**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

**Fall Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting**

**Jackson, TN – 22 October 2021**

Members present: Bob Dudley, Mark Foulks, Matt Henderson, Tony Watson, John Tallent, Eric Mitchell, Jay Moore, Eric Turner, Jamie Summers, Melvin Martin, Gary Farley, Eddie Phillips, Steve Dillard, Barron Kennedy and 20 others.

Opening: President Dudley called the meeting to order at 9:02 CDT. Steve Dillard opened with a prayer and John Tallent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes: The Board and Business meetings from Murfreesboro minutes were approved by motion.

Reports from Association Officers:

* Treasurer’s Report: Eddie Phillips said there is $105,377.64 in the General Account and $57,219.71 in the Conference Account. The income and operating expenses were explained. We had a successful booth at the TML Conference. Thanks for all our donors and members for their support.
* Conference Report: James Fountain reported future meeting dates and locations. Winter 2022 in Jackson February 1-3, Spring at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg April 5-7. Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro July 23-27 and Fall back in Gatlinburg October 18-20.
* Executive Committee report - Barron Kennedy reported on motions passed. A motion to make a plaque to honor the memory of Jimmy Thompson was passed. A motion was passed to recommend to the Board the acceptance of a MOU with Trident University. A motion was passed to recommend to the Board the negotiations with SEAFC for a joint conference in 2025. A motion was passed to recommend to the Board the MOU with the Federation of Fire Chaplains.

New Business:

* Life Membership for Gary Free of the Bloomingdale VFD was approved by a motion.
* Eddie Phillips reported on the $778,826 SAFER grant we received. He is working on a RFP for an administrator and things should begin after the first of the year for 15 county-wide fire groups.
* A motion was passed to make a plaque to honor the memory of Jimmy Thompson to be presented to his family at the Annual Conference and be displayed at TFACA
* A motion was passed to accept of a MOU with Trident University for discounted tuition to TFCA members.
* A motion was passed to begin the negotiations with SEAFC for a joint conference in 2025 in Murfreesboro.
* A motion was passed to make the MOU with the Federation of Fire Chaplains.
* A motion was passed to purchase the unsold FF suicide prevention coins and this will be part of the TFCA FF wellness, health, and safety program and all proceeds from Kayla’s ales will be turned over to TFCA.
* A motion was passed to send to the FF Memorial Committee a letter saying we request that the renovation plans be sent to Gary Farley by November. 30th and the day of the FF Memorial is October 9th as per TCA.

Associated Organizational Reports:

* TFACA – Jason Sparks and Jeff Elliott reported three new in-service classes – “Let’s Talk Electric Vehicle Safety”, “Leadership: Are You Ready for the Future”, and “Pump Operations for the Attack
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* Engine”. The recruit class graduates on November 5th. The Spring Recruit class begins February 28th. Tennessee River Weekend is soon.
* FF Commission – Gary Farley reported that more Volunteer Department than Career Departments have applied for the Educational Supplement.
* TN Firemen’s Association – Reported the 2022 Conference will in June in Jackson.
* MTAS – Dennis Wolf reported the Fire Department needs assessment report is on the MTAS website. Dennis will be retiring at year’s end. He was given a round of applause for all his work.

Committee / Section Reports:

* Accreditation Consortium - Brian Goss reported the new Co-Chars are Derek Hyde and Jason Powell. They are working on PIO credentials. The Public Safety Excellence Conference is in March in Orlando.
* Chaplains - Stephen Dillard reported on the MOU. He also reported on critical incident debriefings. He also encouraged participation in the BUP program.
* Codes - P.J. Duncan will be working with the SFMO on code adoptions.
* Communications – Eddie reported for Amy Maxwell there are 5,704 followers on Facebook. The website has been busy with 21,777 views. Please continue to send updates to the website. Committee Chairs are encouraged to update their pages.
* EMS – Mark Foulks reported that Kevin Cagle spoke with the Committee giving them updates from the State EMS. There was discussion about online training. Clinicals in out-of-state locations need to be preapproved. Follow-up on the First Responder Task Force was requested.
* Fallen FF Memorial – Eric Turner reported on workdays for the site clean-up. Thanks to workers. They offered a virtual memorial this year. The PTSD posters are being distributed.
* FF Safety, Health, & Wellness – Rich Hartfield reported on the West TN Fire Chiefs Meeting.
* IAFC – Mark Foulks reported Strategic Planning in January. FRI is in San Antonio in August.
* Industrial – Dan King reported they have partnered with IAFC Wildland Section to develop a wildland preventive program for industrial sites. This will be offered in the first quarter of 2022. The TN Committee created an Industrial Safety Video available on the IAFC website.
* Legislative – Melvin Martin reported the Coalition will meet November the 9th.
* Membership – Barron Kennedy reported 418 members to date and about 45 not renewed yet. Another invoice reminder will be sent in November.
* Mutual Aid – Eric Mitchell requested Coordinators continue to gather Department information as it is needed for NMAS. Mission ready packages (MRP) for engine strike teams were discussed. Inter-State Mutual was discussed with legislation needed to allow TN to join MAMA-C pact with other states to allow crossing state-lines on a daily basis before a federal disaster is declared. Encourage SEAFC to make this an initiative to other Southeastern states.
* Professional Development – Jamie Summers said work is being done on reports from major events.
* SEAFC – Brian Goss reported on the SEAFC conference in Biloxi, MS. Looking to 2022 Conference in Mobile, AL. 2023 in Wilmington, NC, 2024 in Savannah, GA, and 2025 in Murfreesboro.
* Volunteer – Melvin Martin reported on $500 grants to 4 West TN Depart.for training. He briefly spoke about the NVFC conference in Jackson, WY. The TN River Training Weekend is in November with about 400 enrolled so far.

President’s Moment – Bob Dudley thanked everyone that had helped with the clean-up effort at the Memorial site. Departments are scheduled through next November.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10. Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary