

# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters



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### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

January 11, 2023

President Harvey called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Quinn called the roll.

The following Board Members and Staff were present

President – Jon Harvey

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 – Jeff Moore

5<sup>th</sup> District Vice President – Brian Gatley

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch - EXCUSED

Trustee – John Jerina

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth

Director of Governmental Affairs - Vacant

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig - EXCUSED

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Steve Stein

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#### GUEST SPEAKER

NICK BLAZER (Lobbyist) spoke about lobbying at the statehouse on behalf of the OP and F. Nick talked about issues at the statehouse and the speaker of the house race and the division at the house. Mr. Blazer went into detail about the candidates that ran for the speaker of the house. He also talked about the division within the statehouse in general.

#### LEGAL

Nothing to report

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Trustee Goforth. He says expenses review have been completed and are working on fixed assets report soon.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Quinn put all financial reports on big projector screen for all to see and explained all expenditures. Mr. Quinn put a PP on screen for all to see. He gave a complete report on Per Capita, membership numbers, a finance review. Bill talked about Tom Rave being recognized for his help in Hamilton County. Bill touched on OAPFF expenditures, reserve funds, OAPFF PCE and PAC funds. Bill gave an update on OAPFF 457 committee and the work they've been doing. There was a PP presentation on the changes in the CBL.

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Harvey spoke about pre meeting with the board about who would host the next biennial conference between the 2 locals who presented. He says a small group attended the Governor's ball. State fire marshal mtg and a Fire Ops 101 potentially, no time set yet. He says fire marshal has been good to work with. Also met with OFC and legislation working together with labor. Looking at a labor/management meeting with them. He touched on funeral committee and a protocol book. Met with NOFF last week, no progress as far as IAFF resolution 1, Continuing to work with them. OAPFF has been working on finding a new Government Affairs Director. Mr. President spoke to thank Stein for his hard work and congratulate him on. He says Kevin Uhl's spot on state EMS board ends soon, he says NOFF has not submitted their candidates yet.

Mr. Harvey spoke about CBL being reviewed by the IAFF. He says the eboard is ready to adopt IAFF changes.

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#### RETIREE VP REPORT

Mr. Rave talked about member in Cleveland Clinic and not doing well. He mentioned again about Durable Power of Attorney and members not filling it out. He is working with FF Swank's widow to help her get benefits. Tom touched on COVID "Long Haulers" and getting them assistance and the pension difficulties of dealing with it.

#### DIRECTORS REPORTS

##### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Director Mastroianni says he's working with Bernzweig, Hill and Stein to create summer seminar and winter ed conferences. He says were looking at a different format for our next conference. Bill spoke about how we continue to be industry leaders in conferencing, and we hope to work on that for the future. Mr. Mastro says future conferences will be "union based" or "labor leadership" to differentiate us from other conferences. Bill has some tentative dates for our next conference. He also touched on Higher Education Initiative classes. Mr. Bill spoke briefly on Kevin Uhl position on state EMS board. He says he and Heath Good going to Fla to be recognized for Peer Support efforts.

##### DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SEE METRO REP REPORT

##### DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMS

Director Bernzweig report given by Pres. Harvey: HB 545 has passed and signed by Gov. He talked about peer support legislation. 3 peer support classes planned for this year and a seminar this fall.

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#### DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communications has been working with Local 93 to promote the Fire fighter hockey education conference next month. We have a distribution plan ready to go. You should start seeing social media posts and emails soon.
2. Director Hill sat in on a zoom call with Union Track/IAFF SMART to improve the way that our local presidents can start seeing communications from the OAPFF. We are working on a “secure” email within SMART.
3. Several members as well as non-member organizations have reached out to the OAPFF for different reasons. These requests and questions are then forwarded to the respective DVPs and appropriate ppl.
4. As usual if you or any of the locals here have any communication-based questions or issues that you want or need to discuss please contact Director Mark Hill. If any local wants or need assistance with your social media or websites or are looking to reach out to your members in any new or creative ways contact me. I will make sure that your DVP is kept in the loop if you do contact me.
5. To be the first to receive notifications on upcoming conferences make sure you and your members are registered on OAPFF.org.
6. You can contact me by Facebook Messenger, Twitter DM, emailing at the “contact us” link on OAPFF.org, emailing [mhill@oapff.org](mailto:mhill@oapff.org) or just call him at 614.570.2656

#### DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

##### FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher talked about a new local in the 1<sup>st</sup> Waterville Ohio local; 5409. He says negotiations are wrapping up in 6 locals in his district and they were all happy with the outcome. Roy says the Governors Ball went well and our relationship with him seems to be going well. He thanked Hamilton and their local government for their presentation last meeting

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#### SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman thanked Mr. Stein, Mr. Konys and Mr. Devito. He attended funeral for FF Swank. Mr. Norman said there were issues with a member who was cited on an accident while on a call. He has been in contact with NOFF. He spoke about the Hockey Festival

#### THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson made a **MOTION**: The OAPFF Executive Board select Hamilton Local 20 and the city of Hamilton as the host local for the 54th OAPFF Biennial Conference to be held in 2024: Motion Passed: ST Quinn and DVP Moore abstained: May 19-24, 2024. **Motion**: To adopt changes to CBL as outlined by IAFF – Passed Unanimously. He had a termination hearing in New Philly. He says a couple of locals did well in negotiations. Youngstown still having major issues with management. Peer support helped with members in New Comersville. Cory says they were great. A local had a member collapse while training and CPR was performed and again Peer Support got involved.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

DVP Moore gave report on working with legislative committee and interviews with candidates for government affairs director. He says 3 finalists were Stein, Konys and Shanahan. He says committee chose Stein. Mr. Moore made a **Motion**: to permanently elect Stein to the position of OAPFF Governmental Affairs Director. DVP Hollenbacher spoke to thank all 3 candidates. Stein and Norman abstained. Motion passed. Stein thanked everyone for their selection and hard work. Jeff recognized a sister that passed away from cancer. He recognized Local 136 and Local 20 and thanked them for petitioning for the next biennial conference. He has several locals that have various issues. Many locals needed help with contracts and one wanting to join OAPFF

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#### FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

DVP Gatley attended FF Swank funeral and worked with Washington Township (Dublin, OH) local to help with services. He says OAPFF Legal assisted a local with some issues. Brian has several ongoing issues with locals having other legal issues with one having assault charges being filed. Brian is working with a couple of locals and contract negotiations. Mr. Gatley is working with a local that wants to organize.

#### METRO REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Stein says the legislative landscape is on pause at the state house. He talked about the divisiveness at the statehouse and how nothing is getting done there. He is hopeful that the OAPFF can work with representatives to further our causes. He thanked Brother Konys on his help with everything. He talked about legislation addressing what happens if a FF is struck on the highway while working. Steve says a small group attended the Governors' inauguration Ball. Mr. Stein thanked Pres. Harvey for his hard work at the state house.

Meeting adjourned at 15:00