

TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
Winter Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting
Jackson, TN – 3 February 2022

Members present Bob Dudley, Mark Foulks, Matt Henderson Tony Watson, Mike Flynn, Brian Biggs, Melvin Martin, Eric Turner, James Fountain, Eddie Phillips, Barron, and about 25 guests. **(Ice Storm Warning in Effect affected attendance)**

Opening: President Dudley called the meeting to order at 13:00 CST, Jay Westbrook opened with a prayer and Rich Hartfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes: The Board and Business meeting minutes from Jackson were approved by motion.

First time Fire Chiefs attending: Chief Donald Pannell from UT-MTAS was at the meeting.

Reports from Association Officers:

- Treasurer's Report: Eddie Phillips said there is \$100,077.45 in the General Account and \$52,930.76 in the Conference Account. He explained that bills were paid. We are in sound financial condition thanks to members, vendors, corporate sponsors, and cuts to expenses.
- Conference Report: James Fountain reported that the Spring 2021 meeting will be at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg on April 6-8, 2022. The Annual Conference will be July 23-26, 2022, at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro and will be all inside this year. The Fall '22 (October 19-21) meeting at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg.
- Fire Marshal's Report: No report.

New Business:

- SAFER Update – Eddie Phillips reported that 31 March is the registration deadline of 15 county groups to apply.
- Life Membership for Chief Dennis Wolf from UT-MTAS and Germantown FD was approved by a motion.
- SEAFD Delegates – A motion was passed to send three members of the EC to the SEAFD Conference each year.

Associated Organizational Reports:

- Jason Sparks reported for TFACA. A grant from the SFMO provides tuition free classes of the 64-hour Basic, FFI Live Burn, and 4-hour in-service classes. The Chief Officer Orientation class schedule for 2022 is set. The Spring Recruit Class begins at the end of February. And ends in May. In mid-March TFACA is joining with the Alabama Fire College for a weekend of training at the Leak City Training facility in conjunction with Decatur F&R. Hopefully this will become an annual event.
- Firefighting Commission – Tony Grande reported this is the reaccreditation year. The Commission is still looking for a West TN Rep. Documentation for the supplement needs to be turned in.
- MTAS – Donald Pannell discussed the Barry Brady Act and questions about a grace period due to COVID. The details of the Volunteer Fire Fighter Educational Incentive program are being worked out.
- There will be several FLSA classes held in March. Steve Cross has a sample resolution for exempt agencies to require minimum training.

Committee / Section Reports:

- Communications –Eddie Phillips reported that our Facebook page had 5,750 followers and the website has 22,990 views. We need to encourage Committee Chairs to check their pages and to send in updates. Please send in training opportunities for posting.
- Community Risk Reduction – Baylie Scott in a written report told of many grants open or closing soon, the Poster Contest, and the Vision 20/20 Conference.
- EMS – Mark Foulks reported updated status on First Responder Agency licensure. Received an update from Chief Beaman from the state Board that there are issues with positive drug tests from CBD oil use.
- Fallen FF Memorial – Eric Turner thanked the departments that have or are helping with cleaning of the grounds. Construction will start soon and may disrupt the cleaning for a month or two.
- FF Health and Safety – Rich Hartfield said the emphasis is care during COVID-19.
- Homeland Security – Eddie Phillips reported for Dewey Woody on the Advanced Terrorism Liaison Officer Training coming real soon at several locations around the state.
- IAFC – Mark Foulks reported on the FRI in San Antonio in August 24-26. IAFC membership is up and they are financially sound.
- Industrial – Dan King is being replaced by Michael Shillings since Dan took another job.
- Legislation – David Windrow announced that March 9th is Legislative Day on the Hill. There will be a shuttle from the EVS in Nashville. The Cancer Bill seems to be moving with a couple more cancers covered. There is also a bill to eliminate the 2/3 majority vote on residential sprinklers. The filing deadline is soon.
- Membership – Barron Kennedy reported 461 members, 25 not renewed, and 45 new members. Volunteers make up 27.5% of members and Career make up 66.5% and the other 65 are Associates and Affiliates.
- Mutual Aid – John Selberg reported the Special Operations Guidelines are on the TEMA website. Swiftwater Team Credentialing is underway, and US&R Credentialing is getting underway. There will be IMT training in the next two years in AIMT and specific positions.
- Professional Development – James Fountain reported that planning is underway for the Gatlinburg and Annual meetings.
- SEAFIC – Mark Foulks reported they have passed new policies regarding investments and recognizing Past Presidents and long-serving Board Members. The SEAFIC Conference is in Mobil, Al, June 21-23.
- TPERI – Richard Griggs reported they are working toward rollout. The By-Laws are nearing completion. The Steering Committee will meet soon.
- Volunteer/NVFC – Melvin Martin reported that the SFMO grant program is \$1 million.

President's Moment: Bob Dudley thanked for the help in cleanup at the Memorial. He encouraged it to continue.

Other Business: After a brief discussion a motion was passed to endorse Josh Waldo as 2nd VP of IAFC since he was from Tennessee.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 13:40 CST.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary