volunteer Fire Company on February 5 and 6, 2000. President Carl B. Edelin, Jr, called the meeting to order at 0900 hours. Chaplain Dixon was asked for the invocation, Father Newman spoke of those members who needed our prayers. The Chaplain read from scripture, followed by leading the group in prayer. President Edelin asked Miss Cecil County Fire Prevention, Christy Norman to lead the pledge to the flag, she also made comments. The Host Company Terry Deamond and others gave welcome. President Edelin announced that all budget requests must be in by 1000 hours today. He then recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: P. P. Lochary, 68-69; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; R. L. Wood, 73-74; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; G. A. Cross, 95-96; S. D. Cox, 96-97; and C. D. Davis, 97-98. The President then recognized the guests today to include: Betty Grabenstein, President LAMSFA, who spoke to the group briefly bringing greetings from the ladies.

**President** Edelin gave his welcome, then commented from his report. He has traveled 8,765 miles and performed 415 hours representing MSFA since last meeting. He then spoke on line of duty death firefighter Ray Craco from Fallston VFC in Harford County, our condolences to his family. President Edelin stated that Past Secretary Bob Benson had passed away, also Donald Redmond passed away. The President had received a note of thanks from Mrs. Mary Burton thanking the Association for every thing that was done for Charles B. Burton and the family. On December 10, a contingent met with the Governor for discussion of various topics. The Governor committed to add another \$12,500 to the state appropriation. The Low Interest Loan Fund was discussed, Governor supports this. He also supported the reduction of the number of years of active service on the State Income Tax Program. The Governor is also supporting MSFA with the assisted suicide bill along with the immunization bill. He has promised to supply the technical support to assist with the statewide data collection committee. On January 19, 2000, all the presidents were invited to attend the state of the state report. On January 25, 2000, all the presidents were requested to attend a press conference on Capital Hill in support of federal legislation, unfortunately cancelled because of the snow. The President attended the ground breaking for the new ATF laboratory in Beltsville. Congratulations to the Midland VFC for 100 years of service. Safety is a priority this year, encourage every department to look into starting a wellness program.

**First Vice President** Roger Steger presented his written report and proceeded to comment on the contents. Thanks to many for their support. Vice President Steger attended the Midland anniversary, legislative hearings and meetings, and met with the Governor. He traveled 6,673 miles and put in 298 hours performing his duties.

**Second Vice President** Charles Mattingly presented his written report, stated most information has

already been covered. Vice President Mattingly spoke on activities and events such as meetings,  
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installation of officers, banquets, committee meetings and various other functions, and ground breaking for EOC in Leonardtown. He and Charlie Wills continue to meet with Dr. Bass, meetings very rewarding. Itinerary traveling 5,826 miles and spending 322 man hours in performance of his office.

**Secretary** Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. The office has received the new digital copy machine, performing well, continue to work with data systems group. The minutes of the previous executive committee meeting have been transcribed, duplicated and distributed. All correspondence taken care of. A mass mailing has been made. Application for Associate Membership has been received from the Baltimore City Fire Department. As of today membership consists of 365 active companies, 14 associates and 3 sustaining for a total of 382. Please check the awards packets and nominate early. The Secretary's Office has provided the auditor with information. A list of the company Chaplains statewide has been compiled and given to the Chaplain. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will be moving from the old firehouse in Annapolis, beautiful place for a museum. Registration for the Convention and Conference will start Sunday morning, please send in Credential Forms now. Balloting Tuesday morning starting at 0800 hours. Certificates were given to Chief George Blanco, Colt Black, and the Midland VFC. Work is progressing well on the Proceedings Book, need updated pictures. He reminded all that we need 30 copies of reports for the Executive Committee Meetings. The office continues the team effort working for the best interest.

**Financial Secretary** Robert Jacobs presented his written statements and provided explanation of the statements. He requested that dues payments be made early.

**Treasurer** John Shuhart gave the report, stated that Treasurer Saville was out of town, he then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts with balances.

**CHAPLAIN** Harvey Dixon provided a written report, appreciate the assistance given by all. The Chaplain Corp has been very busy; also a survey of the 206 department Chaplains is doing great. The Chaplain reported on his activities, spoke on the proposed Chaplains Seminar at convention. The Joint Memorial Service to be Sunday night at 1900 hours, challenge to have 500 personnel in uniform.

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Powell reported on the good Samaritan issue, case was argued before the Court of Appeals on January 6, now we wait on decision, could be 6 to 8 months. He reminded all again on the lack of protection on billing. He was asked if he attended the hearing, not allowed to participate because not a party to the case.

Executive Committee Chair Paul Sterling opened the meeting, spoke of those needing new photographs. He also asked that all committee chairs get a computer disc from Elaine Huttenloch for the convention book annual report. He then went around the table for concerns: Calvin Stack - thanks to all for concerns; Lee Sachs - spoke on newspaper article; Richard Brooks - congratulations

to Steve Cox being elected President at Norrisville, Harford County budget is

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bleak; Lester Downes - looking forward to the training center construction; George Blanco - thanks for the concerns; Terry Thompson - Howard County in maintenance of effort problem with Amos Funding, will lose about ten per cent; Wylie Donaldson - still on extended honeymoon with fire administrator, successful legislative reception; Judy Lau - February 20 dedication of Chief Charles B. Burton Conference Center in Landover Hills, March 12 tribute to Larry Waltz at Branchville; Donnie Hall - teams from Maryland competing in honor guard contest in Florida; Judy White - Frederick County resignation from director of public safety, interim appointment, additional training props at training center; Frederick County association has joined the chamber of commerce, spoke on the museum. Chairman Sterling reported on Mickey Harris stay at hospital, wife terminally ill.

**BESSIE MARSHALL FUND:** Betty Radisch provided a written report stated that 25 cases have been paid with expenses of \$18,300. Thanks for your continued support. She provided a county breakdown. Thanks to Union Bridge VFC for their donation.

Lee Sachs spoke on the inventory process, asks all chairman to provide input on the form provided.

**MFRI:** Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and started his oral remarks by speaking on the budget. Steve spoke on the upper regional training center; construction contract is signed, Atlantic Construction successful bidder, 12 to 14 month construction time frames. He updated the improvements to be made at Southern Maryland, received the submittals from the AE and is presently being evaluated, funding for \$4.2MM. Berwyn Heights project will be a design build, Reubling Associates has been contracted to develop the RFP, funding at \$3.2MM, will vacate the present facility July 1, 2001. He announced moving forward on the internet based distance education for MFRI programs, under contract is On Guard, Inc. of Colorado that has developed hazmat courses, will pilot this spring. MFRI is working with the University to develop the certified fire protection specialist on line via web offerings. In addition will greatly expand the homepage to better support students as they take MFRI courses. He talked about the college credit classes, American Council on Education has successfully completed the three-year evaluation, and 54 courses have been approved for equivalent college credit by ACE. The Maryland Chief Officers Seminar went well, good attendance. Several MFRI field program seminars are planned for the spring semester. Maryland weekend at the National Fire Academy to be held February 18-20 for 240 slots, class is full. Question was asked about the local option on HAZMAT class.

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL:** Fire Marshal Gabriele presented a written report, and reported on the death of Benjamin Benson. He spoke on the new Christmas tree regulation that was in effect over the past holiday. Presently working on the sprinkler contractor licensing process, applications distributed. He then talked on legislation, one to create the position of inspector; second bill will establish the age of 21 to purchase black powder. The Fire Marshal requests that MSFA support the Governor's Smart Growth Legislation. The agency has filled six vacancies. Anyone interested in a position with the office should call 410-767-4850. Bob Shimer and Al Ward will retire July 1, 2000. He then spoke on some activities at the national level: upholstery industry, computers and

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printers, pallets. Question was asked about hiring of personnel, response right now let the budget process continue.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Corporal Richardson spoke on an upcoming program to exchange ideas, equipment demonstrations and public awareness to be held at the park in North East this summer. He offered the Maryland basic boating course free of charge.

**MARYLAND FORESTRY:** Bob Hartlove presented a written report, spoke on the dry hydrant project, approximately 300 kits are being provided for distribution on the eastern shore. He reported on a safety notice received from the federal government relating to the paint on military equipment. Regional offices will be conducting on-going FEPP inventories. DNR has been awarded a federal grant from the USFS for a restoration project in the Potomac River basin, approximately \$893,000. He reported on the GIS analysis on wildland fires, presented maps. DNR is now on the Internet.

**SHOCK TRAUMA:** John Spearman provided a statistical handout, thanked the MSFA officers in keeping the open communications. He spoke on the admissions for FY2000 and some other key issues, also the OR admissions. He spoke on the fly-by patients, only one in six months. He reviewed the income statement, slightly behind in revenue. He talked about SB 154 which benefits all, need to pull together for passage. He talked about the GALA, awards program and education. Brenda Fosler reported on the educational activity report.

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass presented a written report. He then proceeded by stating the HCFA negotiated rule making fee schedule development is coming to closure. The fees will be broken into six categories (non-emergency BLS, emergency BLS, non-emergency ALS, emergency ALS, advanced ALS and specialty care transports). It appears that non-emergency BLS will be at \$200 up to \$550 for specialty care transports. The AED layperson regulations have been promulgated and went into effect in January, need to register with MIEMSS. The rapid sequence intubation pilot project has gone very well, moving to do a ground pilot in Cecil County. The EMS plan has been updated, approved by SEMSAC, goes to the EMS Board for review. MIEMSS continues to monitor the trends associated with yellow alert hours, peaked at 70%. All regions have been supplied with the monitors/defibrillators they have requested. Looking into a grant system with matching funds in the future. There will be an EMTB instructor open forum on March 25. Dr. Bass then reviewed the legislative bills concerning MIEMSS. Question was asked about a draft of a proposal to transfer sensitive communications equipment, Dr. Bass responded by stating that he has not seen the draft, MIEMSS purchases the monitors, also maintain them in house, many different models to repair, concerned about the ability of few personnel to maintain, cannot inventory as state requires, looking into a grant program. Additional comments were made between Dr. Bass and MSFA. MIEMSS will not cut any investments, plan to continue the same effort. Concern was made about the yellow alert problems affecting Pennsylvania, additional comments made on same problem. Bernie Smith requested Dr. Bass to comment on HB336, may be good idea however has some problems.

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**EMS:** Charles Wills presented a written report, commented on the papers from MIEMSS. He spoke on the Intrastate Mutual Aid Agreement proposed by MEMA, advise all to look at closely, feels the Executive Committee should take some action back to MEMA. He further spoke on the yellow alert task force, still needs much work. He then talked about the immunization bill, Senator Middleton will introduce. He reported on the needle-less systems, will be very expensive. He stated that he would be interested in setting on a NFPA standard affecting EMS if creative financing could be arranged. Discussion continued reference whether we should have representation on this NFPA standard, seems to be positive. The Regional Affairs committee of SEMSAC presented a proposal to transfer ownership of certain equipment from MIEMSS to companies, much more to follow.

**SAFETY:** Chair Bobby Balta presented a written report, proceeded to review his report. The committee is working on having a health safety commercial 7 to 10 minutes in length produced for airing on various cable public announcement spots. The committee discussed having another seminar, working with MOSH for presentation at convention. The safety committee is going to conduct the safety trophy project again this year. He then talked about the questionnaire on heart attack statistics.

The meeting was returned to the President, Harry Hetz gave blessing for the meal, recessed for lunch. LUNCH. The meeting was called back to order, announcements made, returned to Chairman Sterling, who called for committee reports.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Chair Tom Flint presented a written report. He stated the county coordinators are currently issuing the tag books. There continues to be a problem with certifications, asked for guidance. George Blanco made comments on lengthy time to have returned check. Bob Jacobs is making deposits routinely, problem is at the coordinator level. Discussion continued by others reference postage, stationery and reporting weekly.

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:** Bill Wagner presented the report, stated the billing problem for the 1-800-FIRELINE is straightened out. There will be convention workshop entitled " Leading us Into the 21st Century". In the process of developing a videotape of activities across the state, to be shown at convention. He asked the Executive Committee to review the guideline booklet, want to place on the MSFA homepage.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Chair Bobby Collins presented his written report, stated the committee is planning to have two fire safety trailers on display this year at Ocean City. He reported on the fire safety video competition, mailing completed.

**FIRE PREVENTION QUEEN CONTEST:** Chair Lori Packard presented her written report and provided the activities of the Miss Fire Prevention representatives. Contest applications will be mailed on March 1. She then presented Don Mooney, Chair of the Memorial Foundation a check from the Level VFC in memory of Tom Weeks.

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**TRAINING:** Chair Dan Stevens presented his written report, reported on the committee meeting. He reported on the liaisons to DNR, EMS, MFRI, HAZMAT and safety. He asked the Executive Committee to consider sending a letter to the state to encourage the appointment of the state wildfire position left vacant by Alan Zentz. MFRI reported a statewide problem with attendance and class failures. The committee discussed the FOIII pilot program, only 6 completed. He also spoke on the firefighter refresher issue and the 10-year training plan. Attendance at meeting was great.

**MFRETC:** Chair Bob Shimer presented the written report, stated that two members would be going for confirmation hearings. He reported on a letter received from the Governor's office regarding attendance requirements. Steve Halford has resigned and taken position of Fire Chief in Clayton, Missouri. He reported on the training center enhancement task force.

**GEMAC:** Chair Bob Shimer presented the written report, the EOC has moved to its new location in Reisterstown. The Y2K went without incident. He reported on the training money allocations, MEMA continues to coordinate the effort on terrorism, working with state agencies. EAI Corporation is continuing to work with local jurisdictions to provide assistance as needed. Question was asked about MEMA involvement on draft of intrastate agreement, yes. Donnie Hall further commented on this agreement, has merit but needs correct wording. Bernie Smith has talked to Mr. McMillan, he is proposing to establish a group to resolve.

**17 STATE CIRCLE:** Chair Jim Ferguson presented his written report, have commitment from the painter to paint the building. The permit to make the repairs has been granted.

**STATISTICAL:** Chair Jim Ferguson presented a written report, updated some of the EMS information. To date have received 42 responses.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Jason Baer gave an oral report, funds have been depleted. The Board is pursuing information from apparatus manufacturers about standard engines.

**COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION TASK FORCE:** Steve Cox presented the report, the committee continues to look at consolidations.

**\OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR:** Chair Steve Cox stated working with the VP in getting dates from the other states.

**CONVENTION:** Chair Leonard King presented his written report, commented the committee has all but completed all aspects for the convention. He reviewed the most positive events, also the negative. The Corporate Partnership Program has proven to be a benefit for the organizations that participated. Again we ask that all conduct themselves in a professional manner while attending the convention. He provided dates for the next five years. Suggestions were again made to the convention center administration that the food contractor be more responsive. The program committee is finalizing the presenters for the main program as well as the seminars. Total

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convention packets will be going out March 1. The program book ads need to be copy ready with deadline of May 1. All other reports are due by April executive committee meeting. The golf tournament will be held on Friday, Eagles Landing, cost to be \$60. The exhibits committee expects another year of growth; member organizations can get reduced rental space. We are finalizing arrangements with the Shorebirds. The Convention Committee requests the Constitution and By-Laws Committee submit a change that will clarify all of the concerns. Again want to recognize the cooperation from Ocean City, also the assistance from the other organizations that support the convention. Thanks to the more than 200 individuals that are required during the convention week. The proposed event schedule was presented.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** Patti Gordy presented the report, stated have request from Convention Committee, verbal requests from the President and Chaplain, request from Barton Hose VFC.

**DATA SYSTEMS:** Chair Richard Snader commented on the Y2K, next problem date February 29, 2000. Additional work is coming to the website, much expansion already.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Fred Cross gave the report, thanks to Ron Watkins for the ad in the Trumpet. Ticket sales going well, thanks to those selling. Two free tickets will be given to the person selling the most tickets. The Lady Baltimore has been reserved exclusively for MSFA.

**FIRE LAWS:** Chair Mark Bilger presented a written report, stated the committee continues to review the current proposals before the legislators. He will be submitting a budget request for printing.

**HALL OF FAME:** Chair Bob Dempsey presented a written report. He provided statistics on the inductees, 283 to date. The Chair must receive all nominations no later than May 1.

**LOW INTEREST LOAN TASK FORCE:** Chair James Riegel presented a written report, stated that the committee has made the presentation to Fred Puddester. He further reported on the committee meeting, members voted unanimously to support the bill. On February 1, there was a budget hearing before the house Appropriations. On February 4, there was budget hearing before the budget and taxation. SB 154 will be heard on February 9.

**INCENTIVE PROGRAMS:** Chair Joan Robison was not present, written report was accepted.

**INSURANCE ADVISORY:** Chair Bryan Lau was not present, written report was accepted.

Chairman Sterling returned meeting back to the President, President Edelin asked Father Newman for the benediction. The Sunday morning meeting was called to order by President Edelin, asked Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz for prayer. He reported that Mickey Harris's wife had passed away last night. He read scripture, offered prayer, and led the group in the pledge. President Edelin recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: R. L. Wood, 73-74; R. N.

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Dempsey, 80-81; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; B. J. Smith, 91-92; G. A. Cross, 95-96; and R. E. Knippenburg, 98-99. He then introduced the guests in attendance, which included Senior Vice President Peggy Webb of the Ladies Auxiliary. Vice President Steger stated he had committee interests applications with him for those who desired them. The meeting was turned over to the Executive Committee Chair. Chairman Sterling again reminded all to get new photographs taken, asked for committee reports.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Chair Bernie Smith presented a written report and asked everyone to make calls into Annapolis to the Budget & Tax and House Appropriations. Bernie provided a copy of William H. Amos funding breakout. He distributed the 502 forms. He further talked about the repairs to 17 State Circle. Bernie reviewed the house bills, 337 withdrawn, 336, 303 watching, 268 state police position, safety belt, carbon monoxide not touch, public technology, 231 watching, portable phones, gaming events, 154 assisted suicide, fire marshal bill, 32 had hearing. Comment was made about the search and rescue bill. He then reviewed the senate bills, 269 thermal imaging cameras, 226 to be withdrawn, local Cecil County bill, 249 companion to HB268, 247 immunization, child restraint, 150 budget bill, 75 charitable solicitation, 71 solicitation bonding, 58 housekeeping for MIEMSS, 33 ID number when registering a vehicle, 22 workers comp. Comment was made reference the compensation bill. Charlie Riley spoke further on the budget bill, which contains MSFA funding. He then reviewed SB 154 the low interest loan program in its entirety from committee appointment to bill draft. The hearing will be on February 9 at 1PM. He then reviewed some changes made into the bill, funding to be at 75% and not total. Question was asked about the strategy to be used, encourage talking to the legislators in support of the bill. Question was asked about the \$3 increase and should MSFA go alone, explanation given again and doesn't fragment the coalition. Don Mooney spoke on the Baltimore County loan program. Further conversation ensued reference the MIEMSS monitor/defibrillator program.

**MEMORIAL:** Chair Don Mooney provided a written report, still trying to finalize the site. He further spoke on the funding issue, money coming in slowly. There are still companies that have not responded to the survey. They are preparing a packet to submit to the state commission on the Capitol City. Now have a line of duty death from Frederick dating back to 1840.

**NFPA:** Chair Bill Huttenloch presented a written report, spoke on the MOSH report, presented the final draft. Bill continued by commenting from its content. Special interest to the medical standard and wellness program. VP Steger commented on the meeting with John O'Connor. He further spoke on the cost of the physicals, Mr. O'Connor stated they would input funding. Question was asked has this been approved, no still draft. President Edelin provided the names of the voting members. Lee Sachs presented some issues with the draft. Discussion continued on, everyone needs to review and provide comments back to Bill ASAP. Bill continued his report about committee makeup for NFPA.

President Edelin introduced LAMSFA President Betty Grabenstein who spoke briefly.

**FIVE-YEAR PLANNING:** Chair Jim Raley presented his written report, commented on items from the report. Thanks to Richard Snader for his work on the webpage. The committee is looking at the appointment of a communications administrator to review the pager issue and other communications equipment. Presently the committee recommends that the officers be permitted to use their own personal pagers, if they so desire, and turn in the ones not currently being utilized. The Association could provide some monetary compensation if the pager costs the officer for use. The pagers not being used could be redistributed to other officers who may need them or simply be returned to the company for credit and refund. The Fire Year Planning committee remains committed to the continued look towards other types of membership in MSFA. The committee recommends the appointment of a special membership committee to look solely at the idea of having different membership categories for MSFA. This would include looking to necessary by-laws changes as well as discounts and incentives for joining. The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION: That we turn in all unused Association pagers for a refund. Further discussion, voice votes taken, and motion passed.**

President Edelin reported that he has asked members to look into the acquisition of the old firehouse in Annapolis for MSFA.

**PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE:** Chairman Doyle Cox presented his written report, requesting permission to purchase a new car at \$21,507, and also to advertise the 1997 car for sale. Question was asked about the advertisement to sell the used car. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Stack:

**MOTION: That we approve both requests of the Presidential Car Committee; the purchase of a car for next years President from Norris Ford at a cost of \$21,507 and that we approve the sale of the current 1997 Ford in the manner recommended by the committee. No further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND BULLETIN:** Chair Ron Watkins presented a written report. Ron stated that the next issue deadline is February 15. Ron requested that any info across the state would be helpful to receive. The committee would like to have seminars at convention reference dealing with the media on the emergency scene and one on getting the fire services messages out to the media. Thanks to Bob Shimer for his input. Ron Watkins now has an email address. Last issue of the Trumpet cost about \$4,200. Concern was addressed for the printer to format the Trumpet can be transferred to the webpage.

Meeting was recessed for lunch; Chaplain Dixon provided the meal blessing. LUNCH. The meeting was called back to order President Edelin thanked the ladies from North East for the hospitality shown over the weekend and presented them with the money collected. Chairman Sterling announced that Leonard King and John Hoglund had become grandfathers again. Congratulations Grand Pops.

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**WAYS AND MEANS:** Chair John Means stated the raffle tickets have been distributed, let's sell. The auditor asked question about the \$10,000.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Chair Riley presented the report. The Board approved a voucher for \$23,925 for 31 widows, 1 disabled fireman, and 7 children. Unfortunately we had another line of duty death Mr. Roy Craco from Fallston VFC in Harford County. Mr. Craco was driving the pumper while responding to an emergency call when he suffered a fatal heart attack. The Trustees approved the death benefit claim for \$5,000.

**BUDGET & REVENUE:** Chair Paul Fabiszak presented the report, several issues to deal with. Next years budget requests are due in by March 31 with meeting in April to establish the budget. He spoke on the NFPA request from the EMS committee, \$1,000 funding for NFPA future already in budget. A request received for NFPA committee from Andy Anderson, committee recommends not to fund his position. The transportation committee requested \$500 for miscellaneous and postage, granted. The loan fund committee requested \$180 for pocket badges, denied on basis only chairman get badge all others have to buy. No action required by the executive committee. Question was asked about the request from Andy Anderson.

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS STATEWIDE:** Chair Bob Knippenburg spoke of the committee meetings, setting up guidelines for accomplishment, that list is one the webpage. Request all to review and make comments. The intent is to have a computer in every station, send and receive the required reports. Richard Snader provided additional comments on the objectives.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION:** Chair Doc Wilson was not present, however a written report was distributed.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Chair William Olsen was not present, however a written report was distributed.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Chair Skip Massey was not present, however a written report was distributed.

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

**MOTION: That the State Association go on record, and to send a letter to the Secretary of DNR urging the immediate filling of the position of State Wildfire Supervisor recently vacated by Alan Zentz, so as no to get lost by the wayside. We should strongly stress that the individual have experience in the wildfire field. Further discussion, voice votes taken, and motion passed.**

The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION: That the application from the Baltimore City Fire Department for Associate Membership be accepted. No further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.**

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Lee Sachs commented on the auditor holding up the final statements pending additional information. Attorney Powell will address the emergency car issue and Secretary King will assist in the inventories.

Additional discussion on the NFPA committee makeup, Bill Huttenloch again provided explanation. Leonard King as the Secretary of MSFA is the NFPA voting member. Comments were made reference Charlie Wills representing EMS on a NFPA committee.

Lee Sachs further commented on the intrastate agreement being proposed. Meeting was returned to the President. President Edelin thanked all for their attendance, next meeting to be held at Mt. Savage on April 8 and 9. Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz gave the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary,  
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J. Edward Cross  
Gene Worthington

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