

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2007

Ocean City, Maryland

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Maryland State Firemen's Association was called to order by President Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr. at 0900 hours. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Pete Walbert, with the President leading the pledge to the flag. Executive Committee member John Guntow welcomed everyone to Ocean City. The President turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chair Doyle Cox who went into reports.

**PRESIDENT BALTA** - welcomed everyone here today and thanked the Executive Committee, his Officers and Committee Chairs for their work and support this past year.

**VP STERLING** - thanked everyone for their support this past year and looks forward to this coming year with the MSFA.

**VP UNDERWOOD** - Thanked everyone for this past year and he looks forward to the coming year.

VP Underwood recognized those Past Presidents in attendance which included: R. Adkins (65-66), E. Preston (74-75), O. Baker (78-79), L. King (85-86), J Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), B. Smith (91-92), P Hurlock (93-94), R. Yinger (94-95), F Cross (95-96), S. Cox (96-97), D Davis (97-98), C Edelin (99-00), R Steger (00-01), C. Mattingly (01-02), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson, (03-04), R. Jacobs (04-05), and L Sachs (05-06). He also introduced other guests in attendance including LA President Pat Deamond.

**SECRETARY** King said we had a good year and looks forward to this coming year and thanks to the many people that helped put it all together.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** - Cross said des have not yet been paid by a few departments.

**TREASURER** - Siarnicki said that his office is set up here at the Convention Center.

**CHIEF CHAPLAIN** Long discussed the activities of the Chaplains this past year.

**TRUSTEES** - S. Hales thanked his committee and the good work they have done this past year. He discussed items of interest this year and what they hope to accomplish in this new year. They are also giving out a CD on the Trust. A Presentation will be made at the Thursday meeting.

**ATTORNEY** - Powell discussed a FF Assistance Fund (not affiliated with the MSFA) that is not cooperating nor giving us any information on their program. They are working on the car rental expenses from Lynch. The Brickwork has to be done at 17 State Circle before we can get a new lease. The lady owing us money (which was wrongfully received) has said she will appear in court to testify on her behalf of the illegal use of our funds. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve these past years. He asked for approval to pursue against the Fire Fighters Assistance Fund. Motion was so made by L. Sachs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Kurtz;

**MOTION - TO AUTHORIZE THE MSFA ATTORNEY TO PROCEED AGAINST THE FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSISTANCE FUND FOR THEIR NON COOPERATION WITH THIS ASSOCIATION. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.**

**CONVENTION** L. King discussed the ballots and the two questions on the ballot and just how it works. It is very simple to do. He discussed why the Proceedings Books were not put in the bags today. The Book had a large error and the correction is being done now and will be here

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tomorrow for distribution. New this year is the church service here at the convention center today at 1030 hours. He thanked D. Alexander for his work with the hands on seminar for sprinkler systems. He discussed the new items at this year's convention, and also the other usual events. The Hazmat Demo was discussed and he thanked the OC and Worcester Departments for their help and cooperation. The auto extrication classes will also be conducted. He thanked C. Jewel for the antique hand pumper he brought here this week for display. He said Wednesday night is Family Night At The Movies at the Convention Center. He also thanked his convention committee members for their work with the convention.

**PRESIDENT'S CAR** – R. Leftwich said they received four (4) bids on the car this year with highest bid being \$5801 from Carl Edelin. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Sachs:

**MOTION – TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID OF \$5801.00 FOR THE CAR THIS YEAR FROM CARL EDELIN. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.**

**MEMBERSHIP** – L. King said the City of Salisbury Fire Department has applied for Associate Membership to the MSFA. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Donaldson;

**MOTION – TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MSFA. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.**

**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL** – B. Barnard discussed the need for a classification of Polyurethane Foam and certain Finished Products containing Polyurethane Foam, as Hazardous Materials, and the need of a placard for when it is being transported.

**BUDGET** – S. Kesner presented and discussed his written proposed 2008 Budget. He included a Debt Surface Account that will be used this coming year.

**MEMORIAL** - D. Mooney said the First Annual event was held this past week and he thanked everyone that was there. A Fund Raiser is being planned this week at the Green Turtle.

**FIRE PREVENTION** – B. Collins said the Fire Prevention Floats will be judged Wednesday morning in front of the Convention Center.

**TRUMPET** - A. Reamy said the next deadline for the Trumpet is 1 August 2007.

**R. YINGER** – He thanked everyone for the cards, calls, and visits during his recent visit to the hospital.

**RIFLE** – R. Smith said the Rifle is finished and the raffle tickets are printed and here this week being sold downstairs.

Chief Chaplain Long offered the closing prayer. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1016 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Office of the Secretary  
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