

Certification Board Meeting

Sunday July 21, 2019

9:00 – 12:00 Noon

Texas A&M University – Reed Arena

730 Olsen Blvd

College Station Texas 77843

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

In attendance:

Brian Sheffer

Edwin Baker

Frank Marcinkiewicz

RJ Thomas

Ubaldo Perez

Kendall Hunting

Bradley Hargrove

Clay Deatherage

William Tidwell

Jeromy Dawson

Brent Allen

Scott Garris

Andy Dexter

George Samples

Mike Richardson

Richard Van Winkle

Donnie Boggs

Cary Roccaforte

Kevin Creamer

III. Acceptance of the Minutes from June Meeting

None available at this time. Table till next meeting

IV. Communications

A. Executive Director / Board / SFFMA Staff

Chris Barron announced he is leaving as Executive Direct. Will be a Consultant. Update given for Growth Zone repaired access issues and created some new videos. Some are coordinator to coordinator videos. Continue training in your area it seems to be working, our office is receiving fewer calls. Certificates can be printed in the new system. Association is in good shape financially. Still looking for feedback to improve ease of testing for our members. Heather will be working with Kevin.

V. Old Business

A. Review Committees

1. Volunteer Fire Chief – Ubaldo Perez, R.J. Thomas, Billy Tidwell, Brent Allen, Patrick Dooley
Reviewing suggestions from last month, requiring instructor 1 and fire officer 1. Chair will entertain submission of class or courses of instruction at our next meeting.
2. Testing – Board Chair and Executive Board Liaison
Nothing to report
3. NFPA/Skills Updates – Edwin Baker, Brad Hargrove, Mark Wobus, Cary Roccaforte
Motion by Andy Dexter to separate the Hazardous Materials A&O out of FFI and II Testing as stand alone Test. Seconded by Clay Deatherage. Motion passed on voice vote.
D/O still in progress
4. TEEX Course Breakdowns – Cary Roccaforte, Andy Dexter, RJ Thomas, Brent Allen
Nothing to report
5. Continuing Education – Clay Deatherage and Brent Allen
Nothing to report
6. Fire Department Audit – RJ Thomas, Clay Deatherage, Brad Hargrove
Committee recommends adding NFPA 1401 Recommended Practice for Fire Service Training Reports and Record Retention and Texas Library Record Retention Requirements to audit requirements.
7. Approved Training Providers – Frankie Marcinkiewicz, Edwin Baker, and Scott Garris
Industrial training providers will be referred to the TIESB Committee.

8. Skill Examiner Credentials – Andy Dexter, Brad Hargrove, RJ Thomas, Frank Marcinkiewicz
In progress
9. Master Certification – Billy Tidwell, Andy Dexter, Nate Mara, Jeremy Dawson, Patrick Dooley, Kendal Hunting
Andy Dexter motioned to change Master Certification to proposed change in the provided hand out seconded by Frank Marcinkiewicz. Adds ability to get classes approved in categories.
10. Texas Industrial Emergency Service Board Committee (TIESB) Steve Pepper
Ready to start tracking training in the system. Cross walks to FF objectives has been addressed.
11. Growth Zone Committee, Andy Dexter, Bill Tidwell, Nate Mara
Video for training are helping. Be practice is two screens are best one for the video and one to walk through on the web.

B. EMS Instructor Certification

Andy Dexter reports, State of Texas point of contact is back in the office after an absence. Expect the project to move forward soon.

C. Charge of Fees for 1001: Live Fire Prerequisite Level

Andy Dexter motioned for fees to be removed from NFPS 1001 Live Fire Prerequisite Training. Second from Jeremy Dawson. Motion Carried on voice vote.

D. Military Waiver

Hand out available on web site and passed out. Motion to accept from Frank Marcinkiewicz seconded inaudible. Not retroactive. Motion carries on voice vote.

E. Master Instructor

Requires Master FF Certification, Instructor III, bachelor's degree in education. Discussion recommends that the 4-year degree in education may be to high a standard. Will clean up and propose at next meeting.

F. Certification Board Members Duties. Reviewed/briefed by Chair with hand out.

Clay Deatherage motion that Instructor II or grandfathered equivalent and Firefighter I be required to sit on the Certification Board. Brent Allen seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

Andy Dexter motion and Billy Tidwell seconded to accept the Certification Board Member Duties. Motion carries on a voice vote.

VI. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Chair open the floor for nominations. Motion by Clay Deatherage to keep all officer as elected by acclamation. Seconded by Brady Hardgrove. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

VII. Announcements

None

A. Next meeting

August 14 7:00pm Teleconference for Master Application

October Teleconference?

January 2020 Lubbock Texas.

Adjourned 11:01am