

TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
Fall Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting
Murfreesboro, TN – 13 October 2020

Members present: Tony Watson, Bob Dudley, Mark Foulks, Brian Goss, Brian Biggs, Eric Turner, Mike Flynn, John Tallent, Jamie Summers, Matt Henderson, Ken Reeves, Jay Moore, Gary Farley, Eddie Phillips, Steve Dillard, Barron Kennedy and 28 others. Biggs, Martin, Summers, Moore, and Kennedy were on Zoom with about 15 others.

Opening: President Watson called the meeting to order at 14:31. Steve Dillard opened with a prayer and Bob Dudley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes: The Board and Business meetings from Gatlinburg and three conference call minutes were approved by motion.

Reports from Association Officers:

- Treasurer's Report: Eddie Phillips said there is \$118,790.83 in the General Account and \$34,400.87 in the Conference Account. Both accounts are still being adjusted since we are still squaring things up from this Conference. Other operating expenses were explained. The Treasurer's report was approved by a motion.
- Conference Report: James Fountain thanked MFRD and Chief Foulks in making a challenging meeting a success. We had 87 registered and 24 vendors which should keep us in the black. Jackson - Feb. 2 – 4, Gatlinburg in Spring, Murfreesboro in July, and Gatlinburg in Fall. Corporate members: 2 Platinum, 1 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze.
- Fire Marshal's Report: No report.

New Business:

- Life Membership for Kevin Lauer was approved by a motion.

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan should be ready by Jackson meeting.
- Project Roll Call 145 – Coins given to each department with a pre-1981 LODD to give to the families.

Associated Organizational Reports:

- TFACA – Ben Wexler reported the new brush truck is on display. The Conference Center is now open and will have a formal opening soon. There are two new employees: Daryl Kerley and Andy Soccodato. There are a few new in-service training courses. The recruit class finishes on November 6th. For the last fiscal year there were 801 classes for a total of 230,611 contact hours.
- FF Commission – Anthony Grande reported that all but one audit have been completed. 111 departments have submitted programs. The test bank for Instructor 1 & 2 will be scheduled soon. He also shared statistics for the Commission. New software is now operational.
- TN Firemen's Association – Tom Brown reported the 2021 Conference will be June 3 – 6 in Cookeville.

Committee Reports:

- Accreditation & Credentialing - Brian Goss reported the Ashley McDonald and Brian Biggs are working on credentialing of PIOs through CPSE.
- Communications – Amy Maxwell reported on 5,100 followers on Facebook. The website has been busy. Many changes and updates in the website. Thanks to SFMO for info. Sponsors are now shown. Please send dates and classes to Amy for the web site.
- Community Risk Reduction – Baylie Scott reported the link to the FPS Poster Contest is available online. FDTN is up to date to help Departments with grant requests. There is now a TFIRS Quality Dashboard available through TN.gov.
- Fallen FF Memorial – Eric Turner reported on workday for the site clean-up. Thanks to workers. They offered a virtual memorial this year they hope to incorporate for the future. The cleanup day is November 22.
- FF Safety, Health, & Wellness – Rich Hartfield reported on a 2-day FF Health Conference working on State PTSD programs.
- Homeland Security – Dewey Woody reported on the need to add Homeland Security page on website. Agency has been busy. The TLO program is going well and training is available.
- Legislative – David Windrow reported that the Legislative Coalition met. Currently looking at adding two more careers to the cancer bill and extending the Volunteer grant program for next year. Please send in needed legislation ideas. David also asked to let him know of any Firefighters that have found that they had cancer through the cancer screenings. No FD Day on the Hill right now. No requests for additional funds.
- Membership – Eddie Phillips reported 380 members to date and 130 not renewed yet. Another invoice reminder will be sent in November.
- Mutual Aid – Eric Mitchell presented a brief overview of the Mutual Aid System. There was discussion on the credentialing of Water Rescue and USAR team members. There will be an application coming out for IMT members. Department information is needed for NMAS.
- SEAFRC – Mark Foulks reported on the SEAFRC conference in Atlanta was cancelled. Looking to 2021 Conference in Biloxi, MS.
- Volunteer – Eddie Phillips reported on upcoming training events.

President's Moment - Tony Watson spoke of the Smokey Mountain Weekend in June. He reported he is scheduled for knee surgery on Oct. 12.

Other Business:

- Chaplains Section – Steven Dillard presented a proposal to have a Train-the-Trainer event for peers. He asked permission to pursue membership in the National Association for Fire Chaplains. Request was approved by a motion. A motion was approved to allocate \$4,000 for expenses for travel and other expenses for two.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:01.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary with thanks to John Selberg.