



**LAAI Board Meeting
01/09/2009
SFM Headquarters Baton Rouge, LA**

Board Members Present

Don Davenport, President
Randy Bruff, Exec. VP
David Hill, Northern VP
Darryl Sanders, Southern VP
J. "Buddy" Smith, Secretary
Paul DeGrange, Treasurer
John Phinney, Board of Directors
Rick Jones, Board of Directors
Van Joffrion, Board of Directors
Eric Bacon, Board of Directors
Dan Hebert, Past President
Marty Delaune, Past President

Meeting called to order by President Don Davenport.

- Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was made by Dan Hebert. The motion was seconded by Rick Jones and carried after a vote from the Board.

Old Business:

- Paul DeGrange sent an invoice to Jefferson Parish for the attendance cost of the recent conference.
- The audit is on hold due to a missing receipt from the Denver ATC. A letter will be sent in an effort to obtain the receipt.

- Past Conference Discussion: Fewer door prizes at next conference. Darryl Sanders to obtain prizes. Eric Bacon and Van Joffrion will execute the setup and distribution of the door prizes.
- Eight membership applications were reviewed and approved.
- PayPal is operational and has been tested.
- The LAAI Post Office Box will change and the new address will be distributed when it becomes available.
- Association membership will expire in August.
- The 10,000 grant for ventilation experiments has been approved. Three test burns will be conducted. The location and dates have not been determined. 2010 is the target date for completion.
- Certificates of appreciation will be mailed by Marty Delaune.
- Notices of the upcoming conference need to be mailed out sooner to the sponsors.

New Business:

- Don Davenport presented a travel expense policy.
A motion to accept the policy as written was made by Van Joffrion. The motion was seconded by Eric Bacon and carried after a vote of the Board.

Discussion:

- Documentation of meetings by the Secretary.
- Northern Training Day: Fire scene reconstruction with John Dehann. The Class is scheduled to be on April 15, 16 and 17.
- Southern training day discussion: Fatality fires: Darryl Sanders, Van Joffrion
- Discussion for annual conference. No joint conference this year. Tentative location for the conference is Lafayette.
Marine fires will one of the topics of training.

- The president has appointed an Ethics Committee. Steve Hux had been selected to chair the ethics committee. Ronnie Schillace will be asked for assistance.
- The president has selected a by-law committee.

Chair: Dan Hebert
Eric Bacon
Rick Jones
Marty Delaune
Van Joffrion

Participation of meetings, Article IV Section 8 of the IAAI will be addressed by the committee.

- Discussion on scholarship application. The Board did not feel that this application as written fulfilled the intention of the Wylie Morvant Benevolent Fund.
- A motion was made by Eric Bacon to deny the scholarship as written. The motion was seconded by Van Joffrion and carried by the Board.

- Discussion on a Chapter credit card of debit card. A finance committee was appointed by the President to make a recommendation. The committee consisted of the following: Chair Paul DeGrange, Van Joffrion, John Phinney, Ex-Officio Don Davenport.
- Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Paul DeGrange. A Motion to accept the report was made by Eric Bacon. The motion was seconded by Randy Bruff and carried after a vote by the Board.
- Next Board meeting will be March 6, 2009 at 10:00am at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- Darryl Sanders received a 5 year Southern VP award.
- Paul DeGrange received a 5 year Treasurer award.
- Motion to adjourn was made by David Hill and seconded by Buddy Smith. The motion carried after a vote by the Board.

Minutes from 01-09-2009 Board meeting respectfully submitted.

J. "Buddy" Smith
LAAI Secretary