



LAAI Annual General Meeting  
10/6-8/2010  
Radisson Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

October 6, 2010 08:00 – 09:00 Registration

Opening remarks: President Randy Bruff

Welcoming remarks: State Fire Marshal Butch Browning – Presentation of Investigator of the Year

Business meeting called to order October 6, 2010 at 09:26

First order of business: Nominations open for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Board of Directors x2, Treasurer, Northern Vice President and Southern Vice President

President Randy Bruff recognized the conference sponsors:



Instructor Jamie Novak was introduced by Executive Vice President David Hill.

Nominations made:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jerome “Buddy” Smith

Secretary: Marty Delaune

Treasurer: Paul DeGrange

Southern Vice President: Darryl Sanders

Northern Vice President: Todd Smith

Board: Chad Edmunds, Eric Bacon

Business meeting closed at 17:00 on October 6, 2010 and opened on October 7, 2010 for nominations. The business meeting was called to order again on October 8, 2010 at 09:49 by President Randy Bruff.

Board members in attendance:

President Randy Bruff  
Northern Vice President Todd Smith  
Southern Vice President Darryl Sanders  
Executive Vice President David Hill  
Treasurer Paul DeGrange  
Secretary Buddy Smith  
Board Member Dan Snow  
Board Member Eric Bacon  
Board Member John Newcomer  
Board Member John Phinney

President Bruff requested that the nominees make a presentation.

A motion to have one vote to accept the unopposed nominations was made by Steve Hux and seconded by Dan Snow. The motion carried after a vote from the membership.

President Bruff recognized the Board members whose terms were not expired.

The Lifetime membership award was awarded to Robert Hamer and Roy Heindel. The award will be presented to the recipients at their local fire department meeting.

Old Business:

The membership information was entered into MARS and is current.

Todd Landry has been assigned to maintain the LAAI website.

IAAI grant test burns in Covington. Two test burn series have been conducted and information has been collected.

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

The treasurers Report was presented by the Treasurer Paul DeGrange. A report was presented by the Chair of the auditing committee John Phinney. The other member of the auditing committee was Dan Hebert.

A motion to accept the report was made by Glen Strecker and seconded by James Mazerat. The motion carried by a vote from the membership.

Education Committee:

Chairman Don Davenport informed the membership that four scholarships had been given. Dan Hebert also served on the committee.

Award Committee:  
No Report

Sponsorship Committee:  
No Report

By Law Committee:  
Changes to the By Laws were posted for the membership by Chairman Dan Hebert; a motion to accept the proposed changes was made by Bryce Peck and seconded by Rick Jones. The motion was carried after a unanimous vote from the membership.

New Business:

A proposed budget was presented by Treasurer Paul DeGrange. A motion to accept the proposed budget, increased to 18,000 dollars was made by Eric Bacon and seconded by James Mazerat. The motion passed after a vote from the membership.

Rick Jones made a presentation on the CFI and Fit certifications offered by the International Association of Arson Investigators.

An announcement was made by Randy Bruff in reference to a potential regional training conference. Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida may have a consolidated training.

Four new membership applications were brought before the board. Michael Soule, Ruemae Richardson, Chad Robichaux and Ralph Stevens. A motion was made by Rick Jones to accept all four applications. The motion was seconded by Randy Bruff and the motion carried after a vote from the board.

A motion was made by Rick Jones to join the joint membership program with the International. The motion was seconded by Dan Hebert. The motion carried after a vote from the membership. 40 yeas.

A motion was made by Rick Jones to increase dues from 10 dollars to 20 dollars. The motion was seconded by Steve Hux. The motion was withdrawn by Rick Jones after discussion.

A motion was made by Rusty Edwards to increase the sponsorship fees. The motion was not seconded and died on the floor.

Darian Williams made a presentation to promote membership in the Fusion Liaison Center which can provide helpful information for fire investigations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Smith and seconded by Steve Hux. The motion carried after a vote from the membership.

Minutes respectfully submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP J. "Buddy" Smith