

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel*

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Executive Committee Meeting

Ocean City Convention Center

Ocean City, MD

June 22, 2017

Chairman Charles Simpson called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 0900 hours

Invocation by Chaplain Harry Hetz followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

## **Recognition of Officers and Executive Committee members in attendance:**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

#### **Chair Charles Simpson**

Vice Chair Rick Hemphill  
Jim Seavey – Montgomery  
Chuck Walker (absent) – Prince George's  
Frank Underwood PP (temp)  
Ron Block – Anne Arundel  
Wayne Tome – Harford/Cecil  
Dan Stevens – Charles/Calvert/St Mary's  
Kent Whalen – Kent/Queen Anne's/Caroline  
John Fisher – Wicomico/Worcester/Somerset  
Charlie Simpson – Carroll/Howard  
Tim Dayton – Alleghany/Garrett  
Rick Hemphill – Washington/Frederick  
Richard Smith – Talbot/Dorchester  
Doug Simpkins – Baltimore County  
Mike Davis PP – Ex Officio

#### **President Mark Bilger**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Richard Blair  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike Faust  
Secretary Doyle Cox PP  
Treasurer Ron Siarnicki  
Trustee Dan Carpenter  
Trustee Doug Alexander  
Trustee Jeff Thompson  
Trustee Ben Kurtz  
Asst. Secretary Shirley Copado  
Asst. Secretary Nancy Cox  
Asst. Secretary Tom & Nancy Scott  
(absent)  
Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke  
Asst. Treasurer Bobbi Aaron  
Attorney Mike Farlow, Esq.

**PRESIDENT MARK BILGER:**

- Will be introducing a one day meeting schedule in August
- Transition meeting for committee chairs and officers will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Thank you to everyone
- Increase in allotment funding for convention (7 years)
- Working on legislation to get the volunteers the same tax deduction as the career that was passed in legislation this year

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD BLAIR:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT MIKE FAUST** – introduced the Past Presidents and guests in attendance.

**MSFA LA PRESIDENT VIVIAN BOYD** introduced her officers and that the Bessie Marshall tickets will be passed out.

**SECRETARY DOYLE COX PP:**

- On the Bylaw change that was voted on: 932 for, 73 against
- The next Executive Committee will be in Westminster on August 26, 2017. Hotel information is Best Western, 410-857-1900, \$106.00 per night.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT MIKE FAUST** thanked everyone.

**VCAF CHAIRMAN JOE ANTOWANSKI** no report, next meeting will be at Hollywood VFD on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION BY TIM DAYTON, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY RICK HEMPHILL TO KEEP THE 1% INTEREST RATE...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURER RON SIARNICKI:**

- Any outstanding invoices must be submitted now
- Need to extend the Executive Consultant contract for an additional (6) months

**MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY RICHARD SMITH TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR THE EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE STEVE COX PP CHAIR:**

- Need to approve the 2017 – 2018 budget
- Committee review and did not approve the purchase of shirts for committee members
- Committee review and did not approve funds for persons to attend VCOS conference a second time
- Meals are approved and budgeted for the following: Convention, Legislation, Out of State Coordinator, Marketing and Executive Committee
- Budget committee discussed funding sources and would like to serve as registering point of contact for the organization prior to committees making contact. This will eliminate/reduce duplications.
  
- **TRAVEL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE:** Request for Payment form must be filled out before reimbursement is made.
  - Mileage – 0-50 – none; 50-100 - \$25; 100-200 - \$30; 200-300 - \$35
  - Lodging - \$50 per night for up to 2 nights; only one person can claim benefit
  - Meals – no allowance

**MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY RON BLOCK TO APPROVE THE PRESENTED BUDGET...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY RICHARD SMITH TO KEEP THE TRAVEL EXPENSES THE SAME AS 2016-2017 BUDGET...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY TIM DAYTON, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY RON BLOCK TO ALLOW THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO OPERATE WITHIN THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE BUDGET WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EACH TIME...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RON SIARNICKI**

- There will be construction at the convention center in 2018; Jolly Roger attendance was down; Prayer breakfast was more that 200; Frontier Town was up.
- Each charter company was given their flag from the 125<sup>th</sup>
- Please submit any ideas for next convention
- PP Roger Powell brought up about one vendor selling cups and one selling books and coins with the MSFA on them – discussion. PP Mike Davis advised that Flash Maxx was granted permission to sell his coins as approved by MSFA.

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE COX PP**

- Working on LOSAP proposals to lower the age to 50 and not 60 or 65.

## **WAYS & MEANS LOU JONSKE CHAIR**

- 52% sold none in 2016; 54% sold none in 2017; 165 companies sold tickets in 2017 for 46%. Fire company sales were \$20,977.

**Fire Ambassadors:** Miss Fire Prevention Sarah Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Lauren Caudill

## **FIRE MARSHAL BRIAN GERACI:**

- NIFRS reports are behind; if they are not turned in all 508 monies will be withheld from the entire county. So if one company in a county does not turn in the NIFRS reports, all the companies in that county will suffer.

## **PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE:**

- No new vehicle in 2018. MSFA 2 has 66,000 miles. Maintenance has been kept up on all vehicles.

**PRESIDENT MARK BILGER** – the transition meeting will be at Hampstead on July 22, 2017 at 1100. This is an opportunity to see where the organization is and where it needs to go. Review the directory and bring any changes/corrections to the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – all members thanked the 125<sup>th</sup> Committee for the past activities, thanked PP Davis.

Chair Simpkins gave past chair Doug Simpkins a thank you card

Executive Consultant Skip Mahan advised there would be a large FEMA grant expected in 2018

**RECRUITMENT/RETENTION** – need a count of how many new members since September 2014 to present for the SAFER Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike Faust – [mdvolunteer.org](http://mdvolunteer.org) will have a link to [msfa.org](http://msfa.org)

PP Roger Powell – each company should have an auto process to enter new members and leave that name on the list.

Harve Woods – pick up trophies for you area.

Chaplain Harry Hetz gave the benediction

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Respectively submitted,

Shirley Copado  
Assistant Secretary

## MOTIONS

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