

# OSFA Executive Board Highlights

## March 15, 2018 MEETING

**Roll Call:** Matt Lay- Present and presiding  
Derek Cassidy, arrived at 9:19 a.m.  
Mike Kelley, Present  
Eric Harlow, Present  
Mike Duncan, Present  
Dana Cramer (ORFA), Present

**Others Present:** Phil Ostrander, Steve Lumry, Gene Brown, Shari Nickel, Tim Bartram, Dwayne Burk, Don Armes and Eric Hamilton.

**Correspondence:** Thank you card from Logan County Young Marines. Invitation for the Oklahoma City Recruit Graduation for Class 2017-3.

**Fire Marshal Commission Report:** Lay  
The Fire Marshal Commission has their inspection for some public facilities done early. They are still working on getting the word out about tax credits and are attending County Meetings along with OSFA and the Pension office.

**Fire Service Training Report:** Duncan  
Fire Service Training just finished up school in Atoka. Duncan said that will be all of their Regional until October.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Educational Advisory Committee:** Bartram  
Bartram stated that they have been discussing some issues with walk-ins, especially dealing with the HOT classes and better controlling access to the training grounds.

The committee was unanimous that on the HOT classes there will be no walk-ups, period. If you are on a waiting list, the cut off will be Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. That was made into an official motion and will be the policy of Fire School.

They also discussed the cold classes with the walk-ups, and they would like us to put some statements out encouraging if you're going to be a walk-up to wait and allow those who preregistered to make sure they have a seat in the class room before the walk-ins can take a seat.

The committee set a tentative date for the same time period next year. There was a consensus reached for Louthan to work on a better application to attempt to better verify the Live Instructors on their 1403 Compliance.

There was also discussion about having a National Certification Process for Firefighter Instructor.

### Legislative Committee:

**Legislative Committee:** Lumry  
Lumry stated the Legislative Committee hasn't met but will be meeting later this month on the 25th, the same day as the Legislative Reception. At that time they will get updates where everything is as in the Legislative process and help with the set up for the reception.

### Safety and Health Committee:

**Safety and Health Committee:** Lumry / Lay  
The Safety and Health Committee met one time since the last Board meeting. Lay said there was some discussion on the Mental Health aspect, how some departments are handling cancer paperwork and they had some discussion about looking at AFG Grants in the future for some health and safety issues.

Lay stated that they had announced the dates for the next round of SAFER Grants later this month.

Lumry discussed that our committees are tied together in some ways. Safety and Health, Membership Committee and Educational Advisory. Lumry and Bartram have a meeting set up next week with Integris to discuss discounted Heart Scans for firefighters as a benefit of being OSFA members.

### Volunteer Fire Service Committee:

**Volunteer Fire Service Committee:** Lumry  
At the Volunteer Caucus, the Membership Committee passed out our surveys, had people fill them out and then did a drawing for cash prizes. Lumry passed out the preliminary results for the first 21 forms turned in.

Since this ties into the Membership Committee, Lumry had a meeting yesterday with AFLAC. And while they do not provide primary insurance, they do provide some pretty good insurance benefits that might benefit our volunteers.

They are going to put together a presentation to bring back to the Board next month.

### Membership Committee:

**Membership Committee:** Lumry  
The Membership Committee is continuing to look at other benefits and using their survey to determine what things we

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 3-6, 2018 -- State Fire School -- Tulsa Community College & Tulsa Fire Department Training Center

June 12, 2018 -- 57th annual ORFA Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

June 13-16, 2018 -- 124th annual OSFA Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

June 13-16, 2018 -- 86th annual Women's Auxiliary Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

Oct. 7, 2018 -- 19th Statewide Memorial Service -- Oklahoma Firefighters Museum, Oklahoma City

should offer. Bartram has been helping them focus on some of those areas, as well.

They will be setting up some meetings and doing some research.

### Public Education Committee:

**Public Education Committee:** Brown  
Cassidy stated that the committee did get their Mission Statement completed and passed it out to the Board. Bartram said that the one Pub Ed Class at Fire School is full.

Brown said that in the first two-minute video by the committee, it was their decision to make it about the Museum, the expansion and how they are going to spread Pub Ed through the state.

### Financial Advisory Committee:

**Financial Advisory Committee:** Lumry  
Lumry stated that the Financial Advisory Committee met and covered three basic topics and are in the preliminary stages.

They are looking at the Museum Expansion and making sure the finances are sufficient, research for COLAs, and looking ahead, analyzing our dues structure. They will be looking at those three issues as they move forward.

### Museum Expansion Committee:

**Museum Expansion Committee:** Lumry  
Lumry stated they are working diligently to get the packets put together for leave behinds. They have had a meeting with the architect and the rendering artist. They will have another meeting next week with those two.

Once they have the right drawings for the packet, they can start the language. We will be able to get most of the work done in-house and then just send it out to get printed.

### Museum Report:

**Museum Report:** Brown  
Brown said that they are gearing up for spring. The guys went down and trimmed up all the trees and started getting it cleaned up, and he said that he just cannot brag on them enough.

Business is starting to pick up in the Museum and Spring Break will be coming up. He went over the different things the guys have been doing in and out of the Museum.

Brown discussed all the different conferences coming up and making sure all the things are ordered for them.

Red book's sales are up a little bit and everything has been going just fine.

### Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Report:

**Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Report:** Nickel  
Nickel stated that she is up to 20 for approved Grants and has two more on her desk that need to be approved. She got the first of the bunker gear in this week and will deliver it soon. There is one guy who has finished Firefighter I in the panhandle and waiting to do his Hazmat stuff and he will be the first complete grant recipient.

She went to Atoka last weekend and they expanded the classes that were covered under the retention part. She has a meeting with OSU on the 26th and she has it budgeted to where we can put \$26,000 in each quadrant of the state for training, with a list of approved classes.

Nickel discussed paying for 200 firefighter physicals with the grant.

### NVFC Report:

**NVFC Report:** Duncan  
National Volunteer Fire Council have their Board meeting coming up in Alexandria, VA, April 19-21. There is still money left on the Josh Callers Grant for training and it gives \$5000 to 10 departments.

NVFC put out the "Best Practices on Cancer Prevention". They have an on-line course for installing smoke detectors. And they just came out this month with an on-line course for new company officers and it is free right now.

### OFCA Report:

**OFCA Report:** Burk  
Oklahoma Fire Chief's Conference will be held April 4-6. They are still out trying to get sponsors and they have some good speakers. There are some people signing up for golf teams for the tournament.

Burk stated that Chief Anthony will be taking Chief Driskell's position on the Incident Recourse Hotline Committee. He discussed that at this time, they have only one Resolution dealing with the mental health aspects of the job.

### ORFA Report:

**ORFA Report:** Cramer  
The Oklahoma Retirees are looking at getting a date together in the next week for a meeting. The retirees are not real happy that the COLA Bill is dead and they are wanting to fight for it.

### Executive Director/Legislative Report:

**Executive Director/Legislative Report:** Ostrander / Lumry  
Ostrander stated that he has been spending time out at the Capitol lately. He discussed that he has received a lot of feedback from our e-mails regarding COLAs and the responses on the legislation.

He said that he had an overwhelming response to his article in the last month's paper dealing with the mental health issues. Ostrander cannot stress enough this mental health situation in the fire service. He would like to continue to advocate and openly discuss the PSOB and the mental health issues.

Ostrander stated that Amy has reported that our membership summaries are still coming in. Out of 254 departments, we have received back 409 and so the numbers are coming in good.

We had a situation again to where Brent Hatcher came in to play this week. The numbers are relatively low -- only 187 people in Brent Hatcher right now since it is renewal time.

We went through a period of time when it was the renewal cycle for American Income Life to send out their update cards to the members, and during that time we were inundated by concerns and complaints from retirees.

So far in 2018, we have already paid out three of those this year and one is still pending.

Lumry stated he would like to go back to the membership summaries. We have 9,370 firefighters signed up. Last month, it was 9,002 and so we are still on the increase.

He discussed that we are planning on scheduling a FEMA Grant Workshop for early November. Those of you who attended Bob Jones' Retirement Party, you saw that we gave him a plaque from OSFA and a gift card.

The electronic newspaper subscriptions are now up to 216 and is still growing.

There was an issue with the number of available hotel rooms for State Fire School, but they were able to get it worked out and we now have an overflow hotel.

There was discussion by the Board on the electronic newspaper.

### New Business:

-- A student from Tuttle requested a sponsorship for FFA. No action taken at this time.

-- Police, Fire US Games Entry Sponsorship for Norman Firefighter.

-- The Board reviewed the Membership Committee Resolution.

-- Jacob Siangl, Edmond FD -- Add to Pub Ed Committee.

-- Perspective Addition to the Museum Board - Carl Hickman.

-- Brent Hatcher - Johnny Backwater - Kemwood Fire Dept. Passed away from complications due to surgery.

-- Review and vote on the Constitutional Resolution

-- David Carter, Oklahoma City FD -- Add to Legislative Committee.

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.

Next meeting: April 19, 2018