

# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters



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### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

AUGUST 31, 2022

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

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

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni (absent)

Metro Representative – Steve Stein

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### LEGAL

Nothing to report

### TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Trustee Ryan Launder. He says audits expenses have been reviewed and are up to date

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Quinn put all financial reports on big projector screen for all to see and explained all expenditures. Bill reminded everyone that ALL financial records, registries, expense reports and Trustee reviews are available for inspection at the OAPFF offices. He talked about change in financial advisors. He welcomed Mr. Bob Dean to 457 control committee. He says 457 committee is looking at hiring a fulltime person to chair 457 committee and says it will be a statewide search. **MOTION:** That the OAPFF Board authorize hiring of a 457-plan manager to serve as the OAPFF 457 Plan Administrator fulfilling duties as prescribed by the Plans Control Committee - unanimously passed. Bill spoke about RPA having visited 28 jurisdictions and met with 188 members recently. The ST touched on updates to the OAPFF credit card program, cell phone usage, and expense reporting platform.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Harvey spoke on his first 100 days in office. He talked about HB512 and the importance of getting it passed. Jon spoke about meeting with FOP and Mary Beth Foley about a plan going forward on HB 512. Jon talked about being more politically involved on the state level. The President met with Governor Dewine.

Mr. Harvey talked about HB 308 (treatment for PTSD) and spoke about the passing of Director Jim Carney and one of their last conversations. He says the Metro Rep (Steve Stein) will be filling in at the Governmental Affairs post temporarily. He spoke about unifying all OAPFF information into a single data base. Mr. President spoke about how the OAPFF financial audit is going. He received an email from governor's office about appointing a state EMS board representative. Jon talked about Brian Baldrige running for Ohio Speaker of the House. He says the OAPFF board and staff had a retreat to identify weaknesses in the organization and improve on them.

He mentioned upcoming AFL-CIO convention and recent Ohio Fire Chiefs' convention that he attended. Talked about MDA and fill the boot. IAFF FC is coming to Columbus. Jon recognized Dean Marks for his IAFF Award and talked about IAFF Resolution1 and its effect on state locals.

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### DIRECTORS REPORTS

#### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Director Mastroianni has been monitoring the Higher Education Initiative issues with the Department of Education. The most recent update was sent to all DVP's and all members on the OAPFF Contact list on August 20. Bill has been busy organizing the upcoming Peer Support Classes in Toledo on September 29th and 30<sup>th</sup> and Sharonville, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open.

The Director says there has been work on updating the hosting policy for the future Biennial conferences. After the OAPFF Eboard retreat, Bill says all conferences, seminars, and further education is being worked on regarding when, where, and their formats. He will give more details later.

#### DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SEE METRO REP REPORT

#### DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMS

Director Bernzweig says any questions about upcoming peer support classes or conferences contact him. He talked about some different classes for peer support for clinicians and working with the fire dept. Dave spoke on the PFAS alert sent out by IAFF and he is working with the NFPA committee on NFPA 1582.

#### DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Hill has been working on the OAPFF Overview of Services manual. He also continues to work with the 457 committee to keep website in formation up to date. The Eboard photos on OAPFF.com are soon to be updated. If any locals need help with different ways of communicating with their members, please have them reach out to the OAPFF communications department. Mr. Hill has been working with Director Mastroianni on getting out notification for the upcoming peer support class in Toledo and Sharonville. Look out for registration info for the Firehouse Expo in Columbus on September 26-30, 2022. As usual Mark continues to work with all directors and elected officials to disseminate information to the membership.

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### DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

#### FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hollenbacher talked about negotiations in Bucyrus. He talked about meeting with Perrysburg Township and showing them what the OAPFF does and can do for them. He says the visit went very well. Roy talked about working with Marion Township on some of their issues with their fire administration.

#### SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Norman. Talked about IAFF resolution 1 and how it affects his district. Mike talked about some issues with Norton Fire and Local 4219. The DVP says there are some serious staffing issues in Sandusky. Norman mentioned an email from the State EMS board and the Fire Chiefs' organization asking for part-timers. He mentioned a couple of upcoming golf outings. Mike spoke about the passing of Pat Grealis and Father Russell Lowe (Fire Chaplain) in Cleveland. He also talked about a Fire Fighters daughter going through cancer treatments.

#### THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson says the IAFF is assisting Canton Township with levy help. Cory talked about Youngstown Fire Department and the possibility of them getting EMS and he talked about the SERB ruling on the Youngstown Battalion Chief promotional issue. The DVP says New Philadelphia L1501 is in fact finding is not going well and the termination of their local union president.

Mr. Wilson talked about the future of Wintersville fire as a local union. Cory touched on Bainbridge Township, former NOFF local, and the issues with IAFF resolution 1. He may have another local that wants to organize.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Moore recognized passing of a member of 4<sup>th</sup> district. Talked about some CBL issues and he's helping at least one local with some contract issues. Beaver creek had a member unfairly fired. Another local had issues with baby boxes. Local 3011 had legal issues that were unsubstantiated. His home local is involved in ULP issues. L3906 had a member and demotion. L4027 has issues with member filing charges against his own local. Another local is wrapping up fact finding. He spoke on multiple other issues going on in his district that he is working on. He says Tim Ryan has been campaigning heavily in the 4<sup>th</sup> district.

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### FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

DVP Gatley is working on levy issues in Grandview heights. Brian is working with multiple locals within the 5<sup>th</sup> district on issues ranging from contract negotiations to workers comp. He says there was a fire fighter cancer death in Portsmouth (life insurance policy help). Mr. Gatley says Portsmouth has had some serious issues in a short amount of time and Newark is having some contract negotiation issues. Says he is assisting a lot of new leaders who are struggling. He has used help from OAPFF legal department on some covid issues.

### METRO REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Stein handed out a list of OAPFF political endorsements and then discussed. Spoke about legislative challenges at the statehouse. He about HB512 and how it relates to Rep Baldrige. He talked about I93 and their resolution about the audit. He mentioned passing of L67 member Wortman from cancer. There were questions from a member about endorsement of a statewide political candidate. **MOTION:** to accept the OAPFF political endorsement list - Passed unanimously

**MOTION:** to donate \$50,000 to "Made In Ohio Saving America Fund, Matching the IAFF's current contribution - Passed Unanimously

Pres. Gostkowski asked about members having to get vaccinated.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14