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Some notes from the MFSIA meeting held at the Winter Inn in Greenville, MI on 4/6/2018.

- Treasurers Report – current Association balance prior to paying new insurance bill is 22,556.79.
- Instructor Of The Year – No Nominations received as of yet. Please consider taking a minute down load the application off MFSIA website and nominate an Instructor you know that goes above and beyond. There will be 4 regional awards and 1 overall State award.
- Conference - Initial class schedule was presented this is still a work in progress hopefully to be finalized by the next meeting. We had extensive discussion on the need to move the conference dates due to increasing room costs. If we keep our October dates the room costs will be \$250 or more. The Executive Board decided in the best interest of members that have to pay for their own rooms that this is a good move. With the options presented to keep it affordable the best option will be the First Weekend in December, **starting in 2019**. We secured a 3 year contract with the Park Place to keep costs down. The **2018** Conference will remain as the last weekend in October.
- Articles and By-Laws – Draft language introduced to be added to the insurance area defining when a member in good standing is covered during instructional activities. Also adding the definition of a member in good standing.
- Membership – We have 339 current members and Rick has sent out 52 reminders of expired membership from March.
- Public Relations – Facebook still getting regular hits. Jack will start promoting the conference very soon. Ray Wlosinski asked for the association to split cost of table at the Midwest Fire Expo in Novi with MI Fire Training Consultants at the cost of \$200 Motion made seconded and passed.
- Joint Council – Ray is now Vice Chair. They started a training sub-committee to keep track of legislation regarding training. There is a proposed EMS Bill to include mandatory carrying of Narcan. Ron Farr received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the NVFC. The next meeting for the Joint Council will be May 22, 2018.
- OFFT – VP Blomstrom reported out on some of the highlights from the last 2 meetings. 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. 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. The Fire Marshal is working to get the classes here. VP Blomstrom also noted he had been reelected as the Vice Chair of the FFTC.

- Coalition – 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. Also if you know of anyone that has put in for this and got denied please have them appeal this because there has been 2 denied and appealed only to be successful.
- VP Blomstrom – Reported that MFSIA Sponsored new NFA ISO course will be in Greenville January 19 & 20, 2019.
- 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.
- Old Business – Decker Insurance is going to partner with the association for printing of folders for the conference.
- New Business – Secretary VanHorn reported that we need to replace Association desk top computer. Motion Cleveland 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean to replace the computer at a cost of \$1298 all yes.
- Fire Marshal –
  - 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
- The next MFSIA meeting will be in Charlevoix on June 9, 2018. Please look at website for location and times.

Respectfully,

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