

# OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS



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### **Meeting of the Executive Board**

**October 10, 2017 - 1:30p.m. - Columbus, Ohio**

President Taylor called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Quinn called the roll. The following Board Members and Staff were present;

President – Michael P. Taylor

Secretary-Treasurer - William E. Quinn Jr.

1<sup>st</sup> District Vice President – Roy Hollenbacher

2<sup>nd</sup> District Vice President – Michael Norman

3<sup>rd</sup> District Vice President – Cory Wilson

4<sup>th</sup> District Vice President – Jon Harvey

5<sup>th</sup> District Vice President – Joseph Richard

Metro Representative – Matthew Alter

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – Jeff Younkins

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Director of Governmental Affairs – James Carney

Director of Communications – Doug Stern

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig

Director of Operations – William Mastroainni

General Counsel – Henry Arnett

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### SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

S/T Quinn presented a financial report on the current financial status of the OAPFF. Documents distributed to the Board included a current (10/11/2017) balance sheet of all accounts, assets and liabilities. A separate listing of all expenditures in excess of \$1,000.00 was presented as well. A receipt reflecting the OAPFF's \$5,000.00 donation to the IAFF Disaster Relief Fund for hurricane relief was also distributed.

S/T Quinn discussed a comprehensive review of OAPFF Insurance Policies currently held by the OAPFF, coverage limits of those policies and the recent updating and re-valuation of the OAPFF's bonding level to \$500,000. In this review of policies and liability/exposure, the issue of Officers and Directors Liability Insurance has been raised. S/T Quinn distributed several documents from the IAFF and Schoenfeld Insurance Associates, Inc. regarding the need for coverage. S/T Quinn also distributed a bid for coverage obtained from Schoenfeld. S/T Quinn reported that other bids for coverage are being submitted and they will be shared with the Board as they are received.

S/T Quinn also presented a Final Report to the Board on the 2017 Summer Seminar.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

A Report of the Trustees report was given by Trustee Launder. All books are up to date and have been audited. No issues or discrepancies were noted.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Pres. Taylor addressed coming changes in the format to the First Due News to becoming more of a reference guide with a focused topic each issue. (i.e., Mental Health, Exposure Reduction & Reporting, Employee Rights, etc.)

Pres. Taylor reported on the upcoming District Meetings and a change in format.

Pres. Taylor presented a final version of the office space remodeling and a newly negotiated lease agreement (ten (10) year).

A Motion was made by Vice President Hollenbacher; "to accept and approve the updated 10 year lease for the space at 140 E Town St Suite 1225"

Seconded by Vice President Rave.

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Motion passed unanimously.

President Taylor and Secretary-Treasurer Quinn discussed the recent issues and discussion with Security Benefit and the OAPFF Deferred Compensation Plan and recommended changes to the OAPFF 457 Plan.

The need to establish a new 457 Oversight Committee was discussed. The recommended positions and who's to fill them are as follows;

Chairman - OAPFF Secretary-Treasurer (Bill Quinn)

Vice Chairman - OAPFF President (Mike Taylor)

Member - OAPFF First Vice President (Jon Harvey)

Member - OAPFF Retiree Vice President (Tom Rave)

Member – at large (Dan Desmond L92)

Member – at large (Jeff Moore L3512)

Member – at large (Dave Montgomery L67) and three appointed members

A Motion to was made by Vice President Harvey; “to re-establish the OAPFF 457 Oversight Committee and to adopt the Articles of Organization”.

Seconded by Vice President Richard.

Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Secretary-Treasurer Quinn; “to execute immediately notification to Security Benefit of the termination of services of their company and the intent to transfer the OAPFF 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Prudential Retirement.”

Seconded by Vice President Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pres. Taylor reported that the OAPFF has been meeting as a Health Care Committee and has also met with the FOP regarding the upcoming changes to OP&F Healthcare. Another meeting with the FOP is scheduled for this evening regarding the OP&F's legislative agenda as well as healthcare issues.

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### STAFF REPORTS

Governmental Affairs – Director Carney discussed two Bills, HB 268 and HB 2690 which deal with BWC that are being considered in Statehouse. HB69, the Township TIF bill was recently amended with a possible vote soon. HB95, the distracted driving bill has had a third hearing and possible upcoming vote.

Brother Jim Davis has been reappointed to the EMFTS Board. Many seats on Boards & Commissions that were traditionally held by OAPFF members are going unfilled.

Dir. Carney encouraged locals considering levies to contact the OAPFF as early as possible.

Dir. Carney discussed the complexities surrounding State Issue 2 (Rx pricing). He reaffirmed that the OAPFF has taken no official position on this Issue.

Communications and PR – Director Stern discussed the success of the online registration on [oapff.org](http://oapff.org) for our events. He talked about the OAPFF Campaign Assistance Program which is involved in campaigns in four levies and six locals with candidate help. Stern mentioned to the Board that the Dispatch would be running a comprehensive story about cancer in the fire service, the OAPFF has been involved.

Health, Safety, and EMS - Director Bernzweig talked about the OAPFF Peer Support team being recently dispatched to assist in Covington Local 36 Kentucky after a member suicide. The Board discussed the advantages of having our own team and the implementation of our Peer Support Team. Program guidelines are being developed for the Peer Support Program.

Dir. Bernzweig reported that he was recently a presenter at the Ohio BWC on PERRP as they develop news guidelines. The recent BWC Grant for exposure control has been a great success thanks in part to the OAPFF involvement.

The Columbus Dispatch newspaper is holding a Cancer Forum on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbus.

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Operations - Director Mastroianni discussed a recent meeting with the State Fire Marshal which will allow the OAPFF to partner with the Marshal's office so that the OAPFF can provide Fire CEUs.

Issues surrounding the removal (walling off) of the Fire Science and EMS programs offered through Cincinnati State and the Higher Education Initiative were discussed. Those OAPFF members currently enrolled at CSTCC will be covered under the Higher Education Partners as long as they remained enrolled through graduation. A break in enrollment will drop them from the program. No further enrollment will be offered under the program at CSTCC.

Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) is currently working to create a Fire Science program to replace the Cincinnati State program that has been eliminated.

Dir. Mastroianni discussed the Peer Support Program efforts and lessons learned during the OAPFF's Peer Support team deployment in Covington.

Sgt-at-Arms Mitsch took a moment of personal privilege to recognize Director Mastroianni during the events in Covington and the entire OAPFF Peer Support team members that were there assisting our Brother & Sisters in the Bluegrass State.

Detailed under the authority of the IAFF, the following OAPFF Peer Support personnel were assisting IAFF Local 38, Covington Kentucky;

Bill Mastroianni – OAPFF Director of Operations

Jason Callihan – OAPFF Peer Supporter (Hamilton L20)

Tracy Wright – OAPFF Peer Supporter (Youngstown L312)

Chad Zambori – OAPFF Peer Supporter (Cumberland Trail L3667)

They were accompanied by two Peer Supporters from FDNY L94.

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### VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

#### 1<sup>st</sup> District

VP Hollenbacher talked about the success of Toledo Area Fire Ops and Mansfield Peer Fitness Program. Lima Treasurer recently had surgery for brain cancer and has had his claim allowed thus far under the Palumbo Act. Prior to the district meeting on October 26, VP Hollenbacher is encouraging the local leaders to join with Fostoria to knock doors in support of their levy.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Battle of Ohio was a success. VP Norman thanked Director Stern and Carney for help with second district campaigns. Dean Marks has been appointed to the Legislative Committee. The second district has been dealing with several Garrity Rights issues, make sure your members know their rights.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

VP Wilson spoke about his recent attendance at the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial and the appreciation of Austintown Local for all the work the OAPFF did to honor their fallen member.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> District

VP Harvey reported that the "Fourth District is running like a well oiled machine." Thanks to board and staff for all that they do in keeping our organization running so well. The IAFF has done two trainings in the 4<sup>th</sup> for HAZMAT and Confined Space, VP Harvey encouraged all locals to consider using this resource. HE recognized the importance of reminding our members to not work part time at other fire departments. The fourth district will have new officer class prior to the district meeting.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> District

VP Richard acknowledged the hard, important work of the OAPFF Campaign Program. He stated that he continues to work on many contracts throughout the district. Violet Twp is conducting a fundraiser for a member who lost his home in a fire recently.

### Metro Rep

Metro Rep Alter discussed the problem of aging fleets and infrastructure in many metro areas. He mentioned that part time fire fighters are organizing under AFSCME, which is a violation of IAFF bylaws.

### Retiree VP

Reported that many retirees have joined the organization due to our recent outreach and mailer. We have the most members in the history of the organization. Carl Jordan continues to assist with disability pensions. The health care committee continues to meet and try to find solutions to the problems facing our health care.

### OTHER REPORTS

Pension Trustee Moore discussed and upcoming vote to change vendors for OP&F Health Insurance. An upcoming change to the assumed rate of return is upcoming but should not change the pension status under 30 year funding.

Local 5123 President thanked President Taylor, S/T Quinn, and VP Richard for helping the local get its first contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

William E. Quinn Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer