

Executive Committee
April 13, 2021
Minutes

Attendance: Keith Minick, Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Macolm Burns, Jamie Helms, Tres Atkinson, John Bowers, Ross Vezin, Tracy Williams, Jason Pope, Zorrina Harmon, Patti Graham, Carter Jones, Jeff Allen, Rick Dunn, Brick Lewis, Randy Arant, Brook Mixson, Jana Kassianos, Jeff Oswald, Marcia Greer, Charlie King
Zoom: Billy Dillon, Bryan Bailey, Ryan Eubanks.

10:01 Call to Order by President Minick

Invocation & Pledge by Jason Pope

Welcome from President Minick, welcomed our guest Randy Arant.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to accept the Minutes as presented from March 17 - 18, 2021; seconded by Josh Holzheimer. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Legislative – Josh Holzheimer – Hearing for the Senate’s Finance Committee meets today. The LLR/State Fire budget request continues to move through the process with favorable reports. The “Firefighter Training Reimbursement bill” made crossover to Senate LCI. The Legislative Committee is to work with staff to develop a plan for where the Association stands. We are planning to deliver to the Legislation Thank You notes, Cups and Lapel pins to each legislator as the spring session comes to a close.

Strategic Planning – Malcolm Burns – We are compiling reports from last month’s exercise, we will share and go through as a committee.

Advisory – Jamie Helms – Letters have been generated to award recipients.

Foundation – Tres Atkinson – We have one request out to the foundation trustees to for approval, we are working on Foundation Golf Tournament for June 9th. On May 4th will be Midlands Gives and we will have a Baseball Game with the Columbia Fireflies in July.

Supervisory – John Bowers – Request have slowed down some, on April 27th we have a 1% Seminar in Pickens. We are missing 16 departments 206/207 form. It is important that we receive updated Local Board of Trustee forms each year. There are 2 departments loosing membership this year Mountville & Sandy Ridge Fire Departments. Discussion was had to encourage departments to submit annual budgets. Jana reviewed the process of how departments are communicated with when they don’t pay dues. Chief Bowers confirmed that departments are given every opportunity possible.

Finance & Audit – Charlie King – Charlie gave an update about actions from the last meeting. Transfers are in process and waiting on insurance funds until due dates. Financials were distributed.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin – We have not had a meeting since the last executive committee. Our next meeting will be in May. We are in the process of adding a large mortgage company to our benefits list.

Health & Safety – Tracy Williams - We are waiting on coalition meeting and will report out after that meeting.

By- Laws – Jason Pope – Jason stated the committee has not met since the last Executive Committee Meeting. President Minick explained that we all need to be sharing the by-law changes around this table. Executive Director King stated that changes and current by laws will be going to the committee. It was suggested we host a Zoom call/meeting to address any questions. We could target the Delegates and have a Question & Answer session. A list of all meetings is on our website calendar, Executive Committee can view the calendar to attend meetings to help share and sale the changes.

EMS – Ryan Eubanks – The EMS committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. 61-7 Regulation has been discussed and DHEC has formed a group to help with EMS Regulations. Henry Lewis has been hired as the Executive Director for the EMS Association.

Insurance – Zorrina Harmon – Zorrina gave an update and discussed that the 2021 Memorial Service will be on the Sunday of conference. A discussion was had about Cancer Bill & RFD.

SCFAST – Patti Graham – Patti gave an update on SCFAST. SCFAST & EMS Association are working to help get EMS committee members access to clinicians. SCFAST member Mitch Stewarts mother passed away.

History – Carter Jones – Carter participated in the SC Federation of Museum Conference and he has received great feedback and made some new contacts. He has had several requests for presentation and help with writing articles for other museums as well. We will have some other museums as guest in our History booth at the Fire – Rescue Conference. Carter has been meeting weekly with the National Heritage Museum at the Fire Side Chats. The history initiatives have a lot of potential to influence all types of organizations. Carter has a photographer Mr. Bill Seagers who wants to take pictures of Old Fire Stations and provide a map of where you can visit these stations, we look forward to working with him on this project. Carter discussed the 27 Line of duty deaths that he has found in his research that have never been recognized. These all have been since 1863. We need to start thinking about how we can recognize these that he finds along the way.

Sprinkler Coalition – Jeff Allen – Burn trailers are coming along, the sprinkler display we are updating with last years data. Jeff is on SC Keeping Kids Safe & SC Safe Swim organizations. Fire Departments are getting involved but its resources can be use by all. President Minick invited both of these groups to join us at conference.

Webmaster – Rick Dunn – Rick went over daily changes for Fire – Rescue. The new website is coming along, Brook & Rick have started internal meeting with staffs and groups to sort content. We look forward to the unveiling in June.

Training & Education – Billy Dillon – Chief Dillion gave an update on Fire – Rescue. A discussion was had on the regional trainings. Concerns of regional trainings to close to conference will deter folks from coming to conference. It was agreed that we go forward with the May training and wait until after Fire – Rescue to host all others.

Lunch

Randy Arant was given a few minutes to address the group.

Old Business

2021 Fire – Rescue – Executive Director King stated that we are 6 weeks away. We have done another site visit with the Convention Center. Brick gave an overview of registration this year. Executive Director King ask the committee to forgive the nonmember charges for the exhibit hall. The Executive Committee agreed. Executive Director King reviewed over the facility mask ordonnance but that could change along with classroom number restrictions. The building maximum is 2,300. The Executive Committee agreed to keep everything under one roof at the convention center and not use the alumni center. The 2021 t-shirt design was shared.

New Business

Keith Minick discussed that the back lot has been cleared off.
The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service at the Academy is tomorrow.
V Safe Grants will hopefully be awarded next week.

A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; seconded by John Bowers. All in favor.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano out of Executive Session and to move forward with payment to the SC Retirement Board; seconded by Tres Atkinson. All in favor.

A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer to adjourn meeting at 2:17 pm; seconded by Jamie Helms. All in favor.