

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2023

**In-Person Attendees:** Joe Palmer, Josh Holzheimer, Nathan Ellis, John Jones, Jamie Helms, Brian Christmas, Zorrina Harmon, Marcia Greer, Jana Kassianos, Patti Graham, Jamie Caggiano, Malcolm Burns, Tracy Williams, Rick Dunn, Terry Sheriff, Rickie Jenkins, John Bowers, Jeff Oswald, Carter Jones, Ashely Boltin, Ross Vezin, and Mark Bryant

1:34 pm Meeting called to order by President Holzheimer.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Rick Dunn

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

**Nathan Ellis – State Fire:**

- Email sent by Josh Fulbright organizations to pledge to purchase Fire Safe pieces for the Fire Rescue Conference

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to purchase the \$1500 signs for Fire Safe: seconded by Malcolm Burn. All in favor.**

- The Red Cross campaign in Spartanburg County on April 22<sup>nd</sup> needs volunteers.
- The Fire Safe booth at Fire Rescue will need volunteers.
  - A time slot sign-up sheet for both the Fire Safe and Association Booth will circulate.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance & Audit, Malcolm Burns**

- Emailed out Financials
  - Bryan Bailey would be the point person on any questions with the Financials

**Legislative, Randy Arant via Joe Palmer**

- Legislative Day
  - Great Success and a win because of the large impact on staffers.
  - A large crowd of Fire Service personnel on the state grounds.
  - The crowd came, ate, and stayed to talk. They were not in a rush to leave.
  - Bruce Bannister should have received the Order of the Maltese award and will need to find a time and location to present him with the award.
  - Ashley received several phone calls signing praises of Legislative Day.
  - The budget for this year has been crafted and Pal8 is not dead yet but is not likely to receive funds this year.
    - Next year pick up the campaign with the same message.
    - New other companies to join in on the fight.

- Out of the 384 eligible departments, 379 have applied for the VSAFE grant.

#### Advisory, Brian Christmas

- Videoring for award winners will start next week for the Fire Rescue conference.

#### John Jones

- Nothing to report.

#### State Supervisory, John Bowers

- Committee meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the 1% audit results and confirm scoring for departments.
- Continue 1% Regional Training Classes
  - 04/20/23 – Berkeley County
  - 06/15/23 – Fire - Rescue Conference
  - 06/16/23 – Fire - Rescue Conference
  - 08/24/23 – Beaufort County
  - 10/17/23 – York County
- 1% expenditure requests are rolling in.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cleveland School Fire
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> – Evening event
    - Dinner
    - Roundtable of stories of the tragic event
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> -
    - Recognition service
      - School Site
      - Grave Site
- John Bowers announced his retirement for Camden Fire effective June 30<sup>th</sup>
- History
  - ETV has started filming for the Cleveland School Fire

#### Training & Education, Terry Sheriff

- Looking for a speaker for the Quarterly meeting in October
- Looking for available Acquired Structures for Fire Service 2024.

#### Members Benefits, Ross Vezin

- Monthly Topics
  - May – Mental Health
  - June – National Stand Down Day
- Looking to schedule a Cancer Coalition meeting with State Fire Marshal, Jonathan Jones.

#### Health & Safety, Tracy Williams

- Will meet in April via Zoom

### Foundation, Jamie Caggiano

- Looking for items for the Silent auction.
- The scholarship's deadlines are at the end of the month. Only a handful of applications have been submitted.

### Playbook May

- FDIC – End of April
- Logistics of Fire - Rescue
- Election process – Voting test emails sent out
  - Only 69 emails bounced or have an issue
  - Brick is working to correct the issue.
- Fire Rescue Planning
- Leadership Institute will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Scheduling next year's meeting dates

### Old Business

- All departments are currently in good standing regarding dues, forms, and voting members.

### New Business

#### Fire - Rescue

- Travel Plans for Instructors are being planned.
- 37 banquet tickets have been purchased
- 12 teams/40 people registered for the Golf Tournament.
- EVENTS
  - Alligator Adventure and Wonderworks
  - Working on finalizing the Scavenger hunt and Putt Putt
  - Wednesday Night
    - Broadway at the Beach
      - There will be a Stage, DJ, Food and a good time to be had
      - In our Budget
  - Thursday Night
    - Soft Vendor Hall opening
      - The first 500 will receive a hat.
    - Opening Ceremony – looks good with the speakers lined up
- Room Block has sold out.
- Request for Funds out of the Fire - Rescue Money Market Account
  1. \$10,000 to hire a production team for videoing awards.

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to approve the \$10,000 for a production team: seconded by Brian Christmas. All in favor.**

2. \$30,000 for a company to run registration and print badges.
  - Eventure will manage registration with an app
  - Questions
    - Can we sell sponsorship and banner to offset the cost?
    - Is it user friendly
    - Do you have to have the app to register/print a badge
      - No, An individual can look up their name at a kiosk at the conference
  - Everyone will be pre-registered
  - Registration is the first impression of the conference
  - This option does have attendees tracking ability for numbers
  - Membership cards will still be printed
    - Picked up at SCSFA booth
  - Next year's budget will include the funds for registration.

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to approve funding; seconded by Brian Christmas. All in Favor**

#### Firefighter Mobilization

- Brian LeGette will be retiring on June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- President Holzheimer recommends Tres Atkinson for the position

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to recommend Tres Atkinson for firefighter mobilization replacing Brian LeGette, this request will be sent to the governor for approval; seconded by John Bowers All in favor.**

#### Life Safety Education Section

- The section has not met in over a year.
- Joe Palmer received an email stating Blake Cole as president and that the section would like to hold an election
- Fire Safe performs the same actions as LSE but LSE can charge for membership. Membership dues can be spent on purchases like the Fire Safe Signs for the conference.
- Malcolm Burns questioned if the board has already dissolved the sections

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano for the SCSFA Staff to research if the Board has already dissolved the Life Safety Education section and if not to meet with Blake Cole to discuss the section's mission and report back; seconded by Malcolm Burns All in favor.**

#### Gary Rogers

- Resigning from Boiling Springs and as Chaplain for the Association and returning to the pulpit for time.
- A selection committee to fill the chaplain role

**A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to induce Gary Rogers into the Hall of Fame at the 2023 Fire - Rescue Conference; seconded by Malcolm Burns. All in Favor**

May Travel Itinerary

- May 5<sup>th</sup> –
  - National Fallen Firefighter Memorial
- May 15<sup>th</sup> –
  - Sprinkler Training in Liberty
    - Expected 800 in attendance
    - Need folks in uniform
- May 16<sup>th</sup> –
  - Executive Committee meeting at the Revolutionary War Center in Camden
  - Cleveland School evening event – round table discussion
- May 17<sup>th</sup> –
  - 100th anniversary of Cleveland School presentation – Class A attire
  - Leadership Institute will meet that afternoon
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Travel to Washington DC trip via a train ride
- May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Travel back from Washington DC

Airshow in Beaufort

- April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Cook lunch at the Fire Station
- Ashley needs a headcount by April 19<sup>th</sup>

DEI Summit

- Great Day and turnout.
- 78 in attendances
- Please submit survey

Re-Boot Class

- 3-Day event for post-traumatic
- Victory Ranch in Eastover

**Adjourn for the day at 3:13 pm**