

# OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

**February 11, 2019 - 14:00 p.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 – Dave Montgomery

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – Jeff Younkins

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth

Director of Governmental Affairs – James Carney excused

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig excused

Director of Operations – William Mastroainni excused

General Counsel – Henry Arnett

Metro Representative – Frank Szabo

Guest: Jennie King of MDA

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### TRUSTEES REPORT

A Report of the Trustees report was given by Trustee Launder. All books are up to date and have been reviewed. All is well.

### SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

S/T Quinn distributed the balance sheet to the Executive Board, noting the amounts in each fund. Gave Expenditure report with details. No questions

Talked about 457 fund. 98 million in deposits. Spoke about educational fees on teaching members about financial services offered. RFP sent out to multiple insurance providers. Report on legal funds spent. 457 board meetings will soon be scheduled. Reiterated keeping expenses separate (457 business from OAPFF business). OAPFF board and staff life insurance is renewed.

### GUEST PRESENTATION

Jenni King of MDA (present). MDA Director of Advocacy spoke (on conference call) about MDA partnership and anniversary date with IAFF. Talked about newborn screening for neuromuscular disease. Ohio is one of 5 pilot states for this new screening (Spinal Muscular Atrophy and Pompe disease). Reinforced their thanks for our work together.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Pres Taylor talked about legislative issues on retiree health care. Spoke about exploratory committee for health care for 2019. We are ready to launch task force. DVP Montgomery and Retiree VP Rave are co-chairs. Pension trustee elections discussed. No endorsements at this time.

More work done with Sen. Sherrod Brown about Medicare at 55. He plans on meeting with Sen. Portman at IAFF Legislative conference in March 2019. Talked about possible restructuring of OAPFF Legislative committee to mirror Peer support committee. Working on event calendar for 2019. Discussed dates for 2019 conferences.

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### STAFF REPORTS

Governmental Affairs – President Taylor gave report for Director Carney and talked about a number of bills enacted SB 96, HB 7, HB 38 (criminal bill against first responder or military), HB 44. (May 24th first responder day), HB 63, HB 69 (Township revenue), HB 79 (fire arm training for first responders), HB 464 (stroke center protocol) Pilot program with MDA. Says overall we have been successful at the state house this year.

Communications and PR – Director Hill talked with IAFF media award winners and will be handing out awards this week to Columbus Dispatch reporters Lucas Sullivan and Mike Wagner, also Channel 4 reporter Hattie Hawks. Director Hill is in the process of redoing the OAPFF website. Social media analytics are up. Social media presence continues to grow. We are registering 4-5 new people per week on OAPFF website. We now have over 7000 contacts.

The help that was given to Liberty Township campaign was successful Township says it is no longer looking into laying off. Communicated with DVP Norman and Barberton Local 329 with assistance on social media plan to combat local government in dealing with potential layoffs. Some assistance (social media) was given to Jefferson Township Local 3029 with death of their union president. Director Hill applied to IAFF Communications Training Academy which runs May 13-17.

Emailed Flyers for OAPFF New Officer Training Academy. A lot of positive feedback on Pres. Taylor's most recent letter to membership on health care.

Health, Safety, and EMS – Director Bernzweig – excused. No report.

Operations – Pres. Taylor gave Director Mastroianni report on attendants at the reverse raffle in Toledo Feb 22. March 6, 2019 there will be a presentation for OAPFF 100 year anniversary at state house. OAPFF will host New Officer Training March 21, 2019 and asked all DVP's to attend and speak. Legislative conference will be held May 14-15, 2019 in Columbus. Kings island OAPFF day in August. September 11, 2019 Mark Horton Summer Seminar at Put-In-Bay. Mentioned EGCC fire science program changes coming soon.

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Legal Counsel – Henry Arnett talked about keeping eye on Janus

Metro Rep Szabo: Metro 4 have all negotiated contracts. Thanked Director Bernzweig for all of his help with Cleveland Local 93

Retiree VP Rave: Health care issues are constant. “We have helped many people.” Talked about task force issues. Please contact him if you have any questions, issues or concerns.

Point of personal privilege by guest fire fighter talked about a member who had mental health issues and he talked to Meredith Hill to receive help. He wanted to officially thank her for helping and saving the members life.

Pension board Trustee Jeff Moore spoke about market volatility. Talked about market affecting pension fund. 90-96 million in pensions being doled out per month. \$7 million doled out in stipends since Jan 1. Says 98% of retirees reached for stipend. He says in 15 yrs the stipend goes away if there are no changes whatsoever. Pres. Taylor asked that pension board seriously listen to options brought to them from task force.

Sgt-At-Arms Dan Mitsch thanked everyone for their support for his mother’s funeral.

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### VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

1<sup>st</sup> District – VP Hollenbacher met with one of his locals last Thursday to discuss part time workers. Mansfield currently in negotiations. Bath Township starting negotiations. Worked with Henry Arnett about fire departments putting cameras in firehouses. He mentioned selling tickets for reverse raffle in Toledo Feb 22, 2019.

2<sup>nd</sup> District – VP Norman talked about layoffs in Barberton and having a good turnout at their council meeting. Former Akron Local 330 President Russ Brode attended. Local 93 is having a no confidence vote next week in their Fire Chief. Norwalk contract negotiations ongoing.

3<sup>rd</sup> District – VP Wilson spoke about Alliance going through fact finding. Perry Township also in fact finding. New Philadelphia in fact finding. New president and recording secretary in Youngstown.

4<sup>th</sup> District – VP Harvey Spoke about new officers in his locals. Talked about bowling tournament which is posted on OAPFF website.

5<sup>th</sup> District – VP Montgomery made motion\* to craft a letter to separate from AON. Asked that it be sent to OP&F board. UNANIMOUS YES. Circleville also in bargaining. Mentioned Zanesville is in bargaining. Says West Jefferson had funeral for Union President Bradley Haynes. Spoke about Liberty Township fight to not layoff was a success. Discussed Ironton mayor who is talking about closing their department or laying off members. Montgomery will be visiting them this week. He is helping them with a campaign. He spoke on Health care task force committee and says they had positive feed back so far. 5th district meeting will be held in Portsmouth Oh. No date yet

\*MOTION READS: To Have the President of the OAPFF, on behalf of the executive board, craft a letter to the OP&F. This letter should include a demand that the Pension Board immediately start the process of separating any and all partnerships with the company AON. To also seek and find a different provider no later than January 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm

William E. Quinn Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer