

**STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

October 4, 2019

SFFMA Office

Meeting called to order at: 9:00 a.m.

by President: Tim Smith

Invocation given by: Secretary Brent Allen

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Secretary Brent Allen

Board Members present on site:

President Tim Smith
1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle
2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson
3rd Vice President Donny Boggs
4th Vice President Curtis Brown
Immediate Past President Mike Richardson
Secretary Brent Allen
Assistant Secretary Jim White

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Board Members Not Present: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present: Mascot Landon Flisowski

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Tim Rutland

Approval of Minutes from Secretary Allen:

A motion to approve the minutes from 07/19/2019,7/31/2019 & 8/19/2019 as presented.
Motion was made by 2nd Vice Chuck Richardson and seconded by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs.
The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Guest present: Paul Hamilton, TCFP/SFFMA PP 2016, J. Pete Laney, SFFMA Lobbyist, Chris Barron,
Steve Loving, SFFMA South Central District

Old Business: None

New Business: President Tim Smith

New Business Items: 9:05a.m.

- Appointment of NVFC Representative. Report: President Tim Smith
 - A motion to appoint Executive Director Tim Rutland our State Representative for the N.V.F.C. by Immediate Past President Mike Richardson and seconded by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson.

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

- Appointment of Executive Director to T.C.F.P. Report: President Tim Smith

We will not be appointing the Executive Director to the TCFP, but Paul Hamilton was selected to that board.

- Paul was selected, by the Governor, as a representative of the T.C.F.P.
- At this time he is waiting to be sworn in.
- His term is from 2019 to 2025.

- Executive Director spoke on the Revolving Door Policy, An example of what he can do he can go to commission meetings, and give reports, for the next two years he can't have a discussion with a board member, with the intent to influence decision they are going to have to make.

A motion was made to remove agenda item B by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs and seconded by 4th Vice President Curtis Brown.

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

- Appointment of Executive Director to TIFMAS. Report: President Tim Smith
 - A motion to place Executive Director Tim Rutland TIFMAS board was made by 1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle and seconded by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson.

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

- Appointment of Executive Director to S.F.M.O. L.O.D.D. Panel. Report: President Tim Smith
 - A motion to place Executive Director Tim Rutland on the S.F.M.O. L.O.D.D. panel was made by 1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle and seconded by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson.

The motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

- TIESB Testing / Certification Update Report: 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs

Vice President Boggs asked for a meeting on Sept 24 with Tim, Chris, Kevin, TIESB Representative, Brian Scheffer, Certification Chairman, along with Christina Foley who is with curriculum and testing of TEEX.

- Knowing what that road map is going forward. Test Bank was purchased, software to drive it, it had been validated to the JPR's by Christina and return to the Austin office.
- Components that are needing to be put in place, for that testing to occur.
- It takes some time to do that.
- The TIESB Board will have to make a commitment, with some appointment to do some things.
- We want to utilize testing centers, which Tim is looking at now.
- It was a very productive meeting
- What kind of time limit are we looking at for implementation.
- Was hoping to be testing in July.

- H.B. 2446 Article Update/Review Report: Immediate Past President Mike Richardson

- Mike Montgomery wrote an article on H.B. 2446, I.P.P. M. Richardson has had discussion with Mike, back and forth on this.
- Great article, discussion about maybe putting in InfoFire, there was just something in it, I couldn't put my finger on it right then cause, I just read though it. It didn't quite hit me right, he and I have gone back and forth on it.
- Probably what that was, everything on it is factual and great, but maybe a little more flavored.

- When we got into concerns about unattended consequences, when we listed this as concerns, think of this coming from our organization, so there are no limitation on type of inspections to be preformed.
 - But not providing information that didn't exist in the previous statue, that might give an undue concern to membership that seem it was a absolute and complete negative.
 - The past statue was so much more broad, and this is less detailed then this one is. Certainly, this one has positives and negatives.
 - Scope of what type of inspection a Inspector I can do.
- Legislative Session Wrap-Up Report: J.Pete Laney/ I.P.P. Mike Richardson
 - Answer any question that happen specificity during the session
 - Couple of things I wanted to talk about, not to be decided to today but, just to work on is to come up with a plan for the next session, where do we want to go, is there something specificity. As a board and T Flag be thinking about that.
 - The mental health issue this session, what do we want to do.
 - Champions for the SFFMA- Springer, Perry and King.
 - Did we ever get a reason why the Governor veto our Job Protection Bill. So, I got a call from Governor's Chief of Staff, call over to Tracey King, who carried in the House, he didn't call Senator Perry, I call Senator Perry, he was surprised. Two things, One, this Governor is big on not telling businesses what to do. He saw it as telling businesses what to do and it allowed someone to go to court.
- Discussion of driveway easement for SFFMA property. Report: President Tim Smith
 - No action at this time.
- Retention of Conference Materials, 7year plan. Report: President Tim Smith

There is a 7 years, worth of financials, red books, posters, photos of past president Trying maintain it is, maybe have a sub committee look into it. Executive Director will look into how we may address it.
- Recruitment & Retention Program Update. Report: Greg Reddin
 - Look for ways to grow the associations, by using a safer grants, we have safer grant in 16 states.
 - One County in Pennsylvania, 60 volunteer companies got 4.3.million dollars, largest safer grant ever.
 - Target Life styles - Ages 18-44 (Core Range)
 - Educated the Public you are 100% volunteer and we need more people.
 - The SFFMA safer grant will be able to use \$40,000.00 for Association membership dues.
- Request to Utilize SFFMA Logo for gifts Report: President Tim Smith
 - Be able to use the logo on things we wouldn't be in a bad light
 - Send a letter to Shop for Chuck Richardson to use the logo.

Audience Comments:

Paul Hamilton – Tickle to death be here !

Steve Loving – Nothing at all, How will the Association divvy out the Safer Grant money for Membership dues

J. Pete Laney – Nothing.

Chris Barron – It's been fun, great transition couldn't ask better transition for Tim, we have known each other for 7-8 years, It's been a great ride with the Association. Enjoyed working for the Association.

Board Comments:

President Tim Smith - Well, Chris, thanks again, I sent you an email. I do value our friendship, I appreciate that. I appreciate all that you done. The transition, this board including myself didn't have to do anything. And that is invaluable and we appreciate that to the tenth degree Tim, we are looking forward, we had quite a few conversions. We be a lot more to come, I glad you mention the vision part of it, also the district meeting part of it. When we got dues increase , Chris and his staff came to a lot of district meeting. And heard better feedback form that more than anything else we've done. They love to see your face out there. So get that list and get after it. Panhandle the best district, it is the largest one. To this board thank you, I try to do everything right, sometimes I do fall short. We will discuss the next here in a few minutes, I tr to get everything done on time. I appreciate everyone's help, support and the understanding it's not a full time job, but it is a full time job. And Brent is finding that out as well. Again thank you for the support. Its been really fun. We need to set a date for our next meeting.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle - Chris, I want to thank for the past 15 years, I was on the board when we hired you and I was on the board when you left. Maybe I been around to long, I don't know. I've enjoyed working with over the years. You've done a lot for us and it been appreciated. Tim, I look forward to working with you in the future. I think you were a great choice and you do fine work for us.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson - Just echo him, Chris Thanks for everything you've done. I you not going anywhere except across the parking lot Tim , I told you I'm excited about having you on board, your relationship with TCFP will be a plus for us, now we got to wait and see what they do. I took a class given by Columbia Southern University, they we are not a learning partner with them, and it doesn't cost anything to be a learning partner with them, if we become a partner our members get a discount on anything they take. We need to look at that as added benefit to the organization. I took a stress test I did do as well as thought I would and they schooled me for a heart cath on the 15th of this month.

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs – echo what everybody is saying, Chris, I think you have left association to Tim in really good hands. Thank you for everything you have done. Tim, welcome aboard, look forward to working with you from her on out. I want congratulate Paul on his appointment, we've got some good aliases. I think we are rolling, I'm seeing some results with efforts we are putting out there. Now, not the time to slow down, put the metal on down and get to where we need to go.

4th Vice President Curtis Brown - Chris, thank you for the smooth transition, in a lot of organization you don't see that, even in the fire service we don't see that in chiefs a lot of times so, I thank you for that, Tim you don't have enough gray hair yet I going help you with that by the time I make President.

Immediate Past President Mike Richardson - Echo everything, Chris you've done an outstanding job. I will say Richard said he was here when hired you and also when you were born. Tim, I look forward to next few years, as Curtis said it rarity to go through this, I started out my Presidency with Gabbi quitting and I ended it with Chris quitting, I'm worried about things too. To have such a smooth transition, certainly is a huge benefit to this association. We don't have to worry about the membership being affected by anything and I applaud both of you, To the rest of you I thoroughly enjoyed this. SFFMA as a CSU Partner, our department is a CSU partner I don't know why I missed that, It's a recruiting tool. That the state should be funding part recruiting and retention. Paul, congratulations! on TCFP Board. J.Pete , appreciate everything that you did this last year. Tim, 100% behind you. My surgery is the 21st

Secretary Brent Allen: Glad to have you aboard, Tim, we'll have a lot fun the next few years, so be ready. Chris thank you for everything you have done for me. Thank you for what you have done for the Association, we appreciate very much.

Assistant Secretary Jim White - Well, like Richard, I was here when we hired you, Its been a great friendship with you. I wish you well in your future endeavors. Tim , It will great to meet you and work with you.

Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson - Echo everyone else has said as well. Chris has left his mark on this association, wish you the best. Tim certainly glad to have you on board. We have a bright future ahead

Executive Director Tim Rutland – I'm excited to be here, I appreciate the opportunity. I really look forward to being in, already have I guess. I'm to partner with ya'll and ready to implement ya'lls vision. I love to be part of developing the vision and implementing that vision, just let me know what you need me to do. I value the face to face with people, I would much rather do that than send a n email. If you see a need for me to do that, I have already decided to make some district meeting.

Mascot Landon Flisowski

The next scheduled meeting is T.B.A.

There being no more agenda items

A motion to adjourn was made by Asst. Secretary F. Jim White seconded by Donny Boggs

Motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Smith ended the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
10/15/2019**