



Louisiana State Firemen's Association

August 13th, 2017 at 1730 hours

LSFA 07/22/2017 Annual Meeting Minutes and District Reports

The 112th Annual Meeting was called to order by President Chris Boudreaux.

REPORTS BY VARIOUS FIRE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE:

Dan Wallis and Brant Thompson with the OSFM reported on several issues the State Fire Marshall is currently working on. This included the new information center for data collection; phase 2 of the fire prevention bureau across the state having access to the latest data, phase 3 being giving access of current data to the fire service later this year. He also reported that Louisiana is among those states with the lowest death rate in commercial buildings but remains ranked #8 in residential deaths. He urged fire departments to put public education in the forefront of services provided. Operation Save a Life has distributed over 35,000 smoke alarms across the state with 12 confirmed saves. In the spring of 2018, Louisiana will host its first fire summit. He also spoke on the firefighter insurance program and encouraged all fire departments to sign up their members. He also discussed the Heart and Lung Act which was passed through legislation earlier this year. The OSFM will soon be assisting the Department of EMS in a leadership role. They are currently in the process of hiring personnel to assist in the transition.

LOUISIANA FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL:

Boyd Petty reported that the 12th annual memorial service was a great success with the unveiling of the "Dispatchers Memorial". This new memorial will be used to start all memorial services from this year forward. The water feature is currently in the process of revision. He also reported that Rhonda Varnado of Washington Parish Fire District #2 was the 117th name and the first female firefighter to be added to the Memorial wall. This weekend, they will presenting plans for the new 9-11 memorial building which will house the Spirit of Louisiana. He thanked Gerald and Teresa Dellucky for their hard work and dedication in raising money for the Spirit of Louisiana when it was purchased and for taking on the task of raising money for the new 9-11 memorial. Boyd Petty recognized Tom Cassisa for donating the Call Box to the Memorial.

LSU-FETI

LSU-FETI director, Dave Casey, reported 100% turnover in the office of certification; Christine is back in her old position. Interviews will take place for an assistant director on July 23rd. There are currently three candidates for the position: Dwayne Hanson, Doc Johnson and James Wolford. A new region 4 has

been added which divides the region overseen by Wayne Cruse. James Wells is the new coordinator for region 4. A new Tier 4 certification is in the works and will be available soon. LITCO training will soon be offered as well.

LOUISIANA ARSON AND PREVENTION FIRE ASSOCIATION:

President Manuel Torano stated that Louisiana Arson and Prevention Fire Association is willing to assist any department to set up Fire Prevention Bureaus due to changes in PIAL rating requirements.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL:

Ken Fontenot reported that LSFA is now a Gold State Member with NVFC. He will be working closely with the secretary and obtaining membership dues. He reported on a new officer training module offered by NVFC online. NVFC is currently working on legislation to prevent tanker trucks from running lights and sirens while responding to calls.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

President Chris Boudreaux

1st Vice President Charlie Metcalf

2nd Vice President Charles Hudson: President Boudreaux, Board Members and Membership of the great LSFA: Since our last meeting I have attended all Board Meeting called by President Boudreaux and represented the 2nd District to the best of my ability. At our January Board meeting, we were informed of the resignation of 2nd Vice President Robby Smith. It was my honor to accept the promotion to 2nd Vice President of this great organization to fill this vacancy. Of course this does put an accelerated planning process on my home department to be ready to host the conference in 2019 but without hesitation of my department's President Lonny Taylor and Fire Chief Ryan Guidroz, agreed to support me in accepting the promotion right away. I am very grateful for my departments support. Since taking on the position of 2nd Vice President I have worked with several hotel proposals in the New Orleans area. Unfortunately for me, although it seems that planning a conference 2 yrs in advance should be easy, it has been very tough with narrow windows of date availability for the timeframe we try to host our conference around. I have been able to lockdown a comfortable week in August 2019 that I will present to the membership for approval under new business. Since the completion of the 2017 competitive drills, I have initiated conversations with LSU FETI Directors Casey and Donahue to discuss the possibility of hosting the 2018 competitive drills during the LSU Fire Expo show in January. This remains a work in progress. I hope to have further info at this conference. I have submitted my nomination request to serve this organization as your next 1st Vice President. I hope to have the memberships support to be elected into this position for 2017-2018. Lastly, I want to congratulate President Boudreaux on his term as President of the LSFA 2016-2017. He has been very active in correspondence with his Board of Directors and has representing this organization well.

Secretary Dwayne Thevis: Congratulations to President Boudreaux for a successful conference. I would like to thank all members of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association for electing me at last year's conference to serve as your Secretary. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this great organization over the past year and I look forward to serving for many more years. I appreciate everyone understanding that I am new to this position and those who helped me along the way. Again,

thank you all! Membership renewal went smoothly. Currently, we have 385 departments with 12,250 members. We now have 2,446 life members. 18 departments have not renewed membership as of conference time. This is the first year that we offer online registration and banquet seating. It was a great success with a total of 520 members and guests registering online. A total of 621 members and guests attended the 112th LSFA conference in Houma. There are six new departments who joined LSFA in 2017. I would like to thank my wife, Jackie, and my daughter, Stephanie, for their help in the secretary's office and with conference. I would like to thank William and Kristin Parker for their assistance with online banquet seating and online conference registration. I would like to thank the board members, appointed officers and the membership for their continued commitment to the success of this great organization. I have enjoyed my first year as your newly elected secretary and look forward to serving you in the next year.

Treasurer Michael Labruzzo: As the Treasurer of this Association for the year 2016-2017, I present my annual report. I find the business of this Association to be in order. All funds, receipts and expenditures are accounted for and all accounts balanced. I have presented my Annual Finance Report and Supporting Documents to the duly appointed Auditing Committee for their Inspection, and have made this information available to you in the attached documents. I would like to remind the membership that all records of this office are open for your review and inspection at any time. I have enjoyed serving as your Treasurer for the past year, and look forward to serving you in the future.

1st District Representative Melvin Kiff: Mr. President, Executive Board, and LSFA Members: I submit my LSFA 1st District Representative annual report for the period 2016 – 2017. I attended all Board meetings called by President Boudreaux except for one during the period. I attended the Jason Simon Memorial Firefighter Competition held at DeSoto Fire District 9. I would like to congratulate First Vice President Charles Metcalf on the success of the event. As a member of the Yearbook Proof Readers committee I took part in the proof reading of the 111th Annual Conference yearbook. I made distribution and presentations of LSFA Life Memberships to 1st District Departments. I attended bi-monthly meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Presidents' and Fire Chiefs' Association. I assisted 1st District departments with getting dues paid as was required by a few departments. I will be drafting a 2017 -2018 LSFA Proposed Budget for review and approval by the Executive Board at the September 2017 Executive Board meeting. I forwarded all email correspondence concerning LSFA matters, I received, to 1st District departments keeping them informed. I attended the visitation for the Washington Parish fire fighter Line of Duty Death. I would like to congratulate President Boudreaux and his host department on the 2017 conference. I look forward to serving on the LSFA Executive Board for the upcoming year.

2nd District Representative William Parker: Since my appointment at the January board meeting, I have been working hard to assist where ever I can. I have attended all the board meetings since my appointment. I attended and participated in the competitive drills and I'm proud to say that not only did St John Parish Fire Rescue represent the 2nd District with a win for the 4th year in a row, they along with the other teams showed what the brotherhood is truly about by filling in for a hurt member on Livingston Parish's team to allow them to complete the drills. I have attended multiple meetings and had multiple phone and conference calls to assist President Boudreaux and Secretary Thevis with online registration and banquet seating. Most of the feedback has been very positive of the online registration and I think this was a great step forward. I have also assisted Secretary Thevis with multiple membership and dues problems throughout the 2nd District. I have straightened out, with the assistance of Secretary Thevis, a department that was inactive in the association for the last 4 years and got them back active again. I am currently trying to get 3 new departments in the 2nd District to join the LSFA.

I have also been emailing and talking with 2nd Vice President Hudson and assisted with the possibility of bringing the Competitive Drills to the LSU FETI Equipment Show next year; I hope this is something we can get accomplished as I feel that this partnership will help both events become more successfully. I am excited to assist in any way to help make his upcoming drills and conference a success.

In addition to my duties of 2nd District Representative, I have continued to maintain the website and Facebook page and helped with launching our new and improved LSFA App with the assistance of Brain Rice with Mobile Tech Solutions. Since my appointment, I have been making contacts throughout my district. I have been promoting the upcoming conference, discussing the by-law and constitution changes, and discussing the benefits the LSFA has to offer its members. I have attended many functions in my district like crawfish boils with Kenner Vol. Fire Department, Terrytown and Westwego Fire Departments' Installation of Officers, and the First Annual St Charles Firefighter Family Day and Competition. I have handed out life membership awards to multiple departments and have attended multiple department and association meetings throughout the 2nd District. I am happy to start my first true term as your 2nd district representative and look forward to improving this association and bringing it up to date with technology with the assistance of all the board. I know it's a good way away but I have started fundraising for my conference all ready. I will be holding a 50/50 raffle where the winner will be decided using the pick 3 numbers from the Louisiana Lottery on December 9th. The Tickets will be \$5.00 apiece and the winner can win up to 2,500 dollars. I will be posting more information on our Facebook page, website, and the new and improved LSFA App. I look forward to handing out the rest of my life membership awards and proudly serving the 2nd District.

3rd District Representative Danny Mayet: This past year has been very busy and enjoyable. I have attended all Board meeting and attended the LSU FETI equipment show. I also attended the Firefighters Memorial which everyone should attend. I have made numerous Department and Chiefs meeting assisting members with years of service and members enrollments. I also attended the competitive Drills in Desoto Parish. I have attended 3 District 3 funerals I have relayed all Emails to District 3 Departments. After meeting with West Terrebonne Fire District 8, I was able to get them to join the LSFA. I have assisted Secretary Thevis In getting Department dues paid. As 2017 Food Fest Chairman, I have worked on getting department and vendors to provide food and attended meetings called by President Boudreaux. I am looking forward to serving as District 3 Executive Board Member.

4th District Representative Brian Lindberg: Since our last meeting I have met with several departments within District #4, including several training meetings, Fire Chief Association meetings, incidents and department meetings. I also represented the LSFA and all departments from this great state in Washington, D.C @ the CFSI. I must say this was a great experience and I want to thank the LSFA for the opportunity. I look forward to the upcoming conference and serving, not only District #4, but the entire fire service of the great State of Louisiana!!! As always, Thank You for the dedicated service and God Bless!

5th District Representative Joe Thompson: I have been very busy over the last few months. Going to the Northeast firemans association meetings and trying to get more members involved. I have also been getting some things together for my conference ready in 2020. I have talked to the West Monroe convention center and they said they would love to help in any way possible. I have also talked and went to the Ike Hamilton expo center to hold the conference there. We are in the process of negotiations with them. I also gave out life awards to several members in my district.

6th District Representative Timothy Crockett: For the 2016-2017 term, I have attended all scheduled Board meetings, the Jason Simon Memorial Firefighter Competition, State Fireman's Memorial service and represented the Sixth District at the annual Louisiana Emergency Medical Association meetings in

hopes of bridging the gaps in our organizations. During this year's term, I have attended group meetings, department meetings and fundraising events for departments in our area. I am looking to represent for the fire service in being a "Real Men Wear Pink" candidate for the American Cancer Society. I have been pushing to get enrollment up and reinstating departments who have been absent the last few years. Taking what I have learned through the LSFA, I have been spreading the knowledge gained with other fire departments in our area. I would like to take a minute to thank the Board members who have taken time to mentor and guide me this year through my journey. I look forward to serving on the LSFA Executive Boards representing the 6th District for the 2017- 2018 term.

7th District Representative Brian Castille: For the 2016-2017 term I have attended all scheduled Board Meetings, the Jason Simon Memorial Firefighter Competition. I have also attended the scheduled LSUFETI Commission Meetings as a representative of the LSFA. I completed the Medal of Valor criteria and design of medal for our members to apply for. I have made several trips to Pine Country to fill orders for Dress Uniforms for members of the 7th District. I have handed out and presented LSFA Life Memberships to 7th District Members. During this year's term I have attended Parish Chiefs Meetings, Department Meetings and Fundraiser Events for Departments in the 7th District. Assisted Departments with getting dues paid for the 2017-2018 year and signed up additional Departments to the LSFA 7th District. I have forwarded email information pertaining to the LSFA and the Fire Service to the members of 7th District. I look forward to serving on the LSFA Executive Board representing the 7th District for the 2017-2018 term.

8th District Representative Robert White: I attended all the Board meetings called by President Boudreaux this year. I attended the Jason Simon Memorial Fire Fighter Competition held at Desoto Fire District 9. Congratulations to First Vice President Charlie Metcalf on an outstanding job he did. I attended several Chief Association, Parish Association, and Fire Department Meetings in District 8, to encourage them to participate in the Fire fighter Competition, Year Book, and Join us at the Conference. I have met with several Departments in District 8 and looking forward to meeting with many more this year, asking each Department to talk to other Departments in their area and encourage them to join the LSFA. I am willing to go and talk to them myself and show them the many Benefits available to the members and tell them about the many things the LSFA does to Promote and Protect the Fire Service in Louisiana. I assisted several Departments with Questions about the Benefits, Membership paperwork, and Conference registration this year. I have enjoyed working with President Boudreaux and the Board this year. I think many things were accomplished this year. I am looking forward to serving District 8 on the Board as there Representative for another year.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:

GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT: (Tom Cassisa) Governmental and Public Affairs Committee chairman, Butch Browning, could not be here and asked me to give his report. He wanted to share with you that in January, the Legislative Revenue Estimating Committee projected deficits in collections of funds for the 2% fire insurance rebate, Fire Marshall and LSU FETI funds. This would have resulted in immediate budget cuts. Believing the estimates were inaccurate, a meeting with

the Legislative Fiscal Office was held and it came to light that they used the same estimate formula on health insurance sold in the state that was projected to be less. Once it was estimated correctly based on fire insurance sold in the state the issue was resolved. The LSFA Governmental and Public Affairs Committee met on Friday, July 21, 2017. In attendance at this meeting were: Tom Cassisa, St. George Fire Department; Dan Wallis, OSFM; Charlie Metcalf, 1st Vice President; Brian Lindberg, 4th District Representative. Dan Cotton, Caddo Parish Fire District 1; Ted Demoruelle, Ville Platte; Bruce Brewer, Sergeant at Arms. We discussed the following bills that the LSFA supported and became law in the last session. **HB-392 by Connick**, that prohibits the combining of the PIAL grading. It requires that each protection class have its own rate. **HB-145 by Garofalo**, this adds volunteer firefighters and EMS professionals to the constitutional amendment to receive ad valorem tax exemption for surviving spouses. We will see a state-wide election soon hoping for approval. **HB-460 by Berthelot**, this law provides for the OSFM to purchase heart and lung coverage for certain situations involving volunteer firefighters. **SB-63 by Gatti**, this law provides for additional cancers to the career presumption law. Motion by Tom Cassisa to accept this report; Second by Lee Cahanin. Motion carried.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: The Elections Committee met on Friday, July 21st at the Marriott Courtyards in Houma. Members present were Chairman Lee Cahanin, Opelousas; Dan Dauteriver, Terrytown; Barry Griffin, Westwego; Marcus Crews, DeSoto Fire District #3; Wayne Hill, Galvez Lake; Richard Parker, Harvey; Peggy Pitre, Schriever. The committee would like to congratulate President Boudreaux and the executive board for a productive conference. A brief discussion was held on current election processes. Officers submitted for elections include: President – Charles Metcalf (DeSoto), 1st Vice President Charles Hudson (Westwego), 2nd Vice President Joseph Thompson (Olla), Secretary Dwayne Thevis (IPFPD #1), Treasurer Michael Labruzzo (Gretna), District # 1 Melvin Kiff (Belle Chasse), District # 2 William Parker (Harvey), District # 3 Daniel Mayet (Raceland), District # 4 Brian Lindberg (Jamestown), District # 5 Mark Treadway (Jonesboro), District # 6 *ELECTION* Melvin Wheat (Denham Springs), Tim Crockett (Lobdell), District # 7 Brian Castille (St. Martin), District # 8 Robert White (Cottonport). The committee recommends that at the appropriate time, the secretary cast one vote for each unopposed candidate and they be elected. The committee would like to thank President Boudreaux for this opportunity to serve and respectfully submit our names for next year. Respectfully submitted by Chairman Lee Cahanin. We move for adoption of this report. Second by Wayne Hill. Motion Carried.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Mr. President, Officers and Members, We the undersigned Audit Committee, met with the Treasurer, Michael A. Labruzzo of Gretna, Louisiana. We examined his Annual Finance Report and supporting documents, and found them to be thorough and complete, and all records and accounts are filed and posted as per the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association. All monies received by the Treasurer are accounted for and all vouchers drawn on the Treasury of this Association are in balance and all monies are in care of an F.D.I.C. bank or facility. We, the Auditing Committee, move for the adoption of this report. Roy Robichaux, Jr., Chairman, Melvin P. Kiff, Joseph Thompson, Charles Hudson, Kenneth Pitre and Donald Bock present. Second by Donald Bock. Motion carried.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Held at 1715 hours in Room 5 of the civic center on July 21st, 2017 Members Present: Chairman William Parker, Robert White, Brian Lindberg, Manuel Torano, Casey Chaisson, Timmy Rhoto, Raymond Ledoux, New Member: Twilla Jones. During our meeting, we held a discussion on what the purpose of the training committee is. We are here to review the rules of the competitive drills, advertise the drills to get more participating from the departments, to handle scanning in and out of classes at the conference, reviewing the certificate list from said classes, and to suggest to future presidents on subject matters at their conferences. We discussed some changes to the penalties in the

competitive drills. It was brought up by a few board members to get rid of a few of the time penalties and change it to require them to correct what was improper before moving on. We discussed that communication was key to this committee gaining some substance. I agreed that we would send out at least a quarterly email to the entire committee just to check on the needs of their departments, their areas, and just to communicate the direction this committee is working on. We discussed possible having LSU to offer some more advanced classes such as Officer 3 and 4 and Instructor 3 courses. Held a lengthy discussion on this matter and agreed to revisit it in due time. Also discussed about having a more updated Fire Prevention course offered and again will visit this again in due time. Had some concerns from committee members that these different committee meetings need to be staggered a little better so individuals that sit on multiple committees may attend all meetings. I assured all that the training meeting will be held before education sessions start at the conference to discuss what is expected and to come up with a schedule to help scan members in and out of class. Motion to accept Committee Report by William Parker; Second by Casey Chaisson. Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: A meeting was held in the Secretary's room of the Courtyard Marriott at 1730 with members present being: Kenny Bordelon (Mansura), Dwayne Thevis (IPFPD #1) and Michael Breaux (St. Amant). Acting Chairman Michael Breaux reported that all credentials for the District 6 election were found to be in order and are authorized to vote in the 6th District Election. Both candidates are members in good standing with the LSFA. Motion to adopt Credentials Committee Report by Dwayne Thevis; Second by Bruce Brewer. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: A meeting was held in the lobby of the Terrebonne Convention Center at 1:00pm Friday, July 21, 2017. Members present included Dwayne Thevis, Michael Labruzzo, Richard Parker, William Parker, Roy M. Cascio, Melvin Kiff and Michael Breaux. The Committee reviewed documents presented by members who proposed Constitutional changes and found the changes to be in order and to be voted on at the General Membership meeting. Dwayne Thevis moved for adoption, Second by Lee Cahanin. Motion Carried.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: No Report

CONFERENCE SECURITY COMMITTEE: Conference Security met in the lobby of the Courtyard Marriott at 4pm Thursday, July 20, 2017. Changes to security for upcoming Conference were discussed. LSFA neck ties will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 or to borrow secured with drivers license. Motion to

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Roy M. Cascio, Chairman, submitted the following report:

Ladies and gentleman, on behalf of your Resolutions Committee, I present its report of resolutions with its unanimous recommendation by those members attending that each be adopted by the full conference. The Resolutions Committee consisted of Dominic Bazile, Woodlawn; Keith Bouvier, Westwego; Noel Hoeltke, Terrytown; Mark Cambre; David Croquette and myself, Roy M. Cascio.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, the 112th Annual Conference of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association met in Houma, Louisiana, July 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2017 and was hosted by Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department at the Houma Civic Center, Houma, Louisiana and,

Whereas, the conference attendees were welcomed to the City of Houma by Honorable Gordy Dove, Terrebonne Parish President who extended to the Association a friendly, warm and sincere welcome; now

Therefore, be it resolved by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017 that it extends its genuine thanks and gratitude to its host department and to all those involved in planning and hosting this convention without whose untiring efforts this conference would not have been such a success.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Article VII of the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association mandates that a Memorial Service be held at the opening of each conference in memory of those members who have died since the previous conference; and

Whereas, the Memorial Service was heart warming and a fitting tribute to our fallen comrades in the fire service and was conducted by Chief Kenny Hunts, Past President, West Baton Rouge Parish and the Louisiana Fire Service Honor Guard was heart warming and a fitting tribute to our fallen comrades; and

Whereas, the Louisiana State Fire Service had two (2) firefighters "killed in the line of duty" this past year, Spencer Chauvin, St. John Fire Department and Rhonda Varando, Washington Parish Volunteer Fire Department No. 2, who gave their lives trying to protect and save others; now

Therefore, be it resolved by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017, that it hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Kenny Hunts, Past President and the Louisiana Fire Service Honor Guard for the moving and inspirational Memorial Service they conducted for our deceased comrades in the fire service and the special tribute to those "killed in the line of duty", Spencer Chauvin and Rhonda Varando.

RESOLUTION NO.3

Whereas, our President Christopher Boudreaux, Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department, has dedicated this 112th Annual Conference of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association to his father, Robert J. Boudreaux for his constant guidance and Curtis H. Hue, Past President, for his constant help and support; now,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017 that this 112th Annual Conference be dedicated to Robert J. Boudreaux and Curtis H. Hue.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, our National Colors were presented by Houma Fire Department; and
Whereas, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Brewer, Past President, Sergeant - at-Arms; and
Whereas, the National Anthem was sung by Claire Chouest, and
Whereas, the invocation and benediction was given by Father John Talamo, Chaplain;
now,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017, hereby extends its deepest thanks and appreciation to the Houma Fire Department, Bruce Brewer, Past President, Claire Chouest and Father John Talamo, chaplain, for their contribution to the success of this conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the Keynote Speaker for any gathering has the difficult and yet important task of setting the tone for the remainder of the conference; and

Whereas, the Keynote address was delivered on the 20th day of July 2017 by Ken Himel, Bayou Cane Fire Department; and

Whereas, his theme pointed out the need for training, leadership and accountability in the fire service; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017, extends its thanks to Ken Himel for being its Keynote Speaker.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, the organization and development of any convention is time consuming and requires great efforts on the part of many people and that the obtaining a Keynote Speaker, other speakers, exhibitors and providing entertainment are difficult tasks; now

Therefore, be it resolved by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association in convention assembled this 22nd day of July 2017, hereby deeply thanks Jarred Naquin, Conference Coordinator, Charles Hudson, Exhibit Chairman and the Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute (LSU-FETI), and all the departments that sponsored hospitality rooms and all sponsors of the food fest.

Now, I, Roy M. Cascio, move for the adoption of the Resolutions Committee report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None Reported.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Voting Change

A proposal was sent to make the following changes to the Constitution, Article VII, Section 2 (c) & (d)

Currently: (c) No member can have two (2) votes at the annual conference, unless voting the Delegate At Large vote for the company or department of which he/she is a Delegate.

Change to: (c) A member may have more than two (2) votes at the annual conference, if he/she is a Delegate or Delegate At Large for multiple companies or department. He/she must be an active member in all companies or departments in which he/she is listed as a Delegate or Delegate At Large.

Currently: (d) No member, who holds multiple membership, can be named as Delegate or Delegate At Large for more than (1) company or department

Change to: (d) Members who hold multiple memberships can be named as Delegate or Delegate At Large for more than (1) company or department

This proposed Constitutional Change was submitted by Kenn Fontenot but pulled due to lack of support and no action was taken.

Constitution Changes:

Section 3. The Secretary shall attend all meetings, keep a complete record of the proceedings, countersign all orders granted, receive and answer all communications, issue all calls pertaining to the Association or Executive Board, to collect all dues due the Association, keeping a correct amount of same, which he/she shall turn over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his/her receipt therefor. He/she shall furnish a surety bond for such amount as may be fixed by the Executive Board. The Bond shall be filed with the Executive Board. He/she shall receive for his/her services such salary as is fixed by the Executive Board. He/she shall at the termination of his/her term of office, surrender to his/her successor in office, all books and papers in his/her possession belonging to the Association. He/she shall cause to be prepared and issued to whom he/she may be directed by the Executive Board, a complete report of each Annual Conference. He/she shall not be entitled to vote on any issues during open board meetings, but shall be able to cast a vote during general membership meeting for the department he/she represents.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Association, and deposit same in a chartered National or State Bank, or Savings Institution, insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, selected by the Executive Board. Such funds shall be withdrawn on approval of the President or Executive Board, by a check against the same, by a signature of the Treasurer, President, or Secretary, with the seal of the Association. At the Annual Meeting he/she shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbursed. He/she shall execute a bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Executive Board. At the close of his/her term of office, he/she shall surrender to his/her successor in office all property and money in his/her possession

belonging to the Association. He/she shall receive for his/her services such salary as is fixed by the Executive Board. He/she shall not be entitled to vote on any issues during open board meetings, but shall be able to cast a vote during general membership meeting for the department he/she represents.

BY LAWS CHANGE

ARTICLE III

Duties of the Secretary

Section 1. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, and when requested by its committees, shall he/she be unable to attend all meetings, he/she shall have the necessary books and papers conveyed thereto.

Section 2. He/she shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, he/she shall keep such books and perform such duties as may be required of him/her by the Executive Board, he/she shall have a cash book in which he/she shall enter all monies received by him/her, giving names, dates and sources whence derived, also a ledger and a receipt book, showing the receipts of all monies turned over by him/her to the Treasurer, a warrant book, with stub, as a check on the Treasurer.

Section 3. He/she shall, at each Annual Meeting, make a statement in writing, of all sums of money received by him/her, and warrants issued by him/her for payment, showing the names of all members and companies liable to suspension, with the amount due by each, and shall send all delinquent members through mail, a bill of indebtedness.

Section 4. He/she shall, before entering upon the discharge of his/her duties, give a bond and security in such amount as fixed by the Executive Board for the faithful discharge of his/her duties. The Association shall have the privilege of increasing the sum. He/she shall receive for his/her service such allowance as fixed by the Executive Board.

Section 5. He/she shall prepare an official ballot to be used for the election of officers and representatives on election day.

Section 6. His/her books, vouchers, papers and property of the Association shall at all times be at the disposition of the Executive Board, to examine same, within forty-eight (48) hours after due notice. In case he/she should through sickness or absence, or some other unavoidable cause, be unable at any time to perform his/her official duties, he/she shall designate, in writing, some competent member to act in his/her stead, for the time being, subject to approval of his/her surety and the Executive Board. He/she shall be liable on his/her bond for any wrongful act committed by his/her substitute.

Section 7. He/she shall, on retiring from office, deliver to the auditing committee all books and papers in his/her possession, appertaining to his/her office, properly checked and balanced, and found correct, they shall approve them, and turn them over to the Executive Board, who shall cancel his/her bond and turn the books and papers over to his/her successor in office.

Section 8. Due to the fact that this position is compensated by the LSFA Board of Directors and the membership the Secretary shall refrain from voting during any board meeting. He/she shall have a vote at the general membership meeting held at conference.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer shall keep the following books: First - a cash book, in which he/she shall enter all monies received by him/her, the dates and sources whence derived, as well as monies disbursed, with the dates, amounts and for what purposes paid.

Section 2. He/she shall be the custodian of all monies and values of this Association and receive all monies from the Secretary, and give receipts for same, and pay all bills.

Section 3. He/she shall keep his/her accounts accurate and correct, and in such a manner that the true condition of the funds at any time may be easily ascertained, and at every annual meeting submit to the Association a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures, together with the balance on hand.

Section 4. He/she shall deposit, as the Executive Board may designate, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4, of the Constitution, all moneys received by him/her, belonging to the Association, and can only be drawn by a check against the same, by signature of the Treasurer, President, or Secretary, with the seal of the Association.

Section 5. Previous to being installed in office he/she shall furnish a bond, with good and solvent surety, or security in such amount as may be fixed by the Executive Board, to be approved by the Executive Board, in case of sickness, absence, or some other unavoidable cause, he/she shall be unable to perform his/her official duties, he/she shall designate, in writing, some competent member to act in his/her place, for the time being, subject to the approval of his/her bondsman, and the Executive Board. The surety, or security, shall be responsible to the Association for any loss that it may sustain through the neglect or fault of his/her substitute.

Section 6. All his/her books, warrants, papers and all other property of the Association, shall, at all times, be at the disposition of the Executive Board, or any committee appointed by the Association to examine same, within forty-eight (48) hours after due notice is given.

Section 7. The Treasurer retiring from office shall submit his/her books properly balanced, to the auditing committee for examination, if found correct, they shall turn same over to the Executive Board, who shall cause his/her bond to be canceled, and shall assist the Treasurer in making a transfer of all monies, books, and other property belonging to the legally elected and qualified Treasurer. He/she shall receive such allowance as fixed by the Executive Board.

Section 8. Due to the fact that this position is compensated by the LSFA Board of Directors and the membership the Treasurer shall refrain from voting during any board meeting. He/she shall have a vote at the general membership meeting held at conference.

This proposed Constitutional Change was submitted by Charlie Metcalf, but pulled due to lack of support and no action was taken.

Constitution amendments for the 112th Annual Conference:

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 3. All officers and delegates shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by a majority of the votes cast.

Change to read: **Section 3. Treasurer, Secretary, and 2nd Vice President shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by a majority of the votes cast.**

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 6. The President shall have the privilege of serving only one (1) term as President of the Association, however, on completion of his term as Past President; he can be elected as a representative of his L.S.F.A. District.

Change to read: **Section 6. The President shall have the privilege of serving only one (1) term as President of the Association, however, on completion of his term as Immediate Past President; he can be elected as a representative of his L.S.F.A. District, to the position of Secretary or Treasurer.**

ARTICLE XI

Election of Officers and Representatives

Section 2. Any member of the Association in good standing, pursuant to ARTICLE VI, Section 3, can be a candidate for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or L.S.F.A. District Representative. Candidates shall convey to the Secretary, in writing, his full name, the district that his department is located in, and the name of the office that he shall be a candidate for, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Change to read: **Section 2. Any member of the Association in good standing, pursuant to ARTICLE VI, Section 3, can be a candidate for the office of Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or L.S.F.A. District Representative. Candidates shall convey to the Secretary, in writing, his full name, the district that his department is located in, and the name of the office that he shall be a candidate for, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.**

Additions to the Constitutions:

ARTICLE V

Officers

Add a new section to read: **The 2nd Vice President shall have the privilege of serving only one (1) term as 2nd Vice President of the Association, upon completion of his term shall hold the position of 1st Vice President if he remains a member of the Association in good standing, pursuant to ARTICLE VI, Section 3.**

Add a new section to read: **The 1st Vice President shall have the privilege of serving only one (1) term as 1st Vice President of the Association, upon completion of his term shall hold the position of President if he remains a member of the Association in good standing, pursuant to ARTICLE VI, Section 3.**

This proposed Constitutional Change was submitted by William Parker. Motion to accept these changes made by Kenny Hunts; Second by Gerald Dellucky. Motion carried.

Charlie Metcalf reported that a department requesting the free uniforms needed them shipped and he paid the shipping. He sought clarification of the proper procedure for this event if it occurs in the future. The board decided that the department making the request for free uniforms must pay for shipping. Charlie also questioned the membership about the possibilities of having Hot Drills as a pre-conference event at his conference in Shreveport in 2018.

Election for District # 6 Representative: Motion to defer election till after conference city selection was made by Greer Coyne; Second by Rick Creevogne. Motion Carried.

At this the Conference cities for 2019 and 2020 were brought up for discussion. Charles Hudson addressed the membership for 2019 Conference to be held at Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, La. on August 8-10, 2019. Motion by Richard Parker for 114th Annual Conference to be held at Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, La.; Second by Lee Cahanin. Motion Carried. Joe Thompson then addressed the membership for 2020 Conference to be held at the Ike Hamilton Convention in West Monroe, La. on July 23-25, 2020. Motion by Wayne Hill for the 115th Annual Conference to be held at the Ike Hamilton Center in West Monroe, La.; Second by Mitch Dubious. Motion Carried.

At this time, elections were held. The election for the 6th District Representative was won by Incumbent, Tim Crockett over Melvin Wheat. Mark Treadway assumed the District 5 Representative seat unopposed. All other officers were unopposed. Secretary Dwayne Thevis, as per Constitution and By-Laws, cast one vote each for the unopposed officers and they were elected by acclamation. It was moved by Lee Cahanin with a second by Richard Parker to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bruce Brewer to adjourn. With no further business to come before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

