

OSFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 17th, 2018

MINUTES

The OSFA Executive Board met May 17th, 2018 in the boardroom at 2716 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call: Matt Lay, Present and presiding
Dereck Cassady, Present
Mike Kelley, Present
Eric Harlow, Present
Mike Duncan, Present
Dana Cramer (ORFA), Present

Others: Phil Ostrander, Steve Lumry, Gene Brown, Tim Bartram, Sheri Nickel, Amy Hall, Caroline Reed and Eric Hamilton

Guest: Paul Gallahar

Correspondence: Hospitality House sent card congratulating Lay on being named one of Oklahoma Magazine's 40 under 40. Great Stone Consulting – Thank you Card.

Minutes: Motion by Kelley, second by Harlow to approve the April 19th, 2018 Minutes. Motion Carried.

Fire Marshal Commission Report: Lay

The Fire Marshal Commission, was in Tulsa during State Fire School and Lay was not able to attend. He says they reported having a good meeting and were impressed with the State Fire School.

Fire Service Training Report: Reed

Fire Service Training, has several new things coming out. There is a new on-line Resource 1 delivery for Grain Bin Awareness, so it will no longer be a two day delivery for the Awareness and the Ops. The Awareness will be provided through Resource 1 on-line and it should come out in June. Ops will still be a hands on course.

Other new things are, Pipeline Awareness for 911 Operators as well as an Awareness Ops piece that they have been working on with OKPeri. They are also teaming up with Homeland Security for the first deliveries of those 911 sections and they will be done with the Homeland Security Regions. There will be one in each region in the back half of the year starting in June.

Swiftwater Tech is live and if appropriate they will be taking it out to other locations outside of Oklahoma City.

There is a mini conference coming up in Weatherford, July 19th - 22nd.

There were 775 students that attended the State Fire School and all certificates are available for printing on-line. IMT courses are still being offered and EMI is releasing new versions of those.

Committee Reports:

Safety and Health Committee: Lumry

Safety and Health Committee, have not meet since last Board meeting but Lumry stated that he spoke with the chairman at State Fire School. The committee is going to be investigating an incident that happened at a Fire Department in Oklahoma and they will discuss that whole process and what their goal is at their next meeting.

Educational Advisory Committee: Lumry

Educational Advisory Committee, met yesterday and it was basically a hot wash of fire school. Overall, fire school went well. Once, the new committee is appointed they will be looking at some potential changes moving forward to make it better for vendors and students. The committee's comments were all positive and they pointed out very few changes that they feel need to be made.

Bartram presented & discussed a graph that was a breakdown of the daily attendance and tracks for each day.

They are looking forward to starting work on next year's school and need the committee up and running as soon as possible after convention.

There is discussion about moving the vendors down into the gymnasium to give them a larger vendor space and more room for vendor demonstrations.

Volunteer Fire Service: Lumry

Volunteer Fire Service, have not met but have two resolutions being presented at convention this year. There was discussion by the Board. There are two volunteers, Cliff Davidson and Tom Marcum are both running for the OSFA Board.

EMS Committee: Harlow

EMS Committee, had looked at Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Reimbursement Program (GEMT) through the Federal Government. In the last meeting they had invited Greg Reid, Director of REACT EMS in Shawnee and President of the Oklahoma Ambulance Association, to attend the meeting. Greg and Harlow had found a similar program to the GEMT Program that had been presented to Board. They found it to be the easiest to push forward and get activated. It does not prohibit them from looking at other programs later, they can run side by side. They were able with the assistance of Senator Griffin and Chad Caldwell to get it in the last week of the session. It passed through both chambers and the Governor signed it into law a couple weeks ago. It is for public entities only, so all the fire based EMS partners that run transport will be eligible to submit. It is basically a cost reimbursement program from the Medicaid side. There is around \$20 million a year that can come back to our fire transport entities here in the state.

Membership Committee: Lumry

Membership Committee, has a meeting next week. They have been running survey's at the Volunteer Caucus and at Fire School. There were 51 forms turned back in from Caucus and we received some good feedback. We are still waiting on the numbers from the Fire School surveys. There was discussion by the Board on what the members had to say from the surveys.

County Sales Tax Committee: Bartram

County Sales Tax Committee, has questions submitted to the Auditor. Bartram has had communication with their office and they stated they have most of the answers put together but they are attempting to meet with the Attorney General's office to review those answers and review the information. They have been having a hard time at the end of session getting that meeting set up. Will continue to follow up and will be ready once they have a reply back from them.

Financial Advisory: Lumry

Financial Advisory Committee had a couple of meetings and have three priorities they are looking at trying to move forward. They are still doing their research on them but the three items are; COLA's, review and determine if/when dues for the organization may need to be changed and the Museum Expansion. There was no negative response or comments from that committee in the way we are heading so far.

Public Education Committee: Brown

Public Education Committee, will be meeting next month. Brown spoke with Joel Bain about the first film for social media. Due to Bain being busy at this time, they have not had the time to make much headway. Brown hopes by the time they hold their next meeting he will have more information to present.

Lumry stated at their initial meeting they discussed the lack of education for the Public Education People in the state. They started out this year with a class at Fire School and it was one of the classes that was about 125% full. We may look at having something similar to the Volunteer Caucus that is just for Public Education people, continuing their education and finding resources for them. If that goes over well, they may look at doing a full blown conference on Public Education through OSFA.

Guest Speaker: Firefighters as Organ Donors – Paul Gallahar, Retired Tulsa

Gallahar discussed his credentials and experience in the fire service. He recently received a liver transplant and would like to incorporate that with his fire service experience. He is looking at the fire service in it totality and analyze the strengths and weaknesses. Gallahar said that, if we could do more than we presently do, would it be a good thing?

He would like to incorporate organ donation into the fire service culture. Gallahar said that would be going beyond the level of service that they currently provide. His vision is, that in 5-15 years from now when people talk about firefighters, in addition to what all they do already, they would be thought of as the group that gives organs so that others can live. He is asking from the Board; 1) is it a worthy idea, 2) how it could be pursued. He is even looking to try it as a National Fire Service Risk Reduction initiative. There was discussion by

the Board. After discussion, the Board felt that Paul should be provided time at the Tulsa Convention to present to the delegates on Thursday.

Museum Report: Brown

The "Ride to Remember" are pretty close to completing and reconciling the donations right now and it looks like the Museum is going to get close to \$5,000 off of that ride. He went to the meeting the other night and they had nothing but great things to say about the OSFA/Museum and the way that we handled it and they are looking forward to next year. They really want us to be more involved and Brown told them that we would be more than happy to.

On the Museum itself, they are down a guy and it is tougher but they will get through. Their biggest thing right now is keeping the mowing done.

The Women's College Softball World Series is coming and they pretty much have everything in line to handle that. He would like to break \$30,000 this year but not sure how they will pack extra cars in.

The Museum staff has been working real hard, it has been very expensive and they are re-evaluating that right now. Getting all their fire apparatus titles up to date and titled correctly with a black tag on them. They have had a lot of maintenance issues that they are currently working on. There are a lot of scheduled tours coming up and have improved since last year.

The Museum Expansion Fundraiser is waiting on the renderings to be completed.

Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Report: Nickel

Nickel stated that there has not been any more grants approved because no one else has applied. She had Pawnee, Lakewood and Idabel has all drop out.

We took \$100,000 and split into the four quadrants in the state for specific classes for OSU to deliver under the retention part of the grant.

NVFC Report: Duncan

Duncan stated that it's National EMS Week. Nickel and Duncan went to the NVFC Board meeting and attended the committee meetings. Duncan said the biggest thing is the "Share the Load" and the Cancer Registry. They are having a webinar today on "Understanding Stress in the Fire Service" and he believes there is one on the 17th for Cancer Awareness within the fire service. The NVFC is doing a Leadership for Volunteer EMS & Rescue Providers as an on-line course that will be free for a limited time. He discussed that the NVFC is having a little trouble with their Recruitment & Retention AFG Grant.

Nickel stated that she is not on any committees as of right now but did volunteer for the Wildland Committee in Duncan's place.

Ostrander stated that the National Cancer Registry has been passed out of House and Senate and are waiting on that. That is a milestone and a great situation where the NVFC worked alongside the IAFF and IAFC to make that happen.

OFCA Report: Lumry

Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association, has not met since the last board meeting. Greg Herbster from Moore was elected as their new 3rd VP. Their next meeting will be held in July.

ORFA Report: Cramer

Oklahoma Retired Firefighters Association is getting ready for their upcoming convention. Cramer stated that he and Pierce went to Lawton and visited with their retirees. They have a resolution that will be presented at the convention which shows COLA's are a high priority. This year a onetime stipend will be given to the retirees.

Executive Director: Ostrander

Ostrander said the Legislature granted us a Stipend.

He reiterate what Harlow discussed about the GEMT and what Brown discussed for the goals he would like to see on the softball parking raising at least \$30,000.

One of the things he would like to discuss with the Board is how they feel about us creating another 501(c) 3. Basically, it would allow for tax deductible donations of training dollars and benevolent purposes. His initial vision is, OSFA Training and Benevolence Foundation. That would give us opportunity to handle the money coming in from these outside entities to go to the fire departments. He would like the Board to allow us to expand on that more and to see what it would take to get an additional foundation created under the Museum/Memorial. There was discussion by the Board.

Lumry stated that OEMTA sent a Sponsorship Form for booth space. He discussed the different packages they provide.

Motion by Kelley, second by Harlow to split the Silver Package with OSUFST. Motion carries.

Lumry discussed the Membership numbers for the OSFA, Brent Hatcher, and the total numbers for Convention at this time.

The electronic newspaper is now up to 422. The OKC Dodgers approached us regarding planning a group outing. They discussed potentially doing two OSFA Games with no cost to us. We just send out notices to our members promoting the games. They said they do not store, keep the e-mail address or use them for future marketing. Lay stated on that note, they are having First Responder Night at the Drillers Stadium on the 14th and will have a stack of tickets. There was discussion by the Board.

Lumry stated the Board meeting next month will be a week later than what is normally scheduled due to the OSFA Convention.

The Fire School preliminary numbers are: brought in income of about \$12,700; Expenses of about \$42,000; Budgeted \$50,000, therefore we are invested in it about \$30,000. These are not the final numbers.

The State Fire Marshal Doke contacted Lumry about the contingent they are putting together for Washington, DC this year. They need to know if we are going to send anybody from OSFA. We have until early July to let them know if we are going to be a part of that contingent, so they can get us factored in on things. OSFA has not been requested to specifically attend for a while, but this time we are.

There was a recommendation made from the Educational Advisory Committee that OSFA present the Tulsa Fire Department with some type of appreciation plaque for their assistance with Fire School.

Financial Report: E. Hamilton

Motion by Harlow, second by Cassady to approve the financial report ending April 18th, 2018, as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business:

~ *Appointment of Convention Credentials Committee (7 – 11 Members)*

David Fincher, Lawton – Chairman

Darren Thames, Tulsa

Donnie Bennett, Oklahoma City

Jill Boeckman, Broken Arrow

Eric Hanlon, Ponca City

John Williams, Dewey

Michael Pettey, Fort Supply

Mike Nettles, Guthrie

Garrett Matlock, Midwest City

Reed discussed that Dr. Reynolds is a friend of the Task Force 1 group and they are requesting that OSFA would entertain the thought of doing a Memorial for all the Rescue Dogs. Right now there is not currently a Memorial for those Rescue Dogs that have served. There was discussion by the Board.

Motion by Harlow, second by Duncan to pursue a K-9 Memorial. Motion carries.

Executive session:

Motion by Harlow, second by Kelley to enter Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. Motion carries

Motion by Cassady, second by Duncan to return to open session at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Harlow, second by Kelley to adjourn at 12:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Next meeting: June 11th, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, Studio 304, 3rd Floor

Meetings and Events

June 12, 2018

June 13 – 16, 2018

September 6, 2018

October 7, 2018

37th Annual ORFA Convention - Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

124th Annual OSFA Convention - Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

2018 David Bain F&L FF Memorial Golf Tournament – Lincoln Park, OKC

19th Statewide Memorial Service - Firefighters Memorial, Oklahoma City