



LAAI Board Meeting  
09/10/2010  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Baton Rouge, LA

Board Members Present:

Randy Bruff- President  
David Hill- Executive VP  
Wayne Regis -Director  
Darryl D. Sanders -Southern VP  
Brian Tauzin- Director  
Daniel Snow- Director  
J. "Buddy" Smith- Secretary  
Martin Delaune- Past President

Members in attendance via conference call

Todd Smith- Northern VP  
Paul DeGrange- Treasurer  
John Newcomer - Director  
Daniel Hebert – Past President  
Robert Schaal – Past President  
Richard Jones – Past President  
Bryce Peck – Past President

Meeting called to order by President Randy Bruff at 10:18 and a roll call was conducted.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous Board meeting was made by Daniel Snow. The motion was seconded by Brian Tauzin and carried after a vote from the Board.

**Reports:**

Northern Vice President Report:  
No report.

Southern Vice President Report:

DD Sanders briefed the Board on the Southern Training Day that was held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal on July 23, 2010.

Treasurers Report:

No Report

Bylaw Committee:

No report

Election Committee:

No report

Membership Committee:

All of the member information has been entered into MARS software. The software is capable of generating reports and track membership dates and dues. (Buddy Smith) Identification of members that pay with Pay Pal was discussed.

Education Committee:

None

Sponsorship Committee:

Letters will be sent out to sponsors requesting donations for the annual conference.  
Richard Jones/ Daniel Snow

Award Committee:

Daniel Hebert – Shirts for the conference instructors have been made.

The plaque for the out-going President has been made.

No nominations for Investigator of the Year have been submitted. The deadline is September 22.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Award Committee. Martin Delaune(Chair), Todd Smith, Darryl Sanders

**Old Business:**

Test Burn Update: The ventilation test burn in Covington has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Setup will begin on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Hotel cost will be reimbursed to out of town Board members that assist with the test.

No new discussion on the Gulf Coast Regional Training.

David Hill expressed his gratitude to the membership of the LAAI for their monetary and spiritual support.

**Annual Conference Discussion:**

Registration at the Annual Conference will be organized by Daniel Snow, Martin Delaune, David Hill and J. "Buddy" Smith.

Hospitality Room will be managed by Darryl Sanders, Brian Tauzin and Dan Snow.

Daniel Hebert will obtain Fire Investigator shirts to sell at the conference.

Darryl Sanders will handle door prizes and raffle. A motion was made by Brian Tauzin to allow 1000 dollars for the purchase of door prizes. The motion was seconded by David Hill. After discussion the motion was amended by Mr. Tauzin. The motion is to allow 1000 dollars for the purchase of raffle items. The motion was voted on by the Board and carried.

The hotel will provide lunch for one day. Each member will be responsible for the cost of their meal. Baton Rouge Fire Department will provide lunch one day if approved by the hotel.

David Hill provided a list of items the instructor will need for the conference. Darryl Sanders will arrange for the items to be delivered to the hotel for the conference.

The room rates have been set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at \$89.00. Free breakfast will be provided for hotel guests.

The instructor will be picked up at the airport by Darryl Sanders.

The President's Dinner will be Tuesday, October 5 at Parrin's Restaurant.

The instructor's room will be paid for by the Chapter.

State Fire Marshal Butch Browning will speak at the opening ceremony. A plaque will be provided to him for his continued support to the LAAI.

David Hill will obtain test questions from Jamie Novak (an instructor).

### **New Business:**

A motion to present two Life Member Awards was made by Darryl Sanders and seconded by Wayne Regis. The motion carried after a vote from the Board.

David Hill presented expense receipts from the IAAI ATC in Florida to the Board.

A motion to send a membership card and a letter of acceptance or denial to new membership applicants was made by Dan Snow. The motion was seconded by Brian Tauzin. After discussion, the motion was amended by Mr. Snow. The motion now states to send a letter of acceptance or denial to new membership applicants. The motion carried after a vote from the Board.

Four membership applications were reviewed. A motion was made by Daniel Snow to accept the membership applications. The motion was seconded by Darryl Sanders and carried after a vote from the Board.

The communications with the conference call members was unintentionally terminated at 11:45. No other business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J."Buddy" Smith and seconded by David Hill. The motion carried after a vote from the Board.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary J. "Buddy" Smith