



LAAI Board Meeting
05/07/2010
Office of the State Fire Marshal
Baton Rouge, LA

Board Members Present:

President- Randy Bruff
2nd VP – Van Joffrion
Southern VP – Darryl D. Sanders
Paul DeGrange - Treasurer
Wayne Regis – Director
Daniel Snow – Director
Brian Tauzin – Director
John Phinney – Director

Past Presidents:

Steve Hux

Meeting called to order by President Randy Bruff at 10:35 AM.

A motion was made by Dan Snow to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 5th meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul DeGrange and the motion carried after a vote from the Board.

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 5th meeting as written was made by Dan Snow and seconded by Paul DeGrange. The motion carried after a vote from the Board.

Brief discussion regarding the recent Northern Training Day was led by President Randy Bruff. Comments included the high quality of the class and the facility but noted the rather small number of attendees.

Brief discussion regarding the planned Southern Training Day was led by Southern Vice President Darryl Sanders. Comments were related to ideas for training subjects. SVP Sanders agreed to pursue resources to conduct Meth Lab Training.

Reports:

Northern Vice President Report: No Report

Treasurers Report:

Read by Treasurer Paul DeGrange. A financial report, Operating Account/ Debit card report and two Certificate of Deposit Reports were presented. Discussion ensued regarding new applications from the

Northern Training, various recent deposits, expenditures and Secretary of State filing. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Wayne Regis and seconded by Darryl Sanders. The motion carried after a vote from the board.

Bylaw Committee: No report
Election Committee: No report

Education Committee:

Steve Hux read aloud the revised draft of Wylie Morvant Scholarship Fund Standard Operating Guideline as prepared by the committee. Discussion ensued and amendments to grammar, spelling, accountability requirements and receipt requirements were offered by various board members. After discussion and several amendments a motion was made by Dan Snow and seconded by Wayne Regis to accept the revised Wylie Morvant Scholarship Fund Standard Operating Guideline as amended. The motion carried after a vote from the board.

Membership Committee:

Discussion was led by President Bruff related to membership numbers, accountability and tracking of membership dues. President Bruff discussed the software currently in use for this purpose, the Membership Activity Records System (MARS). Concerns were noted by various board members regarding the security of "free" software and the use of fire department computers for chapter business. Suggestions were made by various board members including the proposal to acquire software and another computer to be used for these purposes. Wayne Regis, John Phinney and Van Joffrion agreed to confer with and assist Secretary Buddy Smith in identifying suitable hardware and software options. A motion was made by Van Joffrion and seconded by Brian Tauzin to accept the Membership Committee Report. The motion carried after a vote from the board.

Old Business:

Treasurer DeGrange reported that the chapter's annual report has been filed with the Secretary of State and that he has made no further progress regarding the copyright/protection of the chapter logo.

President Bruff led brief discussion on several topics including the following...

Board members were updated regarding the ventilation research burn to be conducted in Covington and President Bruff stated that volunteers will be needed to prepare the structure before and between burns. Dates and times will be determined and members will be notified.

Board members discussed the continued participation at the Louisiana State Fireman's Association Conference as a vendor.

Board members discussed the chapter's involvement in and support of the activities scheduled at the IAAI annual Conference to be held in Orlando, FL.

Board members also discussed recent legislative changes to the arson statute and the crime victim assistance statute.

New Business:

Two requests for scholarship assistance were received from Gary Blocker Jr. and Joseph Ard of Covington Fire Department for the purpose of attending the IAAl Annual Conference. The request was recommended for approval by the education committee and forwarded to the Board for consideration. After some discussion a motion to approve the request was made by Dan Snow and seconded by Darryl Sanders. The motion carried after a vote from the board.

A new application for membership was presented by Treasurer DeGrange for Denver Michael Thompson of West Monroe Fire Department. After brief discussion a motion was made to approve the new applicant by Darryl Sanders and seconded by Dan Snow. The motion carried after a vote from the board.

A thank you card was received from Past President Steve Hux and family for the plant and condolences from our membership in response the recent loss of his mother. The card was read and accepted on behalf of the membership.

After mention by President Bruff of ongoing health concerns being faced by Executive Vice President David Hill's wife, a motion was made by Brian Tauzin and seconded by Darryl Sanders to send a plant or flowers with a value of up to \$50.00 to Mrs. Hill and family on behalf of the membership.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal on July 9, 2010 at 10:00am.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Snow and seconded by Darryl Sanders. The motion carried after a vote from the Board.

Minutes respectfully submitted by 2nd Vice President Van Joffrion.