

**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Murfreesboro, TN, 18 & 19 July 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Goss at 15:15. Steve Dillard opened the meeting with a prayer and Brian Biggs led the pledge.

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

New Attendees: First-time attendees: There one first-time attendee, Chris South of Crossville, at the business meeting and several others have been at other events during the conference.

Elections: Chief John Selberg presented the slate of candidates and explained the voting procedures.

Chief Selberg presented the list of unopposed Officer Candidates and cast a vote for them during the opening ceremonies on Wednesday the 17th.

President – Tony Watson of Pigeon Forge FD

1st Vice President – Bob Dudley of Green Field FD

2nd Vice President – Mark Foulks of Murfreesboro F/R

West Board Member – Jamie Summers of Martin FD

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

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

The above were elected by acclamation due to no opposition.

The Middle Board was contested by P. J. Duncan of Pleasant View VFD, Ken Reeves of Goodlettsville FD, and Kirk Young of Sparta FD. All three gave brief speeches and Ken Reeves was elected by secret ballot. The East Board was contested by Mike Brubaker of Loudon County FD, Matt Henderson of Sevierville FD, and Jim Stables of Johnson City FD. All three gave brief speeches and Matt Henderson was elected by secret ballot.

Past President Selberg presented the By-Laws changes and explained them. All three changes were approved on a secret ballot vote. The changes involved creating Sections, establishing an Affiliate membership while redefining Associate membership, and changing the rules for Life membership.

The meeting was recessed at 15:55 and reconvened at 9:00 on the 19th with 50 present

President Watson called the meeting to order and Chaplain Dillard led in prayer and Chief Watson led the pledge.

Minutes: The minutes from the Gatlinburg meeting were approved by motion during the Board meeting and were not addressed during the Business meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report: Eddie Phillips reported that there is \$31,953.69 in the General Account. The Conference account has \$122,760.80. The Conference account is a bit misconceiving due to being in the middle of the Conference. All in all, things look very good.

Conference Report: James Fountain reported 280 attendees and 94 vendors at the Conference. Fall meeting is at the Maxwell House in Nashville October 23-25, Winter meeting is at the Double Tree in Jackson February 4-7, Spring meeting at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg May6-8, and the Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro July 11-14.

Fire Marshal's Report: State Fire Marshal Gary Farley announced that a "Lunch and Learn" program will begin for Legislators and will involve local Fire Chiefs. They are working on helping the ACI program to provide paid instructors at TFACA. October 12th is the last day for the Investigators at the SFMO before going to TBI. They are working on rules making for the residential and energy codes and hope for adoption in late 2019 or early 2020. Joshua Evans is a new hire for Community Risk Reduction Coordinator. Also working on Electrical Inspector certification program.

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

- The 2019-2020 budgets were adopted.
- Approved the levels of Corporate membership. They will be implemented shortly.
- Clarified and set fees for Associate and Affiliate membership. It is \$50 for paid and \$25 for Volunteer and non-profit for both categories.

New Business: Chief Watson announced the following appointments: Co Business Managers – Brian Biggs and James Fountain, Chaplain – Steve Dillard, and Member-at-Large – Matt Henderson. Committee Chairs will largely be the same.

- Life Membership was granted by vote for the following: Gene Blaylock, Rural/Metro FD; Roger Fuqua, Cookeville FD; Shane Ray, Pleasant View VFD, and Allen Swader, Murfreesboro F/R.

Reports:

- Jeff Elliott reported the new hire of Jason Edmison at the Academy. 70 departments were recognized for over 1,000 or more of student contact hours with 8 over 4,000 hours. Effective in September, the grant funding for TFACA lead NFA classes is going away. There will still be 9 direct delivery classes. A new engine has arrived replacing the custom pumper purchased in 2001.
- Randy Fox announced the 2020 Training Programs are due in Acadis by October 1st. By the end of 2020 we will be moving to the new NFPA Standards for 1001 and 1041. In the next five years the NFPA is consolidating 114 standards into 43 topical documents.
- Dan Johnson reported the TN Fire Safety Inspectors meet December 10-13 at the Embassy.
- Tom Brown of TN Firemen's Assn. announced the 2020 conference will be May 28-30 at the Crossville Hampton Inn.
- Steve Dillard solicited support for the Bereavement Uniform Program.
- Tony Watson solicited support for the Shady Brady Bike Run to support the memorial.
- Steve Cross of MTAS reported on MAP classes in July and August. UT – Center for Industrial Services, UT-MTAS, and TEMA are working together on tier II reporting. Until someone is hired for CTAs, MTAs will pitch in to assist.
- Legislative Committee: David Windrow announced the Fire Service Ball is in Smyrna August 24th.
- Professional Development: James reported medical CEUs will continue at Quarterly meetings.
- Mutual Aid: Eric Mitchell asked Chiefs to keep the Regional Coordinators posted as to events and resources. The lead for the Mutual Aid Response will be transitioning to Chris Allen soon. A team of on-call people will work to staff the State EOC. Eric Mitchell will lead the Strike Team/Task Force development. The Special Operations Program Guide is in the hands of the Coordinators. John Selberg (West), Chris Clark/Glenn Johnson (Middle), and Donnie Shular (East) are the lead contact persons for the program. Kevin Lauer will be liaison with IAFC and WebEOC.
- Communications: Amy Maxwell said the web site is getting a facelift.
- Codes: P. J. Duncan reported working with the SFMO on code adoption. He also asked for committee members.
- Southeastern: Mark Foulks announced the FRI is August 7-10 in Atlanta.
- Membership: Barron Kennedy reported 145 renewals so far.
- Homeland Security: Dewey Woody reported on the Terrorism Liaison Officer program.
- By-Laws: Dennis Wolf reported three changes passed.
- Industrial: Dan King made a brief report.
- NVFC: Melvin Martin reported the AFG program should release results beginning in mid-August.
- Pub Ed: Madelynn McCormick reported on 278 saves from the Get Alarmed and 4 saves from Close the Door programs. Community Risk Reduction awards will be given in September.

Other Business:

- Brian Goss explained Sections and their rules. He also thanked the Board for their support.
- Lexipol MOU: James said best fit would be "Custom" and this passed by motion.
- Project Roll Call – Tony Watson told of need for \$14,800 for bricks for pre1981 LODDs from TN. Coins for support are being sold and there are other fund-raising opportunities.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11. Steve Dillard closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary