

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

17 JUNE 2010 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the MSFA Executive Committee was called to order this date by Chair D, Stevens at 0900 hours at Ocean City Maryland.

WELCOME – The membership was welcomed to Ocean City by Chair Stevens, President Cox and R. Steger (on behalf of the Mayor of Ocean City).

OPENING PRAYER - The opening prayer was given by Chaplain P. Walbert, who also led in the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESIDENT - D. Cox thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to the new year. We need to all work together for the betterment of the Association.

VP Lewis – Thanked everyone for their support this past year and is looking forward to the new year.

VP Denver – John thanked everyone for their support and is ready to serve the MSFA in this new year.

ATTENDANCE – VP Denver presented the attendance at this meeting, and the following was present at this first meeting of the newly elected officers and members:

OFFICERS - President D. Cox, V.P Lewis, V.P. Denver, Secretary J. Olson, Treasurer R. Siarnicki, and Financial Secretary F. Cross.

PAST-PRESIDENTS – C. Carpenter (86-87), R. Cumberland (87-88), 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), R. Knippenburg (98-99), C. Edelin (99-00), R. Steger (00-01), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson (03-04), R. Jacobs (04-05), L. Sachs (05-06), R. Balta (06-07), P. Sterling (07-08), F. Underwood (08-09), R. Powell (09-10).

TRUSTEES – G. Worthington, D. Carpenter, S. Hales, T. Thompson, D. Alexander.

LA-MSFA – President S. Lutz, VP T. Chrisman, Sec. S. Soper, Sec. C. Hayden, Treas. A. Davis, and PP E. Huttenloch.

FIRE MARSHAL – B. Barnard.

SHOCK TRAUMA – J. Ratcliff,

QUEENS – Elyssa Cool and Katie Norman.

LA-MSFA – President Lutz thanked everyone for inviting them here today and they also look forward to the new year and working with the MSFA.

FINANCIAL TEAM – R. Siarnicki reported on the convention and his report on the financial status of the MSFA. He said the Financial Review has been completed. The Fixed Assets will be further addressed after the convention. He discussed the savings accounts and investments of the MSFA. He introduced Mr. Mark Young (RBC Wealth Management) who discussed investments and an Investment Policy Statement for the

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MSFA. Ron said they will pursue this effort and have a statement ready at the next Executive Committee meeting.

F. Cross said they still have two companies that have not yet paid their Dues. Both departments will be contacted about this matter.

S. Cox reported on the proposed Budget. A Copy of the Budget was handed out at this time, and further discussed. After discussion, the following motion was made by J. Seavey and 2nd by S. Kesner:

MOTION - To accept the recommendation of the Budget Committee and approve the Budget as presented.

Discussion – J. Seavey asked if the MSFA does (or does not) now have a Credit Card royalty coming from our card? R. Powell said it was cancelled by the Bank, not us. R. Powell said we should look into whether the credit card royalty can be cancelled by the Bank, or not. S. Kesner discussed the Budget and line items in the past and now. Our Attorney will look into this credit card royalty issue and report back.

After no further discussion on the motion, the Motion was approved by all.

L. Sachs discussed the status of the Military and the AMOSS Fund. He said they now have prototypes for the loans, and are now needed for the Amoss Fund.

TRUSTEES – S. Hales said the committee last met this morning at Ocean City. He discussed a case where the recipient did not submit his Continuation Sheet. He told them he was going back to work, but the Doctor would not release him for full time work, and there is no light duty work where he works and the accident did not happen on his duty time. . He said he will provide to the committee, an updated Continuation Form from May 13 until sometime in the near future (whatever the doctor writes on his medical Form). The committee approved authorization of payment for 1 April thru 13 May, conditioned they have the proper paperwork. They discussed the monthly benefits that are going up. They agreed to increase the monthly benefits to \$550 for adults, and \$400 for children, effective 1 July 2010. The committee also elected Trustee officers for the coming year, and there were no changes, and will remain the same. They discussed students going to an out of state college? Attorney Farlow said in the Fire Laws, the student can go to any eligible school, and did not define the eligible school, however, in the actual application produced by the State, the school must be a Maryland college. Mr. Mallard will be advised of this finding, as he is the one that was inquiring. The question was asked about the tuition payment schedule. Mike said the stipend is paid directly to the university. He said we can accept a voucher from the student showing the costs associated with the curriculum for payment. Mike said the State will only pay the tuition charged by the university of Maryland, no matter what college is being attended within the State. Mike said the Conroy Memorial Scholarship is also under the same rules. After being told by Mike that the \$2500 given by the Trustees, can be changed by the Trustees, and should be a minimum of \$3000. The Trustees approved increasing the Scholarship funding to \$4000 effective 1 July. Mike discussed the position of Fire Police and their

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coverage, or not. He said they have to be deputized, and ordered by a superior (Sheriff) officer to be eligible for coverage, and must come under the State Law. Steve said the Trustees feel that some guidance should be given to the member companies for their review, and possibly an article put in the Trumpet. D. Carpenter will update the guidelines as to the education program in the Trustee Manual The committee's next meeting is scheduled for 28 August 2010 at Hollywood VFD at 0800 hours..

RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS – D. Alexander reported Cecil County has adopted the Residential Sprinkler vote. He said Baltimore City is forth coming.

VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – G. Curfman discussed the documentation not yet submitted, and an application received from the Thurmont Community Ambulance Services for \$127,047.00. The following motion was made by J. Seavey and 2nd by B. Hildebrand:

MOTION – To approve the loan application from the Thurmont Community Ambulance Service for \$127,047.00 to replace a present ambulance.
Motion was approved by all.

LOAN INTEREST RATE – It was noted that the Loan Percent Rate has to be voted on each year for the coming year. After discussion the following motion was made by W. Donaldson and 2nd by R. Powell:

MOTION – To approve 2% Interest Rate charge on the Assistance Fund Loans for the 2010 – 2011 year.
Motion was approved by all.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – M. Gouty said they sold over \$12,000 of merchandise this weekend. She discussed expenses (Charge machine, etc). She discussed how each item and how it went (or not) in sales. D. Cox thanked Margaret for her hard work this past year and we know she will do a great job in the shirts, etc this coming year. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS - R. Snader thanked those that helped him this past year and the convention. Discussed how the items and events went in their recording, etc of each.

WAYS & MEANS – L. Jonske reported on the status of the Raffle and the results of who won the monies. He said MSFA took in \$52,500 this year on the Raffle. Vella Smith was the big winner of \$10,000, He thanked those companies and individuals that sold the many tickets that were sold this past year. He listed those companies that did not respond or sell any Raffle Tickets this year. Shame on them.

CONVENTION – R. Siarnicki reported on the convention and the many happenings of the event. The Jolly Roger was a big hit, and 664 attended the Buffet Lunch, The Beach

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party was slight this year. The Convention Critique meeting will be forth coming. He discussed what Convention construction will be done by and during our stay next year, and how it may affect our convention in 2011.

R. Powell discussed the success of the convention and he thanked Ron and everyone involved for a job well done. He also thanked Ron, Lee and the Financial Team for their work this past year.

TRAVEL – Expenses need to be approved for the coming year. The following motion was made by M. Bilger and 2nd by J. Seavey:

MOTION – To approve keeping the Travel and Lodging allowance for 2010-2011 the same as was used in 2009-2010.

Motion was approved by all.

CONVENTION BOOK – E. Huttenloch thanked every one for their dedicating the Convention Book to her and Bill.

SURPLUS PROPERTY – E. Woods discussed the Parade Judges and thanked P. Sterling for stepping up and doing the job. The parade and judging went very well. Unclaimed trophies were handed out at this time.

PARADE – D. Cox said the Ocean City Fire and EMS did not wish to be judged in yesterday's parade, and President Cox presented them with a plaque for their decision, and our appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES - The scheduled dates of the Executive Committee for the coming year are: Hollywood (August 28-29), Aberdeen (November 13-14), Cordova (Feb 19-20), Friendsville (April 9-10), and Ocean City (June 18-24).

COMMITTEES – D. Cox discussed the Committee's and a Draft Listing was handed out at this time. D. Cox thanked R. Powell for his success this past year. Doyle said any changes to the Draft Directory Committees are to be given to Secretary Olson no later than 1 August 2010.

CLOSING REMARKS – B. Schweers thanked the Executive Committee for their help and support this past year. Members discussed the happenings in their area of the state. B. Olson thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers in the recent health problems with his wife. His wife is doing better now and will hopefully be home soon.

CLOSING PRAYER – The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Long.

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NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Hollywood VFD on 28-29 August 2010.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1120 hours

Submitted by,

Jacqueline Olson, Secretary MSFA
Leonard T. King Sr, Secretary Emeritus
Joseph A. Cooper
Ronald E. Watkins
Richard Snader
Kristi Gable