

**Executive Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2023**

**Attendance: Josh Holzheimer, Malcolm Burns, Randy Arant, Brian Christmas, John Jones, Jamie Caggiano, Tracy Williams, Kevin Henson, Charles Lamoreaux, Billy Barnes, Mickey Folsom, Mike Norket, Jack Kirlin, Rick Dunn, Brick Lewis, Brook Dennis, Joe Palmer, Jamie Helms, Jana Kassianos, Mark Bryant, Jeff Oswald, Emily Sobczak, Ashley Boltin**  
**Zoom: Ross Vezin**

10:00 am President Holzheimer welcomed everyone. It was asked that you keep the Caggiano Family and Lewis Family in your prayers. We welcome our new By-Laws Chairman Charles Lamoreaux.

The Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation was offered.

Rick Dunn was wished a Happy Birthday.

***A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Brian Christmas. All in favor.***

**Committee Reports**

Finance – An email was sent to the committee. Everything looks good at this time.

Legislative – S.108 additional LODD Benefits have added to full time and volunteer firefighters. Pal800 is asking for \$5.7 for reoccurring fees. The committee will meet on Friday.

Advisory – Awards will be given out at the 2023 Fire – Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach, Hall of Fame, Media and Citizenship at the Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, Meritorious Action, and Medal of Valor at the Banquet on Saturday.

4<sup>th</sup> VP - John Jones – No Report

Foundation – The Foundation will be giving out 5 scholarships at conference, and are excited about the silent auction and golf tournament. Thank you to those that have donated. Position Job Description for the foundation director has been reworded and will be advertised by the end of the week.

Supervisory – (Chief Bowers was absent Jeff & Emily gave the report) Emily reviewed over the audits we had 31 follow up audits from last year. This year out of 30 visits we will have 16 follow up audits meaning folks scored a C or below. We are excited to have 2 classes at the beach this year, we will also be hosting trainings One Percent trainings in August - Beaufort and October -York.

The following department are eligible to be voted on to join or rejoin the association.

Harris Creek  
Red Oak  
Reno  
Springfield  
UNA  
Miley FD

Upon this body's approval this list will be sent via email out to the voting members.

***A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to present Harris Creek, Red Oak, Reno, Springfield, UNA, Miley FD for membership at Conference. Seconded by Malcolm Burns. All in favor.***

***An amendment to the motion to include Colston FD if they complete all the required paperwork by the end of the day. All in favor.***

Member Benefits – Had an online meeting yesterday, we look forward to being at the Conference.

A Training and Education report was offered by Rick Dunn.

- SCFA will be holding a Fire Training Officers meeting: Thursday, June 15 @ 2 – 3:30.
  - Purpose: Obtain feedback on the current state of fire training in SC. How to improve training programs and services.
- T & E Committee Members to attend and provide assistance
- Committee members were asked the same planning questions that Chief Henson provided the EC Committee. The T&E Committee would use this feedback to provide a future plan and improvement for training.
  - What is the greatest challenge you see to the future and progression of the T&E Committee?
  - What are some goals for the T&E Committee?
  - What are some of the hurdles for the Committee?
  - What are some of the hurdles that would hinder meeting the goals of the above?
- Feedback highlights:
  - Continue to provide the same level of hands-on training in the future.
    - Provide Regional training weekends.
  - Continue to advance and reach every level of the fire service in the State.
    - How to improve participation.
    - How to get buy-in from department administrators.
  - Continue to work with the EMS Committee to provide EMS training.
- The Committee will continue to work on ideas with Improvement Conference once acquired structures are not available.
  - The draw has been acquired structures. How do we continue to provide the level of training once they are no longer available in the Columbia area.

Health & Safety – Patti shared this month on behavioral health. June 18 -24, 2023 NFFF Safety Stand Down week this year focus is on “lithium-ion batteries, are you focused and ready”.

Strategic Planning – We have emailed version 1.0 to everyone, please review before we do printed versions for any changes or corrections. Our plan is to have this released each year at the conference going forward. We are in the process of creating a QR code for an open survey so folks can see the strategic plan document anytime with a survey, this would give the opportunity to get feedback throughout the year. Comments from committee – we have a picture that needs to be adjusted on goal 1.

***A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to approve Strategic Plan as submitted to allow scrivner’s changes. Seconded by Brian Christmas. All in favor.***

By-Laws – Charles Lamoreaux thanked all for the opportunity to serve, and is prepared and looks forward to the Fire – Rescue conference.

EMS – Due to General Assembly re-organizational efforts, DHEC is up in the air as to where they are going to land. DHEC will be giving CEU’s for the two conference EMS classes that we will be hosting.

Diversity – April 24<sup>th</sup>, a committee meeting was held and the group is finalizing with F-R Conference speakers.

Fire-Rescue Conference Experience – Alligator Adventure is onboard for this year with special offers, we have 4 to 6 putt-putt courses that will be offering discounts. Conway live has mural trail and restaurants that are going to be offering deals. They have offered to host a Movie night, but we are going to wait on that for now. Surfside will be offering deals at restaurants. Kid Zone will return this year, we are looking for help with staffing this area. For Soft Opening, the group is trying to secure a band. The explorer competition is planned. Some things the committee is looking at doing for next year are possibly a 5K, & a RIT Challenge Competition.

NVFC – Jack Kirlin is currently serving on the Homeland Security Committee for the NVFC and they have been meeting via zoom. Keith and Jack will fly to Washington DC on Friday for the NVFC Spring meeting. Our Delegates will have the opportunity to view the 1:30 minute movie that John Deere helped produce on Recruitment and Retention.

Officer Section – Joe Palmer reported, efforts are ongoing to meet challenges with communications and getting the new board to meet and discuss the future. Chris Kip has done an incredible job and now we want to make sure we keep up the energy to ensure the future leadership has the same passion. Kip has created a community with the monthly Jive, and newsletters. Your current slate of officers being offered to the membership are

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Doug Cline and Tian Griffeith

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Ben Williams, Clemson Fire

Treasure – No one running

Secretary – No one running

The Officer section will host a meeting at Fire – Rescue Conference on Thursday at 2:00 pm.

Life Safety Section – Blake Cole has requested to meet with Joe Palmer on getting the group started back up again. Currently they have disbanded and have \$20,000 assets frozen. Blake Cole is trying to organize a group to meet with the Executive Committee. One wish of the committee is this group must work closely with Fire Safe SC. This year there are no elections because currently there is no section. It was suggested that we move them to an adhoc committee. The president has the authority to create a Adhoc committee.

SCFIS – Mark Bryant – No Report

Jamie Helms – Jeff Allen is busy delivering cancer buckets. Patti's group is hosting a class today, and on May 30<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a peer connect meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities associated with the app and with funding.

Playbook Review was given by Joe Palmer.

Staff reported that voting for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President will start May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Old Business**

Yesterday, NFSA donated a side-by-side burn pod to SCSFA. This was a great event put on by the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition & Reliable Sprinkler. All sprinkler heads are and will continue to be donated by Reliable Sprinkler.

Architects - Building Process

May 1<sup>st</sup>, a draft proposal was reviewed with committee. There is not a lot to cut out of the draft. Public space was included with a mini museum component. The estimated new construction amount came back at between \$11 million to \$15 million. The Association will now need to find appropriate property. Staff and Committees will be working on funding strategies for the new building.

A Lunch Break was held.

The Association is in the process of searching for a new chaplain. Gary Rogers will be leaving us to go back into fulltime ministry. He has been our chaplain the last 13 years. A selection committee has been established and will begin the process after conference. This position is unique and not your everyday average chaplain. This person is someone who's willing to travel the state and serve in many different capacities. This is a prayerful process.

2023 Fire – Rescue Overview was held offering details of the upcoming event.

President Holzheimer thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year, it was a busy but good year.

***A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters to include the Executive Director and Deputy Director; seconded by Brian Christmas. All in favor.***

The Committee came out of session with no action taken.

***Jamie Caggiano made the motion to adjourn with Malcolm Burns seconding. All were in favor.***