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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

August 29, 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.

1st District Vice President – Roy Hollenbacher

2nd District Vice President – Michael Norman

3rd District Vice President – Cory Wilson

4th District Vice President – Jeff Moore

5th District Vice President – Dave Montgomery

Retiree Vice President – Thomas Rave

Sergeant-at-Arms – Daniel Mitsch

Trustee – Jeff Younkings

Trustee – Ryan Launder

Trustee – Rich Goforth (Excused)

Director of Governmental Affairs – Steve Stein

Director of Communications – Mark Hill

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig (Excused)

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative –

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GUEST SPEAKER

All Phase Consulting – Michael Lynn Evans: formally spoke about possibly becoming lobbyist for OAPFF. She left the room when meeting began.

LEGAL COUNCIL

Henry Arnett spoke on Wickliffe, OH case and gave a summary to DVPs

TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Ryan lauder he says they completed their report and turned it over to ST Quinn

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary Treasurer Quinn gave financial report. Bill gave out handouts with lots of information on number of locals, per capita tax., He thanked Roy for organizing a new local. Operational fund in handout. Mr. Quinn talked about payouts, expenditures and monies received. ST Quinn went over money given during Issue 1 campaign. He talked about paying for 2024 Biennial conference. Reserve fund was also talked about. Bank dealings were talked about. PCE funds were discussed. Political contributions and PAC in and out numbers were given. No questions were asked. Articles of organization for 457 plan was distributed to all attendees. He read rough draft email from financial audit from Marcum Auditing firm. Bill says a cyber security audit and recommendation is also coming.

Presidents Report

President Harvey spoke about lobbyist and asked board if they have any questions. Hollenbacher, Stein and Moore made comments. Motion from Stein: **To engage in a contract for professional services with All Phase consulting as drafted by OAPFF general counsel.** Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pres. thanked everyone for their work on Issue 1 campaign. Jon spoke on NOFF and EMS Board appointees not being handled and the changes to the process. JH (Mr. President) says Peer Support applications went out and the low response received. Harvey talked about OAPFF budget, also spoke about retention grants and rules for local entities that receive this money.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director of Operations

Bill Mastroianni talked about Sept 5th Fire Ops 101 and says DVPs could invite local government agents to attend. LITS training February 26 and 27th. He is looking for ideas to develop NOA (New Officer Academy) training. He talked about biennial ad book. MDA season is here let Mr. Mathews know if you need supplies. He says Drop Kick Murphey tickets will be available from AFL-CIO. He says he is trying to get them to perform at biennial. Bill says Higher Ed is coming to an end. Bill says our members saved millions in tuition over the years. Members can still take advantage of Fire Science degree at a cost.

Director of Government Affairs

Steve Stein talked about issue 1. He says there was a reception on election night and there was national and statewide coverage. Steve says our members really stepped up and helped. IAFF also helped.

Director Of Health, Safety and EMS

Director Bernzweig's report given by Pres. Harvey. He says Burned video will be shown in Willoughby Heights.

Director of Communications

Communications has been busy this summer working with Director Mastroianni on putting together the upcoming Fire Ops 101 at the SFA(State Fire Academy). Invitations were sent out to every elected official at the Statehouse. Communications also assisted the funeral committee by having the new funeral protocol printed. Copies are available. OAPFF.org has had a few updates completed recently including adding a new section with videos and important organization updates as well as posting the update for the Higher Education Initiative (thanks to Director Mastroianni). Also, congratulations to all on your No on Issue 1 campaign. Letters and messaging from Pres. Harvey were a definite factor in getting the word out to a large portion of OAPFF members. Last week Communications had a video conference with Marcum auditing firm on cyber security on OAPFF.org and other OAPFF websites (the meeting went well). Marcum will be delivering their recommendations soon.

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DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

RETIREE VP RAVE

Mr. Rave reports says summer has been quiet. Pension board does not meet in summer. He says 3 members will be approved or not tomorrow with disability. He says good response with retired members joining.

FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher says he spoke with pension board member about a local that works 1 on and 3 off and the problems created by this schedule (pension rules conflict with this). He has 2 new locals in his district. He mentioned numerous new locals organized since 2022. He talked about a law firm which has been problematic. Roy mentioned several people who would be interested in Fire OPS 101.

SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman said thanks for support after hip surgery. He has ongoing insurance issues with 2nd district. He will be attending IAFF FF memorial. Local 330 is still fighting with city about ambulance issues. Another city is fighting with city on staffing issues. Local 267 and Dayton L136 are having a battle of Ohio party for NFL game.

THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson says his local has been working 42 her schedule. Local Youngstown still fighting with mayor. Other locals are having a feasibility study. Some disciplinary issue and a maternity leave issue with another local

FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Moore has nothing new on policy manual update. Is having 2 new contract negotiations and several other local issues. A ULP issue that went bad. An investigation going on with..... issue with a demotion in a local. A few requests with some smaller local and unionizing. 2 events in his district golf outing and stair climb.

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FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Gatley has a new local in h9s district. He may be organization 2 more locals. A couple of arbitration hearings. He got levy assistance in LONDON Ohio. He's working with ff's running for local political offices. He thanked L93 for help with members going on Fallen Fire Fighter wall.

METRO REP

Steve has been talking to Matt Alter (Local 48) about bargaining. Local 67 is having good negotiations. He says a new firm seems to be doing well for them. He says L67 is putting 4 names on the FF memorial wall. He says Pres. Harvey and him had good talks with Pres. Lally (Local 93).

Jake Konys (Local 93) spoke about motorcycle ride from Cleveland to Colorado Springs for Fallen Fire Fighter memorial. Save the date March 1st for another hockey tournament sponsored by Local 93

Motion: **To adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed by all in attendance. Motion carried.

Meeting ended