

**Executive Committee Meeting
July 18, 2023**

Attendance: Malcolm Burns, Randy Arant, Brian Christmas, Pierce Womack, Jason Dennis, Josh Holzheimer, John Bowers, Ross Vezin, Terry Sheriff, Brad Kavetski, Kevin Henson, Charles Lamoreaux, Billy Barnes, Mike Norket, Billy Dillon, Jack Kirlin, Jana Kassianos, Brook Dennis, Rick Dunn, Zorrina Harmon, Carter Jones, Jamie Helms, Joe Palmer, Ashley Boltin

Guest: Jack Jansen, Greg Bulanow, Mike Goglia

9:59 am Called to order by President Malcolm Burns

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance by Carter Jones

Special Recognition for John “Jack” Jansen

US Coast Guard Presentation on Marine Firefighting program by Mike Goglia.

Opening Remarks by President Burns, he has reached out to all committee chairman and look forward to continuing great work this year. Please be you this year, ask question, it is okay not to always agree with what other are staying, asking questions that is how you learn. We have a great year ahead of us and he appreciates everyone service.

A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer to approve Minutes from May 16, 2023, as presented; seconded by Randy Arant. All in favor.

Playbook review for August by Joe Palmer.

Committee Reports

Finance & Audit – Randy Arant – I have reached out to everyone on the committee, and they are willing to continue to serve for the upcoming year.

Legislative Committee – Brian Christmas – On July 6th I met with Joe Palmer to get direction for the year. I have reached out to our committee members, and they are willing to serve for the upcoming year. This year if we continue the push for the pal800 but we need to have our partnering agencies standing with us.

Advisory – Pierce Womack – We hope to have a meeting in the coming weeks. All committee members supported the Hall of Fame addition of John Jansen.

Past President - Josh Holzheimer – We are having some retirement board discussions and looking at how to help keep our past presidents connected. James Frazier from Gantt Fire Dept. if anyone has contact information for him, please pass that along to me.

Supervisory – John Bowers- Lot going on, 3 classes coming up, one tonight in Irmo, Bluffton Aug 24th, York County Oct 17th. President Burns jumped in and said the question was brought up that why supervisory only has 3 members and with changes that came with current committee members retirement and committee members moving on, I have suggested to increase from a 3 person committee to a 5 member committee, this would provide an opportunity to divide the work load to implement the new members are going to be alternates to learn by bringing them in so they understand the process. One percent monies increase this year was right at 13%, we have only 1 county that went down. A total of 2.9-million-dollar increase across our state. The 10 question questionnaire will be going out to departments that are not currently in our system. We will have a zoom meeting on August 1st.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin- We have had lot of companies contact us. We will be reaching out to Active 911 to see if we can establish a group rate for our state, Top Golf, Mattress Firm, CMP is working on updating their loan program it is more than just house loans they offer. William Wood Watches contacted us we will be working with them; they want to donate a watch for next year's conference and have a booth. BGM sent funds for 6 social media post a year, this group is for emergency loans. I have reached out to all committee members, and all would like to continue to serve for the upcoming year. Burn Camp is coming up next month and we are excited to have the Executive Committee join us on carnival day. Ryan Eubanks is coming on board as the President and we continue to work on the next steps for moving our funding with the SCSFA foundation. This will allow us to offer camp to any burn child not just the MUSC kids.

Training & Education – Terry Sheriff – The Committee is very busy, we had a meeting last Friday. We have our quarterly meeting coming up in October and we are accepting applications for speakers for 2024 Fire - Rescue Conference through the end of September. Company Officer Academy had 61 applications for 25 slots. The committee is asking what is next? Ideas have that have been tossed around for maybe a training officers academy, or battalion level training academy.

Lunch Break

Recruitment & Retention – Billy Dillon – We held our first meeting on July 5th, we are looking to create a toolbox to help with department level recruitment and retention.

Health & Safety – Brad Kavestki – We look forward to having our first meeting in August and coming up with new ideas.

Strategic Planning – Kevin Henson – We meet last week and have had a few changes to our committee. We are going to update the plan with a Summary Page and a Close out page those are the only changes. Distribution methods will be left up to the association staff. As the chairman I have challenged all committee members to work with all committees to help meet their goals. I would like to bring the full committee to the Spring Work Session planning meeting.

EMS – Billy Barnes – We will hold our first meeting on August 4th.

Conference Committee – Mike Norket- Thank you to everyone for their help and I look forward to the hotwash.

Heritage Committee – Carter Jones - History booth was busy and well attended at Conference. We have a commitment for a Steam Engine next year. We continue to work on the oral interviews, ETV has been in contact with Dr. Moore – Merrell and Ms. Hover on getting interviews done with them. We can now say we have the largest helmet collection in the Southeast thanks to Chief Jansen, we have well over 200 helmets. Our next big project will be archiving. Joe Palmer spoke up and said he wants to separate the organization; it is growing a life of its own. We will be working on formalizing the separation with paperwork side in the coming months. This will help with financial implications, income, and loaning valuables.

NVFC – Jack Kirlin – In May Keith and I attended the NVFC, we don't have much other to report since last month. We continue to work on helping smaller departments with the AFG grants, this process is complicated. We would like to connect Billy Dillon and Jack Kirlin on recruitment tools. NVFC has some great toolboxes we can share.

Officer Section – Rick Dunn – The new leadership is hard at work

Section Chair – Mat Tidwell - Greer Fire

Section 1st VC - Doug Cline - Horry County Fire

Section 2nd VC – Ben Williams - Clemson Fire

Section Secretary – Tian Griffieth - North Charleston Fire

Section Treasurer - Drew Padgett - Pelham-Batesville Fire

Past Section Chair –Chris Kip, Columbia Fire

Applications for the next officer academy has been narrowed from 61 applications to 30 and those all have been notified and are working on phase two then we will narrow it to 25.

SCFIS – Zorrina Harmon – It is a busy time for us as it is renewal season. The association trust fund (health care) is doing very well. This year most renewals were a flat rate with only one department having an increase of over 5%. The industry average is 18% increase.

Jamie Helms – Patti Graham was selected to speak at Vision 20/20 Conference, she continues to work on scheduling the movie in our state at multiple locations. Her group also continues to work on the Mile in our Boots Conference to be held in Colleton County in September.

We have 2 positions open currently at the association. The first one is for a admin position we have received 38 applications so far. The Foundation position has received 18.

The Foundation Golf Tournament net \$22,000 this year.

Chaplain Search – Joe Palmer – This group has a zoom meeting set for next Wednesday the 26th to work on the process.

Old Business

Architect / Building Process Update by President Burns today we will go tour the FBI building, we have been working behind the scenes to see if we can get a building at a reduced rate and renovate or is buying land and new construction going to be our best bet.

New Business

2023 Fire – Rescue Hotwash – Review, total attendance 5,549, family classes were successful, registration and kid zone went well. Next year we will work on using the new APP. We received 253 surveys from the courses.

Total Attendance: 5,549

Wednesday – Classes 208 total (188 members / 20 guest)

Golf – 140

Thursday – Classes 708 total (662 members / 46 guest)

Exhibit Hall – 504 total (398 members / 106 guest)

Friday – 732 total (691 members / 41 guest)

Exhibit Hall – 1895 total (1051 members / 844 guest)

1,627 only attended on Friday

Saturday – Classes 107 total (95 members / 12 guest)

Exhibit Hall – 750 total (402 members / 348 guest)

460 folks only attended on Saturday

Overview of meeting dates for the coming year.

August 8th at Burn Camp will be our next meeting.

A motion by Josh Holzheimer at 1:40 pm to adjourn; seconded by Randy Arant. All in favor.