

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

Zoom Meeting

June 22,2021

Meeting called to order at:

by President: Tim Smith

Invocation given by:

Roll Call of Board Members Present: 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 Mike Richter
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson

Board Members Not Present:

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present: Landon Flisowski

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Tim Rutland, Heather Lundy

Tim Smith: Okay, that'll be fine. Recording in progress. Okay, here we go. I don't really have an agenda. This over. Okay. Hi, Brent would you call roll for the record?

Secretary Allen: President Tim Smith. Here.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle, I am here.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson. He's here somewhere,

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs, Present

4th Vice President Curtis Brown, Present

Immediate Past President Mike Richardson.

Secretary Allen is here.

Assistant Secretary Richter Here

Chaplin Ben Kennedy will probably be here somewhere.

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson,

Executive Director Tim Rutland.

And Heather, we know she's here. (Tim) All right. All right.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson: So, I'm having cell phone issues. So I'm fading in and out. But I'm pressing on to the house to work and get on Wi Fi. So, we go ask me a question. If I do not answer or give me a couple of minutes to get hooked back up. (Tim) All right, Sounds Good

President Tim Smith: All right. Sounds good. All right. So don't really have an agenda for this. I thought we just get together for one last time before the convention to see what loose ends. We need to wrap up. I guess we'll start going. If y'all have anything urgent or pressing that you need to start with to get out of the way. Think about it. We're just going around the room. Anybody have any things?

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: I was asking if any of the board members were looking at staying Sunday night, I guess depending on how long the board meeting goes. That afternoon.

Heather Lundy: Who is planning to stay Sunday night? (Richard)I am Richard. Okay, Richard Van Winkle is planning on staying Sunday. (Chuck) Chuck, yes. (Rayford) Rayford is, (Brent)so is Brent. Tim will be here, (Mike Richter) I will be staying but I have an RV. I'm staying in my RV. It's me parked on the back parking lot in the hotel while we're at the conference.

Heather Lundy: So, Michael, are you not going to use your hotel room at all?

Heather Lundy: (Mike) I'll use it during the conference. Okay. I've got my reservation for Sunday night. And Monday night to stay in love with those two nights. I'll go sightseeing. (Brent) Did you get me Heather?.

Heather Lundy: Okay, so I've got Richard Van Winkle, Chuck, Rayford and Brent. And Donny, you as well. Yes, please. Okay, uh, I had emailed Stephanie at the hotel and told her I thought some of y'all were going to be staying but, I wasn't sure who. And that I would know tonight and she said, That's no problem. She can accommodate everybody who wants to do so. So, you're all good.

President Tim Smith: I had my room. I don't know. Did for Sunday night. I'll stay on my Sunday. But we'll say if you guys want to come out to our house on Sunday, we will feed y'all Sunday night, does that sound like a plan? Is that okay? So long as you tell us how to get there. Oh, it's not too bad. Yeah, I'll give you directions. Hey, we have cell phones or self service on here and WiFi too, (Donny)I don't know what's going on with the atmosphere. (Tim)Don't, Don't jinx it.. But yeah, we will feed you guys some steaks, Sunday night if that's okay.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: As much as I'd like to stay, I'm hoping y'all will turn me loose after a relatively short meeting, on Sunday so I can get home Sunday night.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: I will do my best not to drag it out.

President Tim Smith: If anybody in this group's going make a meeting short, I know who it's going to be, that's a compliment Richard(Richard) I took in this such. (Tim) So, okay. All right. So, that's out of the way, one of the things to get and all that together. Let's say a start with Thursday night and any questions on Thursday night. The bus will leave the hotel at 5:30, I believe you said six. Oh, it's going be there at 5:30, it'll be there at 5:30 to load, leaving at six. Yes. (Brent)On Thursday. (Tim)Yes. So there's, that'll be over around. I think the bus leaves the union hall at 930 to come back to the hotel. Of, course my room will be open. You guys want to come by and have a nightcap. That'd be great. Yeah, yeah. Friday morning,

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: Hey Tim, (Tim) Yes, sir. Is the Union hall we're going to for the dinner. Do they set their thermostat to hang meat? Are we going need to be taking jackets or just be comfortable? (Tim) It's comfortable. (Richard)Okay, that's what I needed know.

President Tim Smith: I going keep the thermostat. Yeah, we'll make it. Yeah. Hey, Ben. Let's keep it cold. So as people are, yeah, blood gets damp. I know. Yeah. So. So that'll wrap up Thursday night. I think that's a no brainer. The Past Presidents are going to join us for that more dinner. And they'll be on the bus as well. We should have plenty of room on that single bus going out there. I'll be out there a little early. But I think everybody will have plenty of room. Friday morning. I don't really think we have anything. There was some talk from JP Laney about maybe Charles Perry. And maybe some other dignitaries coming by Friday morning to visit. I don't know if he set that up or you don't try to have them come by Saturday night at Cooks, which I told him would be the best and the President Reception. They'll see more. They'll have more exposure Saturday, not to the people that vote. So, I told him I talked to I talked to JP this afternoon he gave me a call. And I talked to him and asked him about that. He said he still hadn't gotten a commitment one way or the other. Yes. Yeah. But he's still hoping he will. Okay. All right. We should be able to eat breakfast at the hotel. I'm assuming they'll have breakfast for us there. Also, at noon on Friday, we have a Past Presidents luncheon. That's where we go and we'll give a little state of the association address, candidates will talk and then they will usher us out. Friday afternoon I believe we're going to have a business meeting starting five sometime between that luncheon and that business meeting maybe right after the lunch and say about two o'clock if you guys could make your way to my room got a little something I'd like to give you before the end before we get so busy that we don't have time to do it. So y'all the two o'clock be okay with everybody for that good for me. (All) 2:00 is good (Tim)Okay good.

Heather Lundy: Can I back up for just a second, did all of the V.P. candidates and all other candidates have been told that they're expected to be at the Past Presidents luncheon to speak.

President Tim Smith: Believe they have we notified, Kelly Vandergriff and or Billy, actually Billy Tidwell did that and I know he knows, I'll make sure Stephen and Frankie know also. (Heather) Okay. Okay. I believe we told them once, but we'll let them know again that the hotel and I don't know exactly the location, maybe Bill Gardner set that up so maybe he can figure out work for when let us know where all to go. (Heather, keep talking I will tell you), I'll tell you. What was that about? Boggs, Ben, got on. Yeah, got it. Oh, good. Oh, good. We got him on here. Morning. Morning. So, Past Presidents luncheon is in the canyon room.

Heather Lundy: The canyon room, which is I believe it might be one of the upstairs rooms I'm not positive.

President Tim Smith: I think it is upstairs. Yeah. So yeah, so will they expect that about noon? I think I sent out the uniform of the day for that, I believe it is Maroon shirts, They get Maroon shirts per soon to be President Van Winkle don't get them dirty because you got to wear them Sunday afternoon.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle. That is correct, So I prefer your come not to scrape stuff off of them.

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: He is already getting bossy.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: I have to break out Jim Whites bibs he give us a few years ago

President Tim Smith: That's right. So, um, so that legend should be long. You guys come by my room about to visit for a little bit. And we have a business meeting at one five. I know, it's a little odd not to wear our suit tie to business meeting. But, you know, I think Richard put it very eloquently said, By Sunday afternoon, we're going get pretty close together. we might start smelling pretty good. So, we will be pretty casual for this first business session. I don't predict it's going to take very long. We are going do you know, the lecture rules, the nominations we have, we will let all the candidates know that half of know already, that this not the time for them to give their platform or their vision. That is going to happen Saturday. This is just a simple matter of accepting or not accepting the nomination or not accepting the nomination. Then after that, all that plays out. And I can hardly see that, Heather. There we go. I can see him now. So pretty much Chuck Richardson, you'll be the Presiding Officer for that. We will get Ben to give the invocation, we'll do a couple of pledges. I will have a short welcome address. The fire chief from Lubbock will also give a little welcome. The possibility exists that the county judge may come by. He wasn't sure yet, if he would be out of his meetings by then. But if he does, is it okay with everybody if, let him say a word or two as well, and then Brent.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson: Mr. President, I have made a script for that first session of what I'm supposed to say, I'm going let you look at it when we get through make sure that I'm on the right page.(Tim) Okay, I hope I know. So yeah. (Chuck)If we both, do not know, what's going to happen.

President Tim Smith: Well, it is like being sad about the memorial services. You know, they go off without a hitch. But there is always something that nobody but as knows about. So, in laws, and we're good, (Chuck)we don't tell them what's wrong. They're not going know.

Secretary Allen: (Tim)Yes, (Brent) during the nomination procedures, are we going to they're not going to talk about anything, you're just or do they have a certain time limit or what.

President Tim Smith: It's merely that you'll tell them that they were accepting nominations for this. And technically I don't think I mean, I don't think it even requires a second. Yeah, we always have a second. (Rayford)Nominations do not require second (Brent)Yeah, we will let them know that too so, we don't have that going on,(Tim)nine times out of 10 somebody stands up and seconds it anyways. (Richard)They're always has been a second, unless we tell them not to. And I don't think we should do that, we have done it for years and years. And I don't think it hurts anything for a couple of you get up and say, (Brent) okay, that's fine. That works for me.

President Tim Smith: Generally speaking, they keep it short. You know, they don't want to talk long either anyways. Yeah, the candidates. And that's the time they'll be able to affirm or deny the nomination. That is pretty much been limited to three minutes anyway. Yeah, and that's it usually doesn't even take that long. They're pretty good about it. Let's see. After that, it's going to be elevation of the officers motion from the floor, I believe Mr. Stephens, Kyle Stephens is taken care of that. And then the official nomination will be held will be done or the official nomination process will be done by Richard. Host city proposals, we'll go on to Director Rutland. Harvey

will give a brief rundown of all the amendments we have to vote on, any announcements will be done by Brent after that, and then we'll close it out for that time. Brent, usually all those announcements, you probably already know. It's like the hospitality, (Brent) right. Well maybe get hospitality room numbers, that kind of thing. (Brent) I will get them from whoever is doing them. You're doing it? I would also that you let folks know that we're going to be at Cook's that Saturday night at seven. We'll do that a couple of times. That way they can be prepared for maybe let them know what time the buses leave for Cook's on Saturday night. And then we'll have a little more time on Saturday afternoon to do that. But let's try to get that done just to get it in our heads one time, (Brent) What time was it again at seven? (Heather) Cook's is at seven, you talking about this Saturday night, right? And the buses will be there and start loading. (Richard) What is Cook's

President Tim Smith: Okay, Cooks Garage is the President's reception. It's a, it's just a, we'll call it a giant man cave. You're going to be amazed at it. Okay, I've got cars. Sounds good. If you like cars, like old cars and signs and old stuff, it's good. Yeah. Y'all remember that? played in Lubbock last time. The fire chief out of Sudan my Kiehl's, man, he'll be there Saturday night playing for about three or four hours. Heather what time do the buses get there? Saturday night? Ah, hang on just sec. Just so we know. I think it is at 6:30.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Hey, before we go on to Saturday, let me let me mention about the host city proposals that I'm pretty sure everybody knows. But let me let me mention it anyway. Just so y'all, for sure all know, there really is only one. San Marcos is the only city that that submitted something. Bastrop and Waco. We contacted Bastrop, Waco, San Antonio, Austin, and San Marcos, Waco and Bastrop, both responded back that they would not be able to accommodate us. Austin never responded. San Antonio, we actually got something from them about two weeks ago. And essentially, there obviously is not enough time at this point to go to a site visit and all that. So, I wasn't even going to present that one. Because the site, the Site Visit Committee hadn't even seen it didn't even have a chance to see it. So essentially, we have San Marcus.

President Tim Smith: Okay. What we're talking about. I will say this since we're on host cities, we do have an issue coming up out of the valley. I believe R.C Flores is under the impression that they're going to be it on for 23. When he and I had a conversation about this, and I have not reached him since I talked to you, Heather, but he and I had a conversation about this when we cancelled McAllen. And he asked if they could bid on it, it's not in the rotation. And there's only two situations where you could bid on it. One we didn't receive any proposals from the host are from the from the region we're supposed to visit at that and 23, which would be Central Texas, or if the membership rejected all the proposals. That would be the only way. Last time I heard. And Sandra can confirm this, that him and maybe McAllen and Frankie Joe have teamed up for Hospitality suite to bid on 23. I don't know what wave This is going cause or anything, but I'm not sure. I think tell him not to really.

Heather Lundy: Yeah. This is the first time I heard of it was yesterday. But he called yesterday and said they were hosting a hospitality suite. And that they were going to bid. They were they thought that they were bidding on 2023. And it was totally news to me. Yeah.

President Tim Smith: And that was news to me, too. Yeah. I don't know if it requires any action on our part. Probably not. But y'all know that you may hear something about that. Especially you, Richard. You know, that won't be the last we hear this. (Richard)Okay.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson: You'll correct me if I'm wrong, but all we two city's behind this year on our rotation. (Tim) Well, (Boggs)we need to also be looking at 24.

President Tim Smith: Well, we do. I don't know what the rotation goes for. And 24. (Boggs) I think it went back to North. (Tim)Yeah, (Tim R.) I believe it is. Yeah.

Heather Lundy: If they vote on changing the site selection process, it's all a moot point anyway. Right. (Tim) Exactly. Exactly.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: So that was quite we weren't going to be too aggressive in trying to do anything at this point. We need to see what happens, Come Saturday Agree. Agreed.

President Tim Smith: fully agree, because at the Gulf Coast amendment passes, we're going to Galveston 23. Right. Right. And so 24 I assume so. (Boggs)Yeah. Well, yeah, that's: the way it was laid out. Okay. In San Marcos, Lubbock and McAllen.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: That being the case, we need to think about how that's going to play out because if obviously, they're going to go through the motions of to accept or reject San Marcus is a gets accepted and amendment, it's accepted, and the amendment gets accepted then you got to conflict, as well. (Boggs)And I think at that time golf culture is going have to look maybe rearranging the order of those cities. And I know that that goes against what Chris Anderson was on wanted it were, his wife will go out to Galveston.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: If we adopt that bow, there's no reunion we adopted like handwritten.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Why don't we do with the vote for San Marcos if it gets voted and accepted as the city for 23? What do you do with it? (Richard)That is a good question.

Heather Lundy: Because one get voted on before the other. Does the proposal get voted on before the host city?

Executive Director Tim Rutland: That would be my suggestion is that you have you let that amendment get voted on first and counted? And depending on what happens there, then you have you have a vote for up or down for San Marcos after that.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson: You may not even need amendment passes, revising the Constitution. I think that allows us some leeway to take in alter that rotation. Even if the Gulf Coast amendment passes, then the executive board will have that latitude, I think to take and make the changes we need to make.

President Tim Smith: I agree with you Chuck. (Rayford) Well, you're right. If the amendments all passed, then everything is going to be in disarray until it all settles back in. I think at that point, you're not it doesn't really matter one way or the other, just wherever we want to go.

Heather Lundy: I can put the host city question on a separate ballot. And we can vote on the proposals and then count. And then if the proposal fails, then we can have a ballot available for the host city vote it would be you'd have to do another vote. I don't know if they'll want to do that. (Rayford) That would be the easiest way to do it.

President Tim Smith: But either way, that that's a properly vetted amendment. And it has to be voted on. Because it's passed the bylaws at some point time, correct? (Rayford) That's correct. Yes. So, it has to be voted on either way. But maybe we'll split it up and do it. Secondly, Yeah. Maybe we'll just do that. Yeah. So, you're saying vote on vote on San Marcos. After the by-laws amendments?

Heather Lundy: Yeah. After the proposals pass. If the proposal fails, then then you would have I guess you would have the vote on a host city.

President Tim Smith: And it would be by acclamation. Anyway, they've only have one host city, right. (Rayford) That's, that's true. Okay. Yeah. All right. Let's, let's, let's, if y'all are okay with that. Let's run with that. And in that order, (Boggs) I think, I think definitely best play.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: Yeah. Okay. Now, I'm confused here. Let's put all this stuff in that agenda there. Where's it going to go? Saturday, it'll be Saturday. Okay. The Friday elections are strictly being for the officers. And the mascot. (Tim) Okay, There's no elections on Friday. Nominations are, right. Now? Yeah. Mascot. Saturday. Or it is he says elections.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Heather, scroll up. So we can see that where the elections are on Saturday. On Saturday. Yeah, they're, yeah, they're rather delicate protocols. Right. Yeah. (Richard) So, that's when we do the we do the voting. Yes. Okay. scroll on down a little bit, Heather. Then we get the election results. Down at the bottom. Right. And then after that, we're going to do the answer. We're going to do the when are we going to do the host city or you're proposing to put that it was back on Friday, right

President Tim Smith: Hang on. Yeah. The proposal. The hosting proposals are Friday that there's no voting on that. They'll Saturday, Richard, I think what to solve the problem. We, after on election results for officers and amendments. We will make the determination then amongst us if we need to have another vote on a host city. That's all I know to do it.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: Okay, let me suggest this. If we only have one nomination, why would we have to have an election at all on the host city? I mean, if if the law proposal passes, we go to Galveston. If it fails, we tell everybody, we're going to San Marcos. Yeah. (Tim) Agreed. No one else did on it. So there's no need to actually have a vote is our true vote? (Heather) Do they have to make a vote by acclamation just to make it official? (Rayford) Yes. (Tim R.) Well, if I don't, I don't want to I don't mean to complicate things here. But if you have a situation where you have a group may be lobbying, to have San Marcos fail by vote, so that they can then be considered as a host city, oh, then you almost need to have a vote for San Marcos, you almost need to go through that, that exercise and let it play out. You need to

listen mark is win or lose. Well, however, if we weren't having a discussion about a house city, or a change, I don't know if we'd vote anyway, if we just have one, one person on the ballot or one city on the ballot. (Rayford)But you still have to have a motion to accept acclamation. (Richard)Why? Because that's what the rules are going say. (Tim) Oh, and our bylaws say that the membership votes on one city would go on. But then it can't be by acclamation, It has to be by ballot. I can make a separate ballot with one city on it. (Richard)Okay. (Rayford)And they vote yes or no.(Heather) And they vote yes or no, (Tim)good enough.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: I really would recommend that just for the sake of saying that it was done. And it was all on the up and up (Richard) and playing the devil's advocate. What are we going to do if, it fails, if they vote not to go to San Marcos. We look for we'd be looking for a host. We'd be putting out a request for proposals for somewhere. And then McAllen could bid and then McAllen could bid. There's no clean way to do it.

President Tim Smith: I agree. (Richard) I agree with that. All right, we got that worked out. Yeah, (Rayford)and believe me, that won't be the only hiccup we'll have if ,if all the amendments pass, will there be many other hiccups down the road. Sure enough!

Executive Director Tim Rutland: So, Heather, you got that you're going to create a ballot that has the amendment on it and then a separate ballot all together for San Marcos. (Heather)Yeah. So, one ballot will have the amendments. Officer candidates, mascot candidates, and then a second separate ballot will have the city proposal. Okay. Thanks.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: Okay, I'm muddied of water for men. I'm sorry that I've got a question. I'm looking at a map of Texas and it's got a bunch of colors on me. And it's the rotation 2020 would be in zone one, which would be the panhandle. Yes. 2021 Be in zone two, which is the valley 2022 would be in Central Texas. 2023 looks like it's going to be in the Galveston area. And 2024 would in the Beaumont area. How did we get off?. Am I looking at the wrong one.

Heather Lundy: we are set for 2022 in Beaumont (Richard) at some spot there looks like you had that road map and we got off track and we're on a five region. Road response. Right. I mean rotation.

President Tim Smith: That's correct. Did we go alphanumeric though, do we go by the numbers? I don't remember.(Richard)I think counterclockwise. According to the map I got. Yeah. Anyway, If we don't tell nobody will know. (Heather)Yeah, okay. I don't know it was before my time. I don't know (Tim R)I don't know the history there either.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: And I know we voted go to that that five region rotation. Well, most messed up the first year, the first year actually would have been in McAllen. And so yeah, I don't remember what year that was. But when we went to point, you know, we even forget, I don't remember all of that. I know we're in a five region rotation. And what I've got here is not matching up with what we're doing. But thank we best, probably forget about what I got here. And let's just keep doing what we're doing. (Tim) I think we better. (Richard) there's no way we can go back and correct in you that so. I think Heather, If you can print that second ballot, then I guess we just will do it that way after the election results, and we'll vote on the city while they're counting the votes, we can install the officers.

Yeah. Yeah, it shouldn't take long and go through those ballots. (Richard)It Shouldn't.

President Tim Smith: Alright, were we at on Saturday. We to elections yet. Yep. We just passed that didn't win. Mm hmm. Can you scroll a little bit there? There we go. election results, and then we'll install the officers. Kyle Stevens, take care of that Richard will of make announcements. Mr. Richter will do any resolutions that we have. And then we'll close it out with Ben Kennedy. One last thing on elections. I've notified the folks that will count the ballots this year to be a little different this year. I got two Past President's, general membership and then I'll get Sergeant arms to send one of their guys and so we should be good there.

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: To me if I may. Yes, sir. sure that we caution them the last time that happened. They didn't really count all of them and come back with the numbers of who got what. Make sure to caution them that they count them. They put the numbers down. And they give those back to Brent, because we don't want that. That note to on our backs. We'll probably remember that one. Yeah. Remember, (Tim)we need exact numbers of those.(Rayford) So, Mr. President, did you not want me to be in there when they count the ballots? I do? Yes, sir. I'm sorry. I forgot you. I have you on that list is? Yes, sir. (Rayford)Okay, thank you. Yes, no, absolutely. You need to be in there, What else guys?

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: Back up on the other page, Heather on the second session. And introducing prior mascots and sweethearts. That's just a general announcement. If you were a former mascot, SFFMA Please, stand. Same way with TFA. Sweetheart.

President Tim Smith: Yes, that's what it will be. Yeah. I think that's some time ago. And if you know there's several of those the guys in the room Henry Perry started as a mascot and end up the president. That's pretty remarkable. After you do that, that's when the the VP candidates will come up. I didn't put some money on there to announce them. I guess. Richard, you'll take care of that. (Richard) I think I can (Tim) I bet you can sounds good to me. What else we doing?

Heather Lundy: So, you have the buses for the President's reception on Saturday evening. Buses are going to be at the Overton at 4:45 there are two buses 56 passenger first bus departs at 5:15 and the last departure back from Cook's Garage is 9:30.

President Tim Smith: I will see it's not on here. It's I don't know if it's on the other one that the location and the time. Is it on the official ones?

Heather Lundy: The official location for Cook's Garage it says Doors open at 6:30 reception and dinner from seven till this says 11pm

President Tim Smith: Yeah, but yeah, the address Cook's on the on the other ones on the address of Cook's Garage. I haven't I just want to make sure it's on the agenda. Okay, yeah, I'll put it on there. I'll make a note. (Tim) Okay. Yeah.

Secretary Allen: Are people allowed to just drive their vehicles out there if they want to or not? Absolutely. Okay. Keep the parking lot. It's enormous. (Brent)Okay. We'll have some vendors their Siddons-Martin and Dayco Fire and an called company called First -In Fire Equipment. They're going to have some trucks parked out front there in front of where we're going to meet.

They basically paid for all of that. So, shake their hand, nice little signs, announcing that we'll get them. we'll recognize them a couple times during the event as well. Between those three organizations, I pretty much paid for all of our entertainment this this weekend.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Feel a couple of things. on third, I mean, going back to Thursday afternoon, when John gets there, he should be coordinating, getting the beer delivered to the hotel. And you had said something about having a couple of guys who are going to be able to come over there and get it and take it over to the union hall. Is that right? (Tim)Yeah. My firemen don't take care of that. They're okay. Like, tables and chairs and whatnot over there. Anyway, so Okay, any left? You must know my fireman. (Tim) Yep, we'll be good. And again, and the other thing is, and I've gotten permission from President to do this Saturday afternoon, and we're going shoot for around two o'clock, Darrell and I will let everybody know about this. When I do my report Saturday morning, Darrell and I are going to be back in the big room where the where the meeting was about two o'clock. And we're going to do a demo of this new data system that we're designing. And we're going invite anybody who wants to come in, you know, they don't have anything going on for that free afternoon to come back in so that we can present this thing to as many people as we're interested in seeing it,(Tim)Yeah, we should probably look at many information on the conference announcements on Saturday. (Brent)And when after they will be sent Saturday afternoon. We're going to shoot for about two o'clock assuming the business meeting is over by nine. We'll shoot for about 2pm. (Tim)Okay. And again, I'll mention it during my report Saturday morning, too. (Tim)Okay, Okay, good.

Heather Lundy: Hey, are y'all done with the agenda? The only other thing he has I've had? Well, I've Paul Hamilton call me wanting to give a report from the Texas Commission on fire protection. And I didn't tell him know that we're not new at this time just for lack of time. So if you hear some flak from anybody else about that, that that's what that that GM for me. I just didn't think I didn't I didn't want to give him time and not give takes and A&M and everybody else time. So, if they can just put it in info fire if he wants to? Anything like that. What else Heather, anything anybody?

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: Say to the board, thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. This year, kind of gone a little rough. My family wise. Lost my mom at the end of January. And then of course most shell all know Beverly had a heck of a bout with the COVID will tell you she's doing really, really well. But she does understand her stamina, and her lung functions are not back where they need to be. She's improving all the time. So thank you all for your thoughts and your prayers during that. Appreciate you love y'all. (Tim)For sure. glad she's better. (Heather) Donny is Beverly going be well enough to try to come with you? Is she going to stay home? She's going to stay home, she tires relatively easy. For me to even be there for three or four days is probably taken out. I've heard people say even just the slightest bit of exertion is it just wipes you out? If she stopped if she's ready to do anything, and she found out real quick. She wasn't? Yeah. All right. Well, thank you, anybody else. Yes, sir.

2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson: I missed a while ago. You said something about meeting at two o'clock in your room. What day was? (Tim)That was Friday. Friday. Okay. Yeah.

President Tim Smith: And one thing and I had to call Richard about There's one thing we added on Friday, right after the business meeting before. Hospitality was the President's tribute, and I left it out. I thought the only thing that anybody want to give me was the boot. And, and that's

fine. But my guys will take care of that on Friday afternoon. Anyway, I was just uncomfortable putting it in there, but it's in there now. (Heather) So it's in the program agenda. (Tim)Okay.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Committee, there will be a committee meetings, going on Friday afternoon to this. They all know the poster contest committee is meeting, the Firefighter of the Year committee is meeting, the certification board is meeting Friday afternoon, probably about three or as soon as they can get in there. I'll be in that meeting. I'll be attending that meeting. They're going to be making some important policy decisions, hopefully, regarding, you know, how we manage the certification program, so that'll be a real important meeting for them. Yeah, I definitely want the meeting. I'm sorry. (Rayford)Is that the only committees that are meeting? Let's see. I think that was that it Heather? I think his poster contest firefighter, the EMS responder the year, certification board. That's it. Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Just double checking folks, because a couple of people joined us late. I on the Sunday night, hotel reservations. I have Richard, Chuck, Rayford. Brent, and Donny. Anybody else? Staying Sunday, Sunday evening. Add Ben to that please, (Heather)Okay, All right, You got it

Assistant Secretary Richter: What is the attire for Thursday night? (Tim)Thursday night. Blue Shirts, and jeans or slacks? Whatever. Wear a blue shirt. That works. Yep. (Tim)Michael, do you get everything else? You get all the other items? No, I did not have what we talked about tonight and that's it. I'll email it to you right now. My Thank you, ma'am. You bet.

4th Vice President Curtis Brown: Does he have all of his shirts already. I have all of mine. Yes. Okay. Okay, because if not, I've got some extras. So, the only thing I need to pick up yet on my own Oh, god kitchen I got with. Yeah. That's all taken care of. I'll pick them up at the conference. Okay. Thanks. On the original email. I think the one that leave out the president although the Past Presidents luncheon, and we're going wear maroon and as that what we said. Yeah. Okay. And then red shirts to the business meeting. So, red shirt today has something to do with tech. Possible. Okay.

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: I do have all y'all a little something. I have some name tags made. So I'll have them with me. He wherever you don't have wait. Nobody's having Who was that? Anyway, pretty nice. (Tim) Donnie gave me one. I kind of like it. It's pretty nice. Hey, I'm not sure we need to worry about Mac and that may be put a target on us Maybe So

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: where do we pick up our registration package? There is registration is in the main hallway there where the ballroom is at the Overton. So you'll see signage. When you come in the hotel. You'll go left through the lobby past the bar, and then there's a little alcove in there where register registration is there. You'll see signs, and we will have all of the stuff to times of meetings and we're the were the major but I'm not going to be there will be an agenda. Now when you're talking about times of meetings are you talking about besides the general meetings or But as far as the time of the Firefighter and EMS responder the year and location of it, I can send you that ban. If you haven't, I don't think we've got a publication. We figured we'd have signage to let people know where those are. But okay. Those are happening all day on Friday. There's that. Um, Barbara gave me that information when y'all met to pick the finalists. I can, I can forward that to you. But it's, it's starts. I think it starts at 1:30 and goes until 4:30 or five, something like that. It won't take that long for you. Anyway,

as long as I've got where going to be and when it'll start. Okay, I'll send you that. I'll just forward that email that I sent out to the finalists to Yes. Okay.

President Tim Smith: Also, Heather, word for the Auxiliary is on their meeting. I think they're meeting what Saturday? Yes. All they need for that meeting is of course, their meeting room at a table out front, outside the door, need a table outside the room, the reason for their restoration process. Okay. And then, as far as cooks arrives, the Auxiliary that the Presidential reception, the Auxiliary is going to be selling raffle tickets, as I you know, usually sell baskets in our dance and all that and then raised considerable out of money. They're going be selling raffle tickets for 50/50. raffle as well. I don't know.

Heather Lundy If they're doing the raffle, then do we need to bring those big drums? And do they have tickets? Or do we need to bring tickets? they'll take care of all that. I think they've got all that they got to take care of us. We might run out I can reach out to Leslie you can but I don't know if they'll need something to store the tickets up. But as far as tickets, I believe they have them all. I believe they have their own Jenkins. Okay, other making note and let's have let's make sure tomorrow we load that thing. Load the back from? Yeah. Okay. Just in case God is going be thrilled. Yeah, when I told john that this morning, I said we let's make sure we carry what we even if we're not sure we needed Let's carry it. Yeah, better to have it not needed.

Right. (Tim)And that that's the only fundraiser they're going to do this year. And they that's how they, you know, they support themselves. So, we'll make the announcements during the reception from the band to buy those tickets. And as far as you know, usually there's a helmet or something like that for MDA. I don't know if any of that's happened and I've not heard of that. I don't know if you know cascos donate any of that or not. I'm not just I'm not heard. And you know, I don't know, you know where that comes from most of the time. (Heather)Where the Casco, donating What? Like a helmet to auction off. Even if I'm not doing that this year, because we weren't doing the dinner and dance. They're not donating the helmet to auction off. They are donating the helmet for the firefighter of the Year award that they always be. (Tim)Yeah, yeah.

It's already here in Lubbock. I know that. Their Casco rep told me that yesterday, he had it in trailer. So, it's here. So, Alright folks, it's about eight o'clock. What else do we have good?

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson: Tim is the district still bringing their MDA collections that they made? Yes. As far as far as I know, wherever they sure are. Okay. And then and again, that's as far as I know. I don't know how many districts are represented. You know, I know the Panhandle she's bringing it for sure.(Rayford) So yeah, I just want to first year I bought these tickets. Yeah, yeah, that was coming anyway. (Tim)Yep. Well, we'll make sure it goes to the right place for sure. Okay.

President Tim Smith: But I think we got it, I think I hope we got that we got it wrapped up. Again, I want to tell Heather, and Tim and all the Austin all you guys thanks for throwing this together. Oh my gosh, I know it's been a lot of work. And it's going be it's going meet our needs. And that's what we need. It's going to meet the needs of actors. And that's, that's very important, and I do appreciate it. appreciate all the help. appreciate all you guys for everything that you've done over the past what seemed like a I don't know how many years five, six years a while. Yeah. It's been rough. It's been a hell year to say the less. So, thank you again. I can't wait to see all of you. And let's make it a good one. Has anybody got any closing thoughts they want to share?

Heather Lundy: Tim, we appreciate everything you've been doing to get the conference going. You, you, you've been hustling. And we've, we've been very appreciative here.

President Tim Smith: I only did it for the good for the Association. And that's the best part.

Executive Director Tim Rutland: Yeah, we were trying to figure out whether we needed to pay your salary for this last month or so. Cuz you were like a staff member? That question I mean, that's pretty.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle: There In, and now back on the board again, I don't believe I'm calling any convention. thing as difficult as this will be in initially shortish one. Been one those years, and God, hope we never have another one.

President Tim Smith: I agree, Richard, it has been difficult and challenging and rewarding all at the same time. And, and I do hope we never have another one. I'm just thrilled that we all made it through the other side. I hope the worst parts behind this for sure. (Richard) I agree. No. Yeah. So the memorial service, but he only talked about yet. I think it's all together. As far as I know, Ben has got all that wrapped up. And it's going be a long one. I think we probably have quite a few names. Yeah, a lot. One thing about that, I do know that the firefighter that was killed here in Lubbock in the line of duty era killed his parents will be at this event at the memorial service, as well as Matt, Matt Dawson. He is the firefighter that was critically injured. He's graduated his rehab, walk in quite a bit on his own, but not very long distances. He wants to come because we're going to honor his friend. And so his family will be there. And Matt would be there. I sent Heather some stuff. It's called the 555. Move over slow down. It's a campaign that Eric hills family has put together to raise awareness to first responders, including tow truck drivers, maintenance workers, road workers, anybody working on that stuff on the highways, and it's gone pretty much nationwide, it has really, really taken off now they're going have a big rally ever rally here once a year and he raises money so they can keep promoting that awareness. But anyway, their lot you see that logo on there, the 555 logo, that's what it's about, I thought was a good thing to help since we're, you know, help honor Him and, and hopefully save another life. But it is pretty, it's pretty interesting. We'll probably have quite a few love of firemen here. That was his co workers. I know several on duty engines will be here to come by during the memorial service. So

Heather Lundy: we got his name in the program, along with the police officer who was killed during the same accident. And JP did get him a flag that was flown over the Capitol to present to the family and a certificate signed by the legislator. So, no, that's great. I didn't get one for the police officer, correct? No. Okay. There's a firefighter. Yeah, his family will allow us to read his name. But that other than that, they don't want your No This was just a firefighter. Yeah, very good. Watch. What was that? Richard? had a question for Ben. here, sir.

1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle This year, we honor in both Bob Doolittle and F. Jim I'm sorry, Richard. Are we honoring if Jim and Bob Doolittle both in this ceremony? Yes, sir. Bobby, Little F Jim. and Haynes are all three, are going to be Dedicated. Okay. All right. Hopefully, I won't have any FGM same it's going be there. Do you know writer? I don't know. will check. Okay, I just want to make sure they know we want to be honored in and they have the opportunity to be there if they want to be.

But I'll find out. Okay, now they all work. So I don't know that. Anybody will be there but, we will check. Okay, I just want to make sure they know we want to be honored in and they have the opportunity to be there if they want to be. Yeah, I'll give them a call tonight. Okay. Very good. Well, I know, it's all been a little odd. It's been a little backwards and confusing, but I think we're going to make it I think we're going to make it work.

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: I think so. You know, I don't need most of all to bring this up, to be honest with you. I mean, it's just you know, a lot of a lot of people talking. You know, I think some y'all if y'all watch Facebook in front Facebook pages. There were some comments made that kind of brought into question the executive board's integrity and character. And the decision of pulling it from Mike Allen and moving it to Lubbock. And I know amongst us, we know we did the right thing in the right way. And it offended me. It offended some other of the board. And I, if I'd been in my younger day, probably might have dries. But, you know, as it is, now, I know there's a lot of frustration, I think that was being sounded out. But to feel that there was any ulterior motive for doing it, it just kind of got under my craw. So, I shared my piece. I've talked to President Smith about it. And so, I'm just going to let it lay, from my point of view, but it bothered me who it was. That's what bothered me more than anything. So what?

President Tim Smith: And I'll echo what you said there, Donny. Their comments were unprofessional unbecoming of past presidents have totally disrespectful, totally. We encouraged we're encouraging folks to get involved in the fire service and indoor Association. And when they do we eat our young. And it was completely and totally uncalled for. And I will be addressing those two Past Presidents person face to face, nose to nose to find out what their intent was, and how, you know, I can demand an apology all day long, but I'm not going to get one. But it was. It was shameful.

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: Absolutely. Yeah. It really, really upset me. Yeah. Yeah. Anyway, I know, we all acted, it was 100% unanimous. When those votes were taken, and we did it with the utmost integrity, and the best decision right for our membership. And I will stand by that. And defend it till I die. And that's all. (Tim)That's all I'm going to say about that we adjourn.

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: I received several phone calls about it. And talk to people at length. And folks, none of us liked having to do it. I don't think. But the point is, it was something that was necessary because nobody was going to the valley. Right. And I've talked to a lot of people, and I let them know that it was after a lot of discussion. It wasn't made for any reason other than the fact that people did not want to go down into that to that pit, where all of that stuff is going on. And I'm the one that seconded the motion to do it. Again. I didn't like having to do it. But we didn't have a choice, guys. (Donny)Exactly.

Tim Smith: Exactly. I think we all know that. We absolutely do. And, and but the fact still remains, those comments are still there. They're still being written, they'll be viewed, and that that mentality is, especially in that district is rampant. And there's a lot of there's a lot of influential, influential Past Presidents in that region that need to know that that's not what happened. That's not even close to what happened. And now the membership thinks that and, and that's hard to get over what district is it. It's Gulf Coast, Tri Rivers that somehow maneuver the election maneuver the agenda to get the elected to get the conference in Lubbock, to pass

amendments and to get people elected. That's long and short of it. That's what that's what they said

3rd Vice President Donny Boggs: That in a nutshell is how it came across. And that was never ever own anybody's mind whatsoever. And that is what made me take such a fancy box. I apologize for bringing it up. But it still been a heartburn for me.

Tim Smith: And I do appreciate Chuck Richardson's comments on there. You're very professional, very open. And I think he really responded and sounded in a very professional and appropriate manner. It's done for a second that we got a second anything else. Any other. How about I never heard the motion. It was a motion to adjourn who did Donny Oh, that's what I thought. And Curtis seconded, I heard that. All those in favor. Hey, y'all Safe travels, man. Y'all come see me. We'll be here. I'll be at the hotel by noon on Thursday. They'll be pretty busy with the union hall, but we'll get back and forth. Let's have a good time and one of the let's pull off with Goodman. I know we can because we got the right people in place.

Heather Lundy: Brent, I'll send you the recording as soon as I have it.

Secretary Allen: Okay, okay, that'll work, you can just give it to me when we when we get to town. I mean, you don't have to do it right away because I'm not going to be able to get it done.

Heather Lundy: I'll just email it to you when I get it.

Secretary Allen: Okay, that's fine.

Heather Lundy: All right. Thank you. Good night. Y'all. Bye, y'all.

The next scheduled meeting is June 25,2021 in Lubbock Tx..

There being no more agenda items

A motion to adjourn was by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs and seconded by 4th Vice President Curtis Brown the motion passed with 9 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Smith ended the meeting at

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
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