

Executive Committee Meeting
October 11, 2022

Attendance: Josh Holzheimer, Jamie Helms, Randy Arant, Brian Christmas, Jamie Caggiano, John Bowers, Ross Vezin, Terry Sheriff, Tracy Williams, Jason Pope, John Jones, Joe Palmer, Carter Jones, Zorrina Harmon, Marcia Greer, Rick Dunn, Jana Kassianos, Jeff Oswald, Mark Bryant, Brook Dennis, Brick Lewis, Ashley Boltin, Jonathan Jones

Zoom: Billy Barnes, Mickey Folsom, Chris Kip

1:30 pm The meeting was called to order by President Holzheimer. He thanked everyone for being here and for those that came in early. The President offered that we have had a busy couple of weeks. A group of members went to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg -where we had 2 families honored the McNeil Family from Campobello & Mixon family from Jasper. We also had a group attend the Fire Chief's Conference last week in Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, it was a well-attended conference.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Palmer.

A motion by Tracy Williams to approve Minutes as presented from September 7 -8, 2022; seconded by Jamie Helms. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance & Audit – Joe Palmer – Chief Burns emailed to you all final year end budget numbers. We instituted our new budget on October 1st. We will be working soon on the audit process.

Legislative – Jamie Helms – The Chair has contacted the Leadership institute group that will be working on research for the Move Over Law, and the committee continues to prepare for this coming legislative season.

Advisory – Randy Arant – the committee met to review the 2023 Leadership Institute applications. We had 25 applications, we have asked 11 to move on to phase two, which is face to face interviews. All those that were not invited to move to phase two have received their denial letters.

4th VP - Brian Christmas – Reported he had attended the Chiefs Conference.

Foundation – Jamie Caggiano – The Foundation Directors met a few weeks ago and we are advertising for a Foundation Marking Coordinator. The Foundation has a couple of new policies the Directors are working on and have added two additional scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. One is named the Louis Behrens scholarship and is open to current members and family of current members. The second scholarship is the Carter Jones Leadership scholarship. Both are currently open, but we will be adjusting our scholarship dates in 2023 from February

1st to April 30th. The Burn Children's fund met with the administrators at MUSC to ask if we can move can money from MUSC to the Firefighter Foundation. They responded with they would reach out to us this week. There is a fundraiser coming up in December, it is a Video Game 72-hour event where you make donations to receive cheat codes.

Supervisory – John Bowers – The committee hosted a meeting in Kingstree, they had about 25 in attendance. The supervisory committee also had a face-to-face meeting. The Committee is still looking to host one more training this calendar year.

History & Heritage – John Bowers & Carter Jones – Carter has been working with ETV on possibly doing a documentary on the Cleveland School Fire. We will meet with the ETV Folks on November 1st. Shawn Irvin has connected with the Denny family, and they are willing to donate some of Chief Denny's fire service belongings to display. We will meet next month in Winnsboro to check the trucks. Carter continues to work on written history for several departments.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin – Thanks to staff and committee work, the Association has a new benefit with Amazon. All Fire Departments in our state get free Amazon Prime and so far about 40 departments have taken advantage of this.

Training & Education – Terry Sheriff – the committee will meet on October 18th to review the F-R call for presenters. We have 117 submission and 95 different instructors. Once selected, the committee will bring recommendations back to the Executive Committee for approval. We have met with the local departments for logistical support for the 2023 Fire Service Improvement Conference. So far, we have 21 people signed up to attend. Terry King will be our guest speaker on our Friday night dinner.

Safety & Health – Tracy Williams – September 14th the committee met and has planned out our topics for the coming year. Charlotte Fire reached out as they are partnering with Arizona State University on Cancer in Female Firefighters and have asked if the Association would like to be a part of it. We are waiting for Michelle to call back with more details. The Cancer Coalition report- everything is purchased for this first phase of buckets with the exception on hoses and state fire is working on getting those purchased. We will soon be planning a packing party to pack the buckets.

Strategic Planning – John Jones – The committee will meet next month over zoom.

Bylaws – Jason Pope – the committee met yesterday via zoom. They had a couple items to look at. Discussion to those items followed.

A motion was made from committee to add language to the by-laws to include standing committee chairs to the swearing in at conference. All in favor. None opposed.

The committee also has been in communication with the Life Safety Education Chairman David Hindman about disbanding the section and becoming a committee. The committee saw no value, so the recommendation is to not change the bylaws.

EMS Committee – Billy Barnes – Steve McDade is going to sit in on our committee as a liaison from the EMS Association. Our next meeting will be October 25th at the office.

DEI – Mickey Folsom – DEI did not have a meeting this month, but we will be sending 4 committee members to two different conferences- one in Charlotte and the other in Virginia. The Committee will report out at the quarterly meeting tomorrow about the DEI Summit to be held next year.

Officer Section – Chris Kip – The Section leadership team met last week to work on our newsletter and Facebook page. Our next officer class will be held in March, the deadline to apply is October 15th. The section is releasing a video series on Morale.

SCFIS – Zorrina Harmon – Zorrina & Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones went over the cancer plan and current numbers.

SCFAST – Joe went over Patti & Kevin’s meeting on the PEER APP. Joe wanted to see a finished product, a definitive contract, and speak to a user of the system before forwarding a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The proposed product is for all members in the state. The App is personalized with peers, clinicians, chaplains etc.

Sprinkler Coalition – Jeff Allen is at a side by side burn today in Georgetown.

The monthly Playbook review was presented by Joe Palmer as he explained that each month we will use this to overview by events and tasks per month. The committee has a read only version, today they reviewed October & November.

Deputy Directors Position Update - Joe Palmer updated the Committee on the status of the project and its progress. The next step will be the interview/selection committee as it meets on October 17th.

RFQ for Architectural Support – Joe discussed the process for the design of new facility. The RFQ received 4 replies out of the 5 invitations which had been sent out. President Holzheimer has formed a committee to make recommendations back to the Executive committee.

Brook Dennis gave detailed informational and analytical updates on the social media outlets. Discussion was held as to the Rattlewatch newsletter in relation to content, committee involvement, Association relevance, and training placement.

Two meetings are being organized by the Association. Both are designed to focus attention on the critical states of the fire fighter pools around the state. A Workforce Summit on November

2, 2022 & a Volunteer Criticality Summit on November 5 and you must register but there is no fee.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 pm; seconded by Brian Christmas. All in favor.