



# MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Bishop International Airport  
G-3425 W. Bristol Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507  
1:10 PM April 11, 2011**

**Roll call of Officers:**

**Present:** President Bigger, Exec. V.P. Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer DuVall, V.P. Butler, V.P. Wilson, Trustee Beeler, Trustee Evans, and Trustee Sehlmeier, Past President Cousins.

**Excused absences:** V.P. Weber, V.P. Scrutchen, and Trustee Nahgahgwon.

**Guests:** None

**Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the Feb. 7, 2011 minutes as written. Approved and seconded and passed. (DuVall/Beeler)

**Communications:**

President Bigger stated that we received a letter from the insurance company stating the services they provide, similar to VFIS. We will get that on the web site. Discussion held.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer DuVall reported that we currently have \$23779.34 in our account with all bills paid up to that date as submitted. Discussion held and a motion to accept the treasures report. We now have an EIN number. We do have an upcoming lawyer bill. Approved and seconded and passed. (Beeler/VanHorn)

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Education/Scholarships:**

VP Blomstrom reported on that we have had one applicant so far, Katelyn McGuire. At the current time we had not received a check from MCM on the Scholarship fund. President Bigger will check into this. Discussion held.

**Application/Membership:**

Secretary VanHorn reported that we currently have 168 members in good standing for 2011 member applications. All board members have paid.

**Instructor of the Year:**

VP Weber has not received any nominations yet. No other report. Discussion held. We need to get the information out.

**Conference/Program:**

Pres. Bigger stated that he wanted to do 50/50 raffles during the conference. There is a fee to set up with the State. The drawing date will be on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 1:00 pm. \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 to get 6 tickets. 1 - 50/50 drawing only during conference. Board is exempt. Discussion held. Motion that the drawing happens at previously stated. Passed (Evans/Blomstrom). Discussion held.

**Web Report:**

Ongoing. Need more training updates. No other report.

**Insurance:**

Pretty much beat up. Pres. Bigger will contact Melissa for the money.

**Recruitment/Programs:**

No Report.

**Special Committees:**

**Joint Council:**

VP Blomstrom reported that there was nothing going on, however they were kicking around the Senate bill 212 (Education in High School) for holding FF I&II in a high school setting. Senate bill 215 & 216, (Fire Chief to also be the head of Public Works) also discussed. There is some law out there that keeps this from happening. This is trying to be changed for currently 1 department. This is being discussed. Fireworks bill is being discussed. Nothing else is happening.

**OFFT & Training Council:**

Trustee Sehlmeier stated that everybody should be aware that you can use any one of the three publishers for Fire Officer. Talked about the new Instructor 1 class and when it will be held and the fact we would like to hold it at the conference. Discussion held. VP Brian Blomstrom will be the new MFSIA representative member of the Fire Training Council. Mike C. will make copy of his book that he had and get it to Brian. Thanked Mike Cousins for holding that position.

**Coalition:**

VP Blomstrom gave a report on the coalition and they had all the bills they were going to talk about. The biggest issue was the talk the governor had in Muskegon. Reference the fund sharing from the state. Governors talk was discussed, the dashboard, and consolidation and budgetary things. The other discussion was were the municipalities were upset with the change in retirement, however the Governor did state that he would be acceptable to a 10% cap payment into retirement rather than putting everybody into a 457. Pres. Bigger stated that he cannot go to the meetings, and he asked if there was anyone that would go. POAM is pushing public safety trying to change some wording in the laws about act 312, however if it goes to arbitration then the arbitrator has to look at consolidation of the police and fire as part of arbitration. Pres. Bigger stated that is very hard to conduct a meeting when the enemy is sitting there. (Purchase) It was suggested that the members of the coalition draft a letter to the chiefs referencing a difference representative for the coalition. Discussion held.

**Part 74 Committee:**

VP Blomstrom didn't make the meeting, they are looking at training.

**501 C4, Non Profit Corporation:**

President Bigger stated that we have our number now. Working on the incorporation papers.

**Scholarship Committee:**

VP Blomstrom asked that Rick Beeler be chair of this committee. Discussion held.

**Old Business:**

Conference dates / website.

Pres. Bigger handed out the time lines that he has put together as far as being filled in. Kevin had a commitment for John Norman for Saturday. Motion on the floor to accept John Norman's proposal for Saturday all day class. Sehlmeier/Duvall Motion passed. Also Pat Butler had names of someone else. We talked about prices. We need more to fill in the schedule. Talked about more names that were submitted. Discussion held

**New Business:**

None

**Location for next meeting:**

**The next meeting will be:**

Monday, June 6, 2011

Meeting 1:00 PM

Greenville Public Schools Central Services Facility

1414 W. Chase Rd.

Greenville, MI 48838

**Good of the Order / Idea Exchange:**

None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was entertained and second. (Blomstrom/Evans)

The meeting was adjourned at 1552

Respectfully submitted

Rick VanHorn

MFSIA Secretary