

# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters



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### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

July 15, 2024

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 – Rich Goforth

1<sup>st</sup> District Vice President – George Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> District Vice President – Dean Marks

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 – Joe Cira

Trustee – Chris Heaton

Director of Governmental Affairs – Steve Stein

Director of Health, Safety & EMS – David Bernzweig

Director of Operations – Bill Mastroianni

Metro Representative – Matt Alter

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### GUEST SPEAKER

IAFF DVP Mark Sanders welcomed new board members. He talked about becoming IAFF service reps. He thanked OAPFF for their support in his reelection. He says there will be a hospitality room available in Boston. He has an upcoming Zoom with state union leaders before Boston. He says 68 new resolutions at the IAFF conference. He says there will be a resolution for per capita increase. EDF Is available to local that meet the requirements. Mark says number one issue that will come up is hiring of 2 ppl as GIS Analysts and there will be a cost attached. He will send out a list about funding received by all 8<sup>th</sup> district states. He talked about cost of IAFF convention. He says Cleveland is in the running for a future IAFF convention. He motioned a recent IAFF survey/poll.

### LEGAL COUNCIL

Henry Arnett spoke about notifying the board about an issue in the Ohio State house that is headed to the Ohio Supreme court. He will keep us up to date.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

Given by Joe Cira. He says all financial issues looked good.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

ST Goforth submitted copies of financial report. Contact him for more info. He noted changes from biennial conference. 13672 active members. He made mention of account balances. He talked about expenditures. He says they gave financial support to 8<sup>th</sup> district for DVP Sanders for his campaign. He talked about all account balances as well as money in and monies out. He talked about PAC and PCE. He says trustees verified all numbers.

### Presidents Report

Pres. Harvey welcomed all new board members. He advised all new DVPs to sign charters for new locals. He thanked Local 20 for all their help at the biennial conference. He talked about OAPFF mission and goals for the future. He says Jerry Miluk will be assisting with OAPFF legislative needs. Pres. says OP and F will be changing language related to 40hrs vs 45hr fire fighters.

Jon spoke about an article on a legislator who wants to combine all 5 public pensions (OAPFF is opposed to this). Ohio AFL-CIO has a pro-citizen campaign that will be on November ballot. DVP Marks: **Motion to support new AFLCIO campaign with donation. Passed unanimously.** AFLCIO is very supportive of Sen. Brown as well as IAFF and OAPFF. DVP Wilson **MOTION - OAPFF support Sen. Brown with a donation. Passed unanimously.** WEP and GPO repeal just received its 60<sup>th</sup> sponsor. Grail gave a presentation to the board about cancer screening.

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Pres. Harvey talked about PSOB and cancer prevention. Pres. Harvey thanked all who attended former Pres. Taylor's funeral. He says Pres. Taylor was a special person who was loved by all. J.H. says invites will be going out soon to all locals to host next biennial.

Mr. Harvey says the board talked about OAPFF travel policies. He mentioned that the Peer coordinators met today as well. Jon says audit process is being done by Marcum. Marcum is helping with new auditor search. Pres. H. says next board meetings will soon be on Zoom. Jon says Ohio legislators will soon be passing new budget (Stein will elaborate). Fire Marshal has depended on us to help with lobbying. He says the fire marshal should be doing this so as not to conflict with our mission.

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### **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

#### **Director of Operations**

Bill Mastroianni talked about 54<sup>th</sup> biennial conference being a huge success. He says Hamilton city council thanked OAPFF for everything says they made lots of money. He thanked Nathan Wells and his organization for their donation. He talked about money made and money spent. During the biennial conference. Bill mentioned a New Officer Academy this fall.

Bill is working on a welcome packet to new statewide local leaders. He says AFG grants being announced. He gave congratulations to Beavercreek on receiving money from AFG. IAFF grant assistance is great (He explained the process). SAFER awards should also be coming out. LITS will be Feb 23-25, 2025. Congrats to all the newly elected OAPFF officials. He thanked Roy. H, M. Norman, R. Launder and W. Quinn for all their help over the years.

#### **Director of Government Affairs**

Steve Stein talked about HB 296 and 194. He says they have over 100 meeting about these 2 issues. He says OAPFF has carried the load when it comes to Meeting with politicians. He briefly talked about Rep Plummer and his idea about combining all public pensions. Traffic jam at the statehouse is frustrating. Better news about WEP and GPO 61 ppl in support of this issue. SAFER Grants are done. Sept 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting in Cincinnati in support of fire fighter grant money. We have received screening questionnaire statewide so conflicting endorsements can be avoided.

#### **Director Of Health, Safety and EMS**

Director Bernzweig had a couple of updates. He says the peer support leaders met recently to update the peer support manual. He says they are planning a statewide conference, and CEs will be available. Dave says it will be for all interested. He talked about a program through the Ohio legislature that treats PTSD and the mental health community was not involved. He says mental health community was not happy about it and some clinicians have serious concerns. If anyone hears about it let him know. He will put a link on website about it. He say there are classes available on state website. IAFF has a new peer support course coming out for clinicians. He talked about upcoming LITS. There will be a "cancer summit day" during this LITS. He touched on changes to NFPA 1582.

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### Director of Communications

1. Photos, bios and contact information is being updated on the website to reflect the newly elected officers. Email addresses have been updated and are in service.
2. OAPFF 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference went well. Thank you to everyone who helped (too many to list them all). Special thanks to Hamilton Local 20, Sgt at Arms Dan Mitsch and his crew, Joan Ferner, and OAPFF Director of Operations Bill Mastroianni. (And all directors) Communications is working to get video footage.
3. Communications assisted Retiree VP Tom Rave with updating the newest retiree dues pamphlet.
4. Communication will begin working on the next OAPFF L.I.T.S with the other directors.
5. I attended the funeral for retired OAPFF President Michael P. Taylor.
6. 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.
7. To be the first to receive notifications on upcoming conferences make sure you and your members are registered on OAPFF.org.
8. 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

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### **DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

#### **RETIREE VP RAVE**

Mr. Rave talked about social security issues. He thanked Local 67 for using their hall. C. Jordan testified at senate hearing. He says Senator Brown was very friendly to all. Tom says they will continue to work on pension issues.

#### **FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Davis says working on transition with info from Roy H. He talked about NFPA 1582 and one of his members. He says there are a couple of campaigns and a couple of issues with members working part-time fire service jobs.

#### **SECOND DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Marks said thanked M. Norman for all his help with transition. Not a lot to report at this time. Golf outings and locals are having contract issues. More issues with step 3 grievance issues. Trying to organize Brunswick Hills. He's getting help with organizing Brecksville.

#### **THIRD DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Wilson talked about Brecksville and Wintersville and their issues with organizing. He is working with 6 contracts in bargaining. Rabenna pres. says university hospital employees have been (possibly) falsifying EMS reports. He thanked all who attended Pres. Taylor's funeral.

#### **FOURTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Moore says is working with local 2981 and a ULP filed against them. Another city is trying to keep officers out of bargaining unit. 3 locals are negotiating right now. Several discipline issues. West Chester having some other discipline issue

#### **FIFTH DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Gatley. Has a local trying to be recognized by SERB. Another local looking for a shift change to 48/96. Huntington township needs assistance. Representation issue in another local. He says his proposal with another local was tossed but things are moving in a positive direction. Orange township has promotional issues and grievances. Henry Arnett is involved. Local 3712 is starting negotiations. Another ambulance district is meeting about a contract. 4593 is looking for recognition.

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### **METRO REP**

Matt has thanked Local 20 for all their work during the biennial. He thanked Local 67 and Henry for all their help by setting standards. He says Local 48 is in negotiations. Local 92 is also in negotiations as well as Local 330.

### **457 PLAN**

Mr. Quinn talked about funds in 457 and control committee issues. He says advisors at RPA and PLAN control committee met. He says funds are doing well for plan participants. He says every 3-4 years there is a record review done. He described basis points and how they work. He has a review coming up with our attorneys and record keeping for the 457. Next quarterly meeting Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by all in attendance. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 15:01