



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2019

**Egleston Twp. Fire Department
5428 E. Apple Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49442**

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by President Bigger

Pledge of Allegiance: None done no flag

Roll Call of Officers:

President Bigger, VP Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer Dean, UP VP Tracy, West VP Cleveland, Members at Large, Dornbush, Parker (on phone).

Excused Absences:

North VP Silva, East VP Wilson, South VP Wlosinski, Member at Large, Pashkowsky, Hubbard and Past President Cousins.

Guests:

Eileen VanHorn, Cameron Pichan, Chief Styles

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

None

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to approve the June 14, 2019 minutes as written. (VanHorn/Blomstrom) Passed
Motion to Approve the September Executive Board Meeting Minutes. (Bigger/Dean)
Passed

Audience Forum/Comments (3minute time limit): None

Treasurer's Report

reported currently, as of today we have \$42,495.25 in the checking account and 1797.02 in savings.

Standing Committees

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

VP Wilson stated that he had none at this time. Mark made sure that the dates on the applications were changed to September 30, due to the change of the conference.

Conference/Programs (Bigger/Blomstrom/Cleveland):

Pres. Bigger reported that the date is set. Mark Cleveland is getting the CE's together for all levels. Class descriptions and Bio's need to be into Rick by **August 1st, 2019**. Don has about 10 people interested in do a class. Our being worried about filling the room block, we won't have to because they are filled right now. Don is working on obtaining some more rooms. Rick is working on Vender registration. Discussion held.

Articles and By-Laws (Hubbard/Wilson/VanHorn):

Member at Large Hubbard reported that he has not had a lot of time to spend on it, however he has some ideas. Committee members will be reviewing some suggestions that Guy had and other items and bring back to the Board. Discussion held.

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

VanHorn reported that we have 384 current members that includes Lifetime members, 25 new members, I have 35 renew emails out for their consideration. We have seven groups of 10 or more now in the association. When they expire, I send to group leaders for renewal rather than all members. If you have, classes that are sent to me they will go on the web site. The material goes to Facebook and web. Discussion Held.

Tabletop Display we need the insurance information. Your annual membership includes with all that includes on a display. Something that would be visual.

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

Need to update the brochure with more of the benefits. This is the direction the committee is heading. Even on the backside of the tabletops with Join the organization with a website address to go to. Need to change our program for the conference. Map with the Board of Directors and emails. Starting to get ink pens and such. Maybe carabiners. The information from Ray of Provident they will not

be taking the board out they will co-sponsor the hospitality room. Discussion Held.

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

Look into getting the Drivers Ed into the Blue Book. Mark having problems with out a manual. Brian suggested to give them the TtT instructor manual a try. The committee is working on now that the NRC Instructor standard has been updated and revised to ask the blessing of the board to go ahead and look at reviewing and updating the current Instructor program and offering suggestions to update the State Instructors program and check with the Fire Marshall on where he is at with the programs. Discussion held.

Special Committees

Deward Beeler Scholarship (Parker/Dornbush/Dean)

Member at Large Dornbush reported that we have 1 application at this time, she gave a little background on application. Pres. Bigger stated to keep in mind that Rick Beeler and his mother have been inviter to present the scholarship. Discussion held.

Joint Council (Wlosinski/Pashkowsky)

Wlosinski reported he has nothing to report on right now. Discussion held.

Fire Fighter Training Council (Blomstrom)

Blomstrom reported that the Council had their meeting prior to ours. They took care of all the special meetings that the council went to. In SMOKE the Arson Detection for the First Responders class was locked down and replaced with Fire Investigation for First Responders that was supposed to happen a year ago. Fire Marshall needs to talk with the State Police about ICS 300-400 that there will be dual enrollment between SMOKE and MI Training for anybody that is teaching the class. MIOSH is updating for Live Fire Training as far as Part 74. Go to MIOSHA about that. Motion to remove the Instructor 2 Moratorium that was voted down 6 to 3. Motion to have the council packet out online as close to the meeting as possible for more transparence to the meeting and that passed. There is no set time period before the meeting could be the day of the meeting. Discussion about general rules and the update. Basically, the document has been gone through and is in a second review, as soon as that is done to see if they missed anything it will go to the council for a final vote. IFSTA and J&B implementation dates the idea is to have the new curriculum start October 1st. New NFA class has been adopted, Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters, proposed by Dan Hammerberg and was passed contingent on the fact the NFA will allow it to be a hand off class and a few of the Q Courses were passed. Discussion held.

Curriculum Committee (Wlosinski/Blomstrom)

South VP Wlosinski reported lot of time will be spent on the practical evaluation sheets for ff1 & ff2. Any changes talk to Ray. Discussion Held.

Coalition (Bigger/Blomstrom/)

Pres. Bigger reported that next meeting April 29th. He gets things out also HB 4391 was introduced They want fire departments trained. We are not in support of that bill. Meeting on the 29th, Capital day in March. Don got jumped on about why we are needing to train fire fighters. Go talk to firefighters to get the real story. The March capital day went well. Mark brought up we have a small issue on we need a solid funding source for cancer presumption and Don stated that they are working on it. Discussion held.

Prevention MI. (Pashkowsky)

No Report, Meeting cancelled.

Public Assemblage Ad Hoc (Cleveland /Cousins)

West VP Cleveland stated it died in Lame Duck- moving to June.

Reports/Communications

Upper Peninsula Vice President	Tracy	No Report
West Vice President	Cleveland	Anyone needing ICS300-400 there is one that is available non fireworks funded for \$60.00 on MI Train and SMOKE will be at Muskegon Fire Department.
East Vice President	Wilson	No Report
South Vice President	Wlosinski	See Curriculum.
North Vice President	Silva	Jessie had a issue with putting on a HazMat class and there was no proctor to do the test reference to go to the next FF I & II class. That will never happen because there are only 12 there and they are not going to fund \$110.00 for each to fly and get a hotel to take one. This is the only hiccup.
Treasurer	Dean	No Report
Secretary	VanHorn	Received a check back from 5/3 bank for over charging us on the credit card of Chris and also have paperwork signed by Don and Chris for the bank.
Executive Vice-President	Blomstrom	We will be hosting the 0647 perspectives and thinking class, that is one of the three Fire Officer classes offered by NFA. In Greenville 3 rd week in January. Drivers Ed in December. Also, will be updating the Driver Ed manual with Mc Neil.

President	Bigger	Did the filling with the IRS, Communications from Spartan Motors. The Spartan people wanted us to sponsor a class that they are doing but looking into it was going to cost so he stepped out of it. Somebody asked if we were members of the International Fire Instructors Association, I said no but Don looked into it and it was going to costs us a bunch of money about \$3000.00 per year to be a member and he didn't see a lot of benefits other than the logo. You would have to have at least 25 of your members of that organization and ½ of your board as members of the ISFSI then you pay a charter fee on top of that. Discussion held.
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Old Business

1. Table tent cards/MFSIA website on the back of them? – **already talked about**
2. Blue Book Credits for McNeil Drivers Ed Class for conference? – **ALL READY WORKING ON**
3. Brochure update, new design, Rick V. has name of maker of current brochure. **Thea already talked about**

New Business

1. Membership in International Society of Fire Service Instructors? - **NO**
2. MFSIA hosting NFA Class- Grenville, January 18-19, 2020 – **Already mentioned by Brian**
3. New laptop for Secretary had the current for 11 years no more than \$1500.00 – been on this laptop for 11 years and its beginning to get sluggish. **Requesting to replace for a new on no more than \$1500.00. Blomstrom so moved and Cleveland second. Motion to purchase all in favor. Passed by all present.**

Next Meeting Location.

Lunch 11:00 AM – Backyard Barbeque
Meeting 12:00 PM
Oakland Community College – Auburn Hills Campus
CREST Facility
2900 Featherstone Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Directions to Facility

<https://oaklandcc.edu/campuses/auburn-hills.aspx>

Good of the Order

Jack Johnson suggested that this organization become a Columbian Southern University and Purdue learner partnerships to get 10% Off their tuition. All we would do is offer a table at the conference. Jack will get ahold of CSU representative and have them come to the next meeting.

Thea brought up that the old Everyone Goes Home program is not there. FRCE has taken up the program, however you can't get the material. It is believed that they are restructuring, and more info will be coming out.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Blomstrom/Cleveland). Motion Passed
Meeting adjourned at 1503

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Rick VanHorn