



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**April 16, 2018
Winter Inn
100 W. Lafayette
Greenville, MI 48838**

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President Bigger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call of Officers:

President Bigger, VP Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer Dean, East VP Wilson, South VP Wlosinski, West VP Cleveland, Members at Large, Dornbush, Johnson and Past President Cousins.

Excused Absences:

UP VP Tracy, North VP Silva. Member at Large Parker, Pashkowsky.

Guests:

Fire Marshall Kevin Sehlmyer, Eileen VanHorn

Guest Presentations (Preapproved, 5-minute time limit):

None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as noted (Wilson / Blomstrom) Passed

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to approve the December 8, 2017 & February 9, 2018 minutes as written. (Johnson / Blomstrom) Passed 1 Abstention:(Cleveland)

Audience Forum/Comments (3minute time limit):

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean emailed out the full 20-page report. It shows a \$7000.00 in our fund balance from previous year. We don't have any outstanding significant payables. On the quick book sheet, it shows \$21,856.79 which was yesterday which I turned in that and on 3/31/18 it shows \$22,556.79. It shows a \$ 7000.00 difference from previous year which is not the highest or our lowest we have been at this point, but it is still a stable number. We will have about \$3000.00 to pay out this month. Dean explained the packet he emailed of different categories and uncategorized expenditures, but it shows all the expenditures and income on the other sheets attached. was dropped by Quicken. Discussion on the report. Chris and Rick will be looking into the transaction costs to 2 checkout amongst our other charges for memberships. Motion on floor (Cleveland/Johnson) Passed

Standing Committees

Instructor of the Year (Wilson/Wlosinski/Blomstrom):

VP Wilson stated that he had the plaque for Mark. There were some changes on the plaque Ray didn't know were they came from. That's all he had. Need to check on the links for the IOY forms. Discussion held.

Conference/Programs (Bigger/Blomstrom/Silva/Parker):

Pres. Bigger passed out the first draft of the conference. He explained the Conference activities and the instructor lineup to the board. We have 18 instructors that requested to instruct at the conference. Gave some background to what he changed and that he is fulfilling what the survey stated. Vender registration is on line and active for the conference. Don talked about the next 3-year contract time and gave dates and costs, (see attached letter 17 May 2018) Discussion held.

Articles and By-Laws (Johnson/Wilson/Pashkowsky):

Member at Large Johnson made comment about the insurance clause that the insurance company requested to put into our bylaws. He didn't want it to put it into Article 10, but he could put there. Basically, he has Members in good standing shall be covered by insurance, coverage provided by the association while the members are traveling to and from instructional events within the State of Michigan. Jack will stick it the bylaws if everybody is happy with the verbiage and will vote on it next meeting. President Bigger will check with Decker about clarifying what we need to have in the bylaws prior to inserting the part Jack had stated above, also Bigger is checking on some new insurance for other corporations. Discussion held.

Public Relations and Conference Advertising (Silva/ Tracy/Parker/Johnson)

Member at Large Johnson reported that at the February meeting it was voted on to put money in the Facebook account for advertising and he wonder how to

about that. Sec. VanHorn stated he will load the amount voted on at the Egleston meeting (\$150.00) and have ready for Jack to spend. He's been getting some questions and between Jack and Rick have been getting pictures or classes on Face Book. Nothing else to report.

South VP Wlosinski stated that he is going to the Novi Chiefs, we have an offer to split a booth with the Michigan Fire Training Consultants as we have done in past years. They never asked for money in the past years, however they asked if we could split the cost with them. The cost to us is \$200.00. The request was made into a motion and seconded. (Cleveland/Johnson) Motion passed

Membership/Web Report: (VanHorn/ Johnson/Cleveland/Tracy):

VanHorn reported that we have 339 current members that includes Lifetime members. I sent out 15 reminders of expiration from February and March. We have twelve groups of 10 or more now in the association. When they expire, I send to group leaders for renewal rather than all members. This time last year, we are up about 30 members. We lose some and gain some. Some of the old-time members are dropping off or have changed their emails and have not communicated that. Discussion Held.

Education/Research/Development : (Pashkowski/Dornbush/Cleveland):

No report.

Special Committees/Reports/Communications

Scholarship & IOY (Parker/Dornbush/Dean)

No report

All forms are Up to Date. They will be change in October to the October 1st date on the forms for the new 3-year contract.

Joint Council (Wlosinski/Pashkowski)

Wlosinski reported they had one meeting and Ray Wlosinski has been elevated to vice-chair. Joint council is growing. Information about the Fire Marshall's Public Education effort. Legislative, we discussed 291 rules, got a quick report on the State Continuing Education. Discussion on the Company Officer Program vs the new regulation and how that is going to change. Question raised at Joint Council that if we lower the Instructor 1 pass score to 70% how that would affect the pass scores, that is something that needs to go before Curriculum Committee to decide. Cancer Presumption trying to add Paid on Call and others to the bill, there's more discussion to adding funding to the bill, right now rough estimate there's \$3 mil in the fund and additional funds to be provided by the Medical marijuana bill. Chair stated that there were 2 denials to the Cancer bill and they went thru the appeal and were awarded funds. If you know of any one that got denied going through the appeal. There is an Asbestos bill to provide any claims of asbestos related illness, An EMS bill being drafted, one of the things in discussion is to provide the day after pill to a rape cases, and a mandatory

carrying of Narcan. Many more things going on. Next mtg. May 22 @ 10 am. Discussion held.

OFFT & Fire Fighter Training Council (**Blomstrom**)

Blomstrom reported that the Council had two meetings in the last 60 days, one on Feb 13 where Brian was reappointed vice-chair person for council at that meeting. 674 people that did not sign the agreement in smoke that was due January 31st. Doing interactive tv training at Houghton County that working pretty well with 25 students. All Counties are to submit a spreadsheet on all of their training and the use of the Fireworks making sure they are synced with SMOKE only 45 of the 83 counties have responded with that request. Some of the other highlights from the last 2 meetings.

Fire Marshall was at the meeting and spoke about Online testing is now live it is being utilized in a few places.

There is a glitch in SMOKE after an update regarding class rosters.

Gov. Delivery – recalls will have their own area, training will now only be posted every Wednesday.

Instructor pathway maps will be posted on website soon.

FM spoke extensively on Fire Deaths and our numbers in the State. He stated his Office is working on an electronic map of Fire Death locations in the State and get it posted to the website. We need to work to reduce these numbers.

The Fire Marshals Contract was extended for two more years until April 2020.

FM reported that all 9 NFA classes were submitted.

Spoke about the Fireworks money and requested to all Counties to spend the money. Discussion held

Curriculum Committee (**Wlosinski/Blomstrom**)

VP Blomstrom reported that they have not met, however Brian told them about the new NFA classes and they were to go back to their groups to get The Fire Marshal was present and spoke on the Leadership classes. He stated the NFA made it very clear that the new classes weren't replacement but new courses. The only way you can teach those classes is go to Maryland and take the TtT class. An Instructor I or II would have to take the class to teach these courses. The new courses can only be taught by Chief Feichtner in Oakland County can teach them as he went to the Fire Academy and took the classes. Mark Fankhauser is going to a TtT in Maryland to be able to teach the new classes. The Fire Marshall is working to get the classes here. Discussion Held.

Coalition (**Bigger/Blomstrom**)

President Bigger stated same as Joint Council but they are working to get cancer presumption included for Paid-On-Call and Volunteer as well. We now have the data to show that it isn't going to be the extreme costly amount as first thought. Discussion held.

FSCC (Dean)

Treasurer Dean report there has been no meeting. The last meeting was two – three months ago and that didn't go. So, he does not know when or if it exists.

Upper Peninsula Vice President (Tracy)

No Report

West Vice President (Cleveland)

No Report

East Vice President (Wilson)

No Report, however there are a lot of questions about the CO prerequisites and the differences between the old and new coming up.

South Vice President (Wlosinski)

No Report

North Vice President (Silva)

No Report

Treasurer (Dean)

No Report

Secretary (VanHorn)

No Report

Executive Vice President (Blomstrom)

Get your CO Prerequisites down now before the new curriculum is out. He has been pushing the MFSIA organization.

President (Bigger)

Don mentioned about the folders and stuff, Decker will be at the conference and have a table setup with all the information for the association members. The invoice I gave Chris from McNeil is a little larger than last time as Don reported that he is trying to get both McNeil and Provident to send their bill on June each year. They did update that they have found an underwriter that will rate for a County Fire Training Committee. Decker will also have that information at the conference. Bigger received a letter from the appointments committee that we must submit for the Training Council appointments. President Bigger reported that he had to give 3 names to appointments committee and he contacted all qualified board members as our By-Laws require to be a member of the Board of Directors for 4 years to be eligible for FFTC appointment. He submitted Brian Blomstrom, Don Bigger and Ray Wlosinski as the MFSIA names on March 3, 2018.

Old Business

Decker Insurance (Folders) Decker is going to partner with us on the printing of the conference folders with our and their logos on the folders.

New Business

New Desktop Computer (VanHorn) Secretary VanHorn reported that we need to replace the main MFSIA computer as it is going on 9 years old and is showing signs of filing. The cost for a replacement will be \$ 1299.00. Motion on the floor to allow Rick to purchase a new desktop. (Cleveland/Dean) Discussion held Passed.

VP Blomstrom – Reported that MFSIA will sponsor the new NFA ISO course will be in Greenville January 19 & 20, 2019.

Next Meeting

June 9, 2018 at:

11:00 Lunch

12:00 Meeting

Charlevoix Township Hall

12491 Waller Road

Charlevoix, MI 49720

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Cleveland). Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 1440

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Rick VanHorn