



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

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MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

August 13, 2022

LSU FIRE RTC

CAS Building, room 102
650 West Easterday Ave.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Call to Order 1202

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers

Present: Pres. Bigger, Vice Pres. Blomstrom, Sec. VanHorn, Treas. Dean, UP VP Vaught, East VP Wilson, Member at Large #1 Faughnan.

Absences: North VP Parker, West VP Cleveland, Member at Large #2 Carrol, Member at Large#3 Mickles, Member at Large #4 Hubbard

Approval of Agenda: (Blomstrom/Dean (w/changes)) Approved

Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes: (Dean/Vaught W/change) Approved

Guests:

Eileen VanHorn, Cameron Pichan

Audience Forum/Comments (3-minute time limit)

Treasurer's Report

Dean (Faughnan/Wilson) Approved

Chris gave an overview of the checking account which was \$22,929.96 and Savings (Deward Beeler) \$1797.84. Chris had a P & L statement of every transaction and expenditures for the last 12months. The largest was for the Conference and conference related material at \$33,890.00. At the same time last year, we had \$53785.00 which included the DTE money which we have been spending down and the 2021 conference was deducted. Chris was unsure if we needed to invoice them again, Rick stated he had \$1000.00 yet that will be spent and then we can send out an invoice to DTE for teaching money. Motion to do audit for year 2021 at the 2022 conference ask the trustees to do an audit. Discussion held.

Standing Committees

Instructor of the Year

Wilson/Wlosinski/Blomstrom

We have not received any application. We will have to get back the baton and plaque from Fankhauser. Send out a blast for the IOY applications.

Conference **Bigger/Cleveland/Faughnan.**
Has everybody been getting Don's emails for the classes. The conferences classes are full. Theme this year is Vegas night again. Don has a master list that has the people the have registered. Get your room as soon rather than later. Everybody that is teaching must be a member of the association. We will be adding extra tables this year. Northern Chiefs will be holding a program Thursday night 6:30 – 9:30. Discussion held.

Articles & By-Laws **Hubbard/Wilson/Blomstrom**
No Report

Membership **VanHorn/Cleveland/Vaught**
We currently have 287 Members, have a bunch of renewals at home. That's currently what we have.

Public Relations/Advertising **Carroll/Parker/Mickles**
No Report

Education, Research, Development **Cleveland/Hubbard/Mickles**
No Report

Special Committees/Reports/Communications

Scholarship **Parker/Dean/Vaught/Mickles**
We have 2 scholarships for the conference. We need to get ahold of them and find out if they are staying.

Joint Council **Wlosinski/Carroll/Pashkowsky**
Not sure if they will stay in existence. Surveys were asked for and everybody that surveyed requested that JC5 stay in existence. Discussion held.

OFFT & Training Council **Blomstrom**
Had a training council meeting August 9th. FM report Fire Officer TtT will be rolled out in 2 weeks, All that got in will receive letters that were sent out Friday. The State did orientation for the 6 or 7 people on council. The web site will be updated with pictures and phone numbers. The State has set a metrics for getting tests scored within 5 days of receipt and when Andrea was there, they were getting scored usually 3 days, Andrea came in on Wednesday and stated she is resigning and left. That's why all the tests got backlogged. Liam came in and did some, they hired a new person and was trained and is now working at getting them out in the 5 days. They score on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Curriculum committee will be meeting in Sept. to verify questions for the Fire Officer 3 exam, they will be switching out questions for the FF I & II tests. 11 counties did not submit their training survey and will not receive their \$17,500 or more.
There are 152 fire depts not reporting in NFIRS. Passed the next years Fireworks budget.
Discussion held.

Curriculum Committee **Wlosinski/Blomstrom**
Meet in September & October

Coalition **Bigger/Blomstrom**
Haven't had a meeting, we pay Kelly Cawthorne for our lobbyist

MFSIA Website **VanHorn/Carroll/Dean**
Website status quo. I input new classes on the web. If I am in office next year I will update and change the whole web site.

Ethics **Faughnan/Cousins/Mickles**
Meeting in Greenville we wanted to get everybody signed the ISFIS/ MFSIA form.

Vender (Tabletop)**Faughnan**

Looked at 30 different models run about \$230.00

Motion for Faughnan to purchase large background for behind the table. (Bigger/VanHorn) Passed

Reports/Communications**Upper Peninsula Vice President****Vaught**

Thank you for everybody for coming up. We are working on getting the UP organizations a lot of the information which we are starting to talk about continuing education. We are trying to go around and have talking sessions with the organizations. October 29 ISFSI Basement Fire class at the LSU Fire center. We should put out on the website that we are having one of our meetings at LSU in Ste. Saint Marie in August 2023.

West Vice President**Cleveland**

No Communication

East Vice President**Wilson**

No Communications

South Vice President**Wlosinski**

No Communication

North Vice President**Parker**

No Communication

Member at Large #1**Faughnan**

We are putting on ISO 300 End of December & 400 January some time, weekend classes at St Charles.

Member at Large #2**Carroll**

No Communication

Member at Large #3**Mickles**

No Communication

Member at Large #4**Hubbard**

No Communication

Treasurer**Dean**

No communications

Secretary**VanHorn**

No communications

Executive Vice-President**Blomstrom**

Drivers train the trainer. Those that still need the update we will do a class.

Brian doing an update at the conference. Jan 14th & 15th, 2023 MFSIA Sponsoring in Greenville NFPA Contemporary Issues New Fire Chief challenging issues. Class

President**Bigger**

No communications

Old Business

Update of Insite System for sharing MFSIA website (VanHorn) is finalized and have to get Mark and Don online.

The system is up and working. Adam latter.

New Business

Insurance update: VFIS sent a bid in for insurance for Provident. So, Don sent it to Decker. They sent it back showing 8 different things that were not in VFIS. Provident is lower and better. We will not be changing.

Blue book: Haven't heard from Cleveland

Instructor II: Hosting instructor II in Mt. Pleasant.

Next Meeting Location

Detroit Fire Dept.

10200 Irwin

Detroit, MI 48234

Lunch furnished

[Directions](#)

Good of the Order

Vote for Rick at the 2022 conference

Adjournment

1410 VanHorn/Blomstrom Passed