

**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Murfreesboro, TN, 20 July 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Watson at 14:00. Eddie Phillips opened the meeting with a prayer and John Tallent led the pledge.

Welcome: President Watson welcomed all in attendance and thanked all the vendors.

New Attendees: First-time attendees: There were seven first-time attendees, Terry Potter of Crossville, Ronny Beasley of LaVergne, Colin Hurst of Alcoa, Travis Solomon of Oak Ridge, Greg Baltimore of Franklin, Samuel Fadeley of Hopewell and Jeff Beaman of Gallatin at the business meeting and several others have been at other events during the conference.

Elections: Chief Brian Goss presented the slate of candidates and explained the voting procedures. Chief Goss presented the list of unopposed Officer Candidates and cast a vote for them during the opening ceremonies on Monday the 19th.

President – Bob Dudley of Green Field FD

1st Vice President – Mark Foulks of Murfreesboro F/R

West Board Member – Melvin Martin of Hardin County FD

Middle Board Member – Brian Biggs of Ashland City FD

Treasurer – Eddie Phillips, Ret. of East Ridge F/R

Secretary – Barron Kennedy, Ret. of Tazewell / New Tazewell FD

The above was elected by acclamation due to no opposition.

The East Board was contested by Mike Flynn, East Ridge FR, Eric Mitchell, Signal Mountain FD, and Lee Turner, Jefferson City FD. All three gave brief speeches and Eric Mitchell was elected for the three-year term and Mike Flynn was elected for the two-year term by secret ballot. The Second Vice President was contested by Matt Henderson, Sevierville FD, and John Tallent, Madisonville FR. Both gave brief speeches and Matt Henderson was elected by secret ballot.

Minutes: The minutes from the Gatlinburg meeting were approved by motion during the Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report: Eddie Phillips reported that there is \$85,945.59 in the General Account. The Conference account has \$48,238.72. The Conference account is a bit misconceiving due to being in the middle of the Conference. The General Account Budget was amended by a motion to increase the Fire Service Coalition line item to \$5,400. All in all, things look very good.

Conference Report: James Fountain reported a record number of about 165 attendees. The Pre-Conf NFA classes had 65+ attendees. Thanks to James and MFRD for their hard work. The Fall meeting will be at the Double Tree in Jackson October 19-21, 2021. The Winter meeting is also in Jackson February 1-3, 2022. The Spring meeting will be at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg April 5-7, 2022. The Annual Conference will be at the Murfreesboro Embassy Suites July 23-27, 2022. The Fall meeting will also be in Gatlinburg October 18-20.

Fire Marshal's Report: State Fire Marshal Gary Farley briefly explained the Volunteer Incentive Pay.

Report from the Board: In the Board of Directors meeting the following were approved by motions:

- The appointments for 2021-2022 were approved.
- The 2021-2022 budgets were approved.
- The GPO partnership was approved.
- The MOU and Partnership with Columbia Southern University was approved.
- The creation of the Tennessee Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (TPERI) Section was approved.
- The creation of the Tennessee Mutual Aid System (TMAS) Section was approved by a motion.

- The updated Strategic Plan was approved.
- The Social Media Policy was approved.

New Business:

- Chief Watson announced the following appointments: Co Business Managers – Brian Biggs and James Fountain, Chaplain – Steven Dillard, and Member-at-Large – Jamie Summers. Committee Chairs will largely be the same.
- Life Memberships were granted to the following: Mike Turner, Crossville FD; Randall Jones, Paris FD; Mark Mathews, Red Bank FD; Daryl Blair, Cookeville FD; Dewey Woody, Bradley County FR; and Richard Shasteen, Tullahoma FD.

Reports: (Limited in number due to time restraints)

- TFACA: Jason Sparks reported the new hire of Keith Elliott at the Academy. The Fall Recruit class begins August 30th with 60 enrolled. Many other upcoming classes and events are scheduled. Check the Academy's website for details.
- MTAS: Steve Cross reported on several upcoming classes. Thanks to Franklin FD, Brentwood FR, and Rutherford Co for supporting an upcoming conference.
- TN Fire Safety Inspectors Assn.: Sara Vanlandingham reported they will meet December 14-17 at the Embassy.
- TN Firemen's Assn.: Tom Brown announced the 2022 conference will be June 2-5 at the Double Tree in Jackson. David Dorris of Jackson is new President.
- Homeland Security: Dewey Woody reported on the threat of domestic terrorism.
- Legislative Committee: David Windrow spoke about the Volunteer Incentive Pay. No Ball this year.
- Southeastern: Mark Foulks is the new Director from SEAFIC to the IAFC. Brian Goss is our new Director to the SEAFIC. The SEAFIC urges states to make their Chiefs of the Year nominations on a form that will mesh with theirs. The 2022 conference will be in Wilmington, NC.
- Industrial Section: Dan King sent a report on several items loaded on the TFCA website. He is now the IAFC Industrial Fire & Safety Section Chair.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:17.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary