



Louisiana State Firemen's Association

Louisiana State Firemen's Association January 26, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting called to order by Charles Hudson at 10:05 AM at LSU –FETI Classroom No. 1, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sergeant at Arms Bruce Brewer led us in the opening prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Dwayne Thevis called roll call, the following members were present: SEE ATTACHED ROLL CALL SHEET.

Motion to accept minutes of September board meeting which were emailed to the board was presented by Mark Treadway, second by Bob White. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report which was emailed to the board was presented by Mark Treadway, second by Brian Lindberg. Motion carried.

Yearbook Coordinator Mike Labruzzo reported that all ads for yearbook must be turned in A.S.A.P. He also questioned Past President Metcalf if he was wanting to have a hardcover yearbook or soft cover. The ads in the yearbook seem to be getting less every year and Mike asked district representatives to encourage participation from departments in their district.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL INTREST:

Boyd Petty reported the Fallen Fighters Memorial will be held March 30, 2019 at OSFM, beginning at 10:00 AM. Boyd stated that Secretary Dwayne Thevis, Nathan McCallum and he are trying to implement a program which will allow fire departments across the state to tend to memorial once a month in order to maintain the grounds and monument at the memorial. A schedule of things that need to be done will soon be posted and departments can pick and choose the task and dates that they would like to do. Boyd stated that 3 names will be added to the memorial this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government & Public Affairs Committee Report – Butch Browning
Motion was made by Michael Labruzzo to support the 3 bills proposed by Butch Browning, second by Brian Lindberg. Motion carried. Nick Palmer questioned Butch on legislation regarding mental health issues across the state for volunteer firefighters. Butch agreed that there is an issue and that it will possibly have to be deferred to next session.

Benefits and Fund Raising – Chairman Dwayne Thevis reported that he met with DirectNet which proposed a fundraising opportunity for the LSFA to take part in. The program offered discount cards for the LSFA Members to sell. Dwayne advised the board that details as to how the discount cards actually worked and what each discount was at each retailer was uncertain. Motion was made by Brian Lindberg not to pursue this endeavor any farther and that the LSFA would not support the selling of these cards, second by Tim Crockett. Motion carried.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Chairman Dwayne Thevis reported the committee met on December 1, 2018 IN Belle Chasse, La. and reviewed the constitution and by-laws of the LSFA. Many of the changes were grammatical and changes were corrected accordingly. Brian Lindberg suggested that changes be emailed to the board for them to review. Dwayne agreed to email proposed changes to board for review.

OFFICERS REPORT:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REPORTS FROM ALL OFFICERS

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Conference Report – Charlie Metcalf stated that he was glad it was over. He expressed a great deal of thanks to everyone for attending and helping him with the conference.

2019 Conference Report – Charles Hudson reported that it was coming together very well. He stated that there will be plenty of rooms available at the host hotel. Conference schedule will include HOT Drills on Monday and Tuesday, August 5 – 6, 2019 at Jefferson Parish Training Center, Golf and Bowling Tournament on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. Thursday, August 8, 2019 will be conference registration and opening ceremonies. Friday and Saturday, August 9 – 10, 2019 will be regular conference activities. The conference this year will be held at Hilton Riverside in New Orleans, La. Charles also told the board that online vendor registration and membership registration will begin on January 28, 2019 through Eventbrite. Banquet seating will be done the same as last year with seats being assigned when you register. Rates for conference this year will be set at the following:

Conference Registration: \$175.00 Member
\$100.00 Guest
Extra banquet seats \$100.00 each
\$100.00 Golf Tournament
\$25.00 Bowling Tournament
\$500.00 Vendor Registration
\$50.00 if electricity is needed
\$100.00 per extra unit

2019 Competitive Drills Report – Joe Thompson reported that the drills will be held at the Ike Hamilton Center in West Monroe, La. LSU-FETI will provide the drill tower and other props needed for the drills. He also stated that he is waiting on proofs for t shirts and coins to finalize his decision on what he will choose. Hilton Garden will be the host hotel for drills at a rate of \$99.00 per night. Hotel code is **LSFA**. Firehouse Subs and Olla Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the meal Saturday after the drills.

2019 Exhibit Chairman Report – Danny Mayet reported that he handed registration packets and spoke to all the vendors in attendance at the LSU-FETI Equipment Show. He stated that many of them were excited about attending the conference in New Orleans, LA.

Adopting NVFC Code of Conduct for LSFA Board – Brian Lindberg reported that due to him taking on a new job and having to coordinate efforts between a PIAL Rating and a state audit he has been real busy and has not had much time to review the Code of Conduct. He said that he has not had time to pursue the Mission Statement and raising dues issues. Danny Mayet reported that he spoke with Terrebonne and Lafourche Chiefs Association and increasing dues to \$10.00 would not be a big issue if we had a justifiable cause.

CFSI Trip to Washington, D.C. – William Parker reported that airfare and hotels have been booked for upcoming trip in April and they are looking forward to attending.

A budget adjustment of \$500.00 was requested by Melvin Kiff to balance this year's budget. Charlie Metcalf commented that he was considering not printing a hardcover yearbook this year. That could possibly add \$7,000.00 to the budget to offset some other cost. Motion was made by Brian Lindberg to use the funds from not printing a hardcover yearbook to adjust the budget as requested by Melvin Kiff, also to increase conference profit in budget to reflect \$3,000.00. The motion also included adding \$1,300.00 to line item for competitive drills and \$1,000.00 for legislative breakfast in Baton Rouge in April. Motion was second by William Parker. Motion carried.

Charlie Metcalf discussed the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial issues with adding the names to the wall that were LODD prior to 1982. Louisiana has 42 names not on the wall. It would cost the state \$4,200.00 to add these names to the wall. Tim Crockett suggested that the association put together a raffle and sell tickets to raise the money. Tim said he could possibly put a security system

together for the raffle. The drawing for the raffle could be held at the banquet during the upcoming conference. Chris Boudreaux suggested that we could also possibly use the 50/50 funds collected during the conference to raise the funds. After some discussion it was decided to pursue the idea of raffle tickets to raise the funds and that the 50/50 would be donated to either MDA or St. Jude's at the president's decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Boudreaux, Past President, discussed the issue of Lafourche Parish firefighters dealing with individuals setting fire in their homes and no charges could be filed against these individuals due to the fact the home was not insured or threat other to homes in the area. Brian Lindberg suggested looking into a parish ordinance to deal with circumstances such as this. Brian said he could share Bienville Parish's ordinance. Kenn Fontenot suggested adopting DEQ's policy on burning manufactured material as their parish ordinance.

William Parker, PIO Officer, reported that we currently own two domains for our website and they are up for renewal. William made a motion to keep lsfa.net and abandon lsfa.us in order to not pay the additional fees to maintain a second domain. Second by Bob White. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Charles Hudson stated that he will not be able to attend CFSI in D.C. this year due to the changing jobs and currently has no time accrued.

Mark Treadway stated that he will be retiring in April from Jonesboro Fire Department as Fire Chief.

Danny Mayet wished Bob White a Happy Birthday.

Tim Crockett stated that Past President Kenny Hunts, WBPPFD Fire Chief, is also retiring.

Dwayne Thevis reported that Indian Bayou firefighter Vernis Leger passed away after 43 years of service. Visitation will be held Monday, January 28, 2019 at Vincent Funeral Home in Kaplan, La. Burial Services will be Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next board meeting will be held in West Monroe, La. immediately following the competitive drills to be held on April 27, 2019 at the Ike Hamilton Center.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Brian Lindberg led us in the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn meeting was made by Danny Mayet. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Louisiana State Firemen's Association Roll Call

Board Meeting

Baton Rouge, La.

January 26, 2019

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
President Charles Hudson	X		
1 st V.P. Joe Thompson	X		
2 nd V.P. Danny Mayet	X		
Immediate Past Pres. Charlie Metcalf	X		
Secretary Dwayne Thevis	X		
Treasurer Mike Labruzzo	X		
1 st District Representative Melvin Kiff	X		
2 nd District Representative William Parker	X		
3 rd District Representative Mike Delaune			X
4 th District Representative Brian Lindberg	X		
5 th District Representative Mark Treadway	X		
6 th District Representative Tim Crockett	X		
7 th District Representative Sonny Coffey			X
8 th District Representative Bob White	X		
Sergeant of Arms Bruce Brewer	X		
N.V.F.C. Chairman Kenn Fontenot	X		
Parliamentarian Donald Bock			X
Chaplain Father John Talamo		X	
Counselor Judge Roy Cascio			X
Government and Public Affairs Chairman Butch Browning	X		

Reasons for excused absent:

3rd District Representative Mike Delaune – Recovering from a recent surgery.

7th District Representative Sonny Coffey – Work schedule conflict.

Parliamentarian Donald Bock – Meeting schedule conflict.

Counselor Judge Roy Casico – Work schedule conflict

Board Member Reports:

Immediate Past President:

None

President:

Since our last meeting I been working on the 2019 LSFA Conference planning. I've also participated in several conferences calls and attended any meetings that I was required to attend.

We're very excited with the planning process to date with the education sessions provided by our very own LSU FETI instructors. We're still welcoming as many departments that are willing to participate in the food fest or hospitality rooms.

Respectfully,

Charles M. Hudson
LSFA President

1st Vice President:

Since our last meeting I have been to the Northeast Fireman's meetings and talked to them about the upcoming Competitive drills and the Conference for 2019 and 2020.

I have also met with Bruce, and Mr. Clyde about my conference this month. We will have another meeting in March . Wayne Cruse and Ray Atwell are my co- conference chairmen. We have the ladies program almost finished. We are working on the schedule and times for this.

I am also talking with VFIS about speakers and classes for my conference and I soon hope to speak with Mr. Ken about speakers from the NVFC.

Joe Thompson 1 st Vice President

2nd Vice President:

Since the last board meeting, I have attended several department and Fire Chiefs meetings. I have sent out e-mails as needed and participated in conference calls with Fire Marshal Butch Browning. I also have assisted in answering question by members.

As 2nd Vice President, I am responsible for exhibits for President Hudson conference in New Orleans, working on vendor list and with assistance from others preparing vendor registration forms to distribute at LSU-FETI equipment show.

I have also started working on my 2021 conference which will be held in Baton Rouge. The Hotel is booked and working on programs. I have started raising additional funds and planning fund raising events in the future. I have started working on a budget for my conference.

It has been a pleasure working with board members and the encouragement from everyone toward the conference.

Thanks for your cooperation,

Danny Mayet, 2nd Vice President

Secretary:

N/A

1st District:

Since our last Board meeting, I have forwarded email information received to 1st District departments. I made the presentation, accompanied by others, of the Roy Robichaux, Sr. Memorial Legislative Award for 2018 to Representative Joe Marino. I attended funeral service of LSFA Chaplain John Talamo's father. I will be attending the bi-monthly meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Presidents' and Fire Chiefs' Association later this week.

Melvin P. Kiff

LSFA 1st District Representative

2nd District:

Since our last meeting I have been visiting departments and share with them the available information about the upcoming Competitive Drills in West Monroe, as well as the upcoming Conference in New Orleans. I have worked with Secretary Thevis in helping to get his LSFA laptop's software up and running again. I have been working with AMBA personnel to get the website up and running and proud to say it is live even though there are a few errors we are working on fixing. We will be do a calendar of upcoming events so if any departments in your area have any functions or events, they would like to add to it please get it to myself or Secretary Thevis to be added. I have been working with Secretary Thevis and we have the Eventbrite pages almost ready for launch for the upcoming conference just waiting on a few minor things so It can be set to the date of President Hudson's choose. I have forwarded any and all emails to members of the 2nd district.

Thank You

William Parker

2nd District Representative

3rd District:

- As requested, I sent out all correspondence that I received from LSFA to the members of my District.
- I attended the following meetings: Saint James Parish Firefighters Association, Terrebonne Fire Chiefs Association, Lafourche Parish Chiefs Association, & Iberville Firefighters Association.
- I had the honor of being Guest Speaker at the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department at their Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet.
- I had the honor of attending the Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet.

- I was invited to attend the Schriever Volunteer Fire Department Banquet, the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department annual elections of Fire Chiefs & Awards Banquet, the Galvez – Lake Volunteer Fire Department Installations Banquet. I was unable to attend these events due to illness. However, I would like to acknowledge and thank, Danny Meyet, Chris Boudreaux, & Butch Browning for attending and representing LSFA on my behalf.

I'm looking forward to a successful and quick recovery from my surgery and getting back working in my district for LSFA.

Respectfully,

Michael C. DeLaune

LSFA 3rd. District Representative

4th District:

- As requested, I sent out correspondence that I received from the LSFA to the members of my District.
- I attended the following meetings: I have met with several fire chiefs within District #4, answered questions pertaining to the LSFA, made numerous legislative meetings representing the LSFA (State Ems Task Force), HCR 64 work group, LSU FETI Commission, Northeast Louisiana Firefighters Association, assisted our counterparts in the LFCA for the upcoming conference in North Louisiana, assisted with trainings with District #4 departments etc..
- New Membership: I have spoken with the Fire Chief of Winn Parish on the telephone and answered some questions he had relating to the association and plan on meeting with him very soon to provide him the resources needed to joining the association. Thanks to District #5 representative Mark Treadway for assisting me with this.
 - LSFA Mission Statement/Dues: I have researched this matter and plan on getting with the board in the near future for discussions related to the progression of our association. I apologize; I have been extremely busy with a new job!! No excuses and I understand the need for the progression. Thank you for the patience.

Respectfully,

Brian S. Lindberg

LSFA 4th District Representative

5th District:

As 5th District Representative I have attended monthly meetings of the Northeast Firefighters Association meetings, and several Parish Association meeting,

I have forward emails from the LFSA to fire departments.

I have made several contacts with other Fire Chief via Phone calls & emails, met with several Fire Chiefs!!

I spoke with members of the Northeast Firemen's Association in reference to the upcoming Competitive Drills and the future LSFA Conference.

I have participated in the Governmental and Public Affairs Committee conference call request by LA State Fire Marshal Chief Butch Browning.

Mark Treadway, Fire Chief

Jonesboro Fire Department

LSFA 5th District Representative

6th District:

Good Evening,

We have completed yet another great year and I look forward to working with the LSFA board in 2019. This year has been a busy one as there were many endeavors to pursue. I was privileged to attend several local Fire meetings in my area. I also had the honor to represent the fire service as I was chosen for the 3rd consecutive year as an American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink to raise money for the research and education of breast cancer. Once again selected and I look forward to representing LSFA in Washington D.C. in order to maintain our Firefighter benefits. This, I believe, will be an instrumental year due to governmental cost cuttings across our nation. I have attended all meeting and if there is a need, please notify me by email lobdell.chief@yahoo.com or on my cell 225-572-1277.

Thanks,

Tim Crockett

6th District Representative

7th District:

Since being elected to the board, I have attended several events. I organized and attended a blood drive in Calcasieu Parish for a Captain in Iberia Parish that was diagnosed with Leukemia. I also attended a blood drive and fundraising event in Eunice (St. Landry Parish) for the same captain. On October 1, 2018 I attended the Calcasieu Parish Fire Chiefs' meeting. On October 2, 2018 I represented LSFA at a firefighter funeral in Kinder (Allen Parish) and brought the honor guard bell from Ward 2 Fire Department. On November 20, 2018 I attended the Acadia Parish Fire Association meeting. On December 14, 2018 I attended a fire fighter funeral in Arnaudville (St. Martin Parish). On January 1, 2019, I attended the Vermillion parish meeting.

I have forwarded emails regarding LSFA and NVFC matter to 7th district departments. I am currently working on setting up a meeting with the Fire Chief in Sulphur (Calcasieu Parish) to recruit the rest of his department to join LSFA. I will be missing the first board meeting of the 2019 year due to work, but I can't wait to start moving forward. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

8th District:

Since our last board meeting I have forwarded Emails sent to me to district 8 members and non members (in hopes they would join) to keep them informed of classes and other issues pertaining to the fire service.

I have attended several department and Parish meetings to promote the yearbook .

I will be attending the Avoyelles Parish Firemen,s Association annual Memorial for the firefighters from Avoyelles who passed away last year, and Firefighter and Fire Off icier of the year Banquet on January 24

Bob White

LSFA District 8 Representative

NVFC:

Attended the NVFC Fall Meeting in Bismarck, ND in September of 2018 attended many of the committee meetings and also the general meeting and several presentations.

In October, I represented the NVFC at McAllen, TX Firefighter Health and Safety Conference where I presented 5 training programs.

Participated on the Legislative Committee conference call, the NVFC Instructor and Program vetting conference call.

Represented the LSFA at the Bureau of EMS meeting regarding call taker CPR; reported to the President and Secretary of the meeting outcome.

I have been assigned to represent the NVFC on an NFPA Task Force to evaluate a standard for emergency service support personnel.

Will evaluate and recommend training programs for the NVFC Summit to be held in Oregon (108 programs submitted with 10 being chosen).

Will evaluate and recommend applications for stipends to attend the above summit (last year Bruce Brewer was awarded a stipend).

Have a scheduled a Health, Safety and Training conference call for mid-February.

B.E.S.T. regards,

Kenn Fontenot, Louisiana Director

Kickash750@cox.net