 TEXAS

FIRE MARSHALS’

ASSOCIATION

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October 18, 2017

39th TFMA Conference

19th Annual Texas Fire Marshals’ Conference

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Austin, Texas

Meeting called to order at 1730 hours by President Laurie Christensen.

Invocation was given by Fire Marshal Robert Knappage.

Special Guests:

* Past President
* IAAI Board
* ATAC Board
* State Fire Marshal
* Dignitaries – Seth Christensen General Aid to Governor Abbot
* TCOLE – Candice Simon
* FEMT – Andrea Hoke
* TEEX

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Jeffery Barnes.

Board members present were:

President Laurie Christensen, 1st Vice-Present John Paul Erskine, 2nd Vice-President Ariana Hargrove.

Directors present were Christina Neely-Lopez, Brad Westberry, Tim Dedear, Omar Garza, Ron Pray, and Mark Flathouse. Deroy Bennett. A quorum of the Executive Board was present and Secretary/Treasurer Dan Mayes advised an official meeting could be conducted.

Approximately 100 members in attendance.

President Laurie Christensen called for the Reading of the Minutes from our March 2017 meeting. A copy of the minutes was uploaded to Guidebook. A motion was made to dispense with the reading and seconded. Motion approved.

President Laurie Christensen called the following Committee Reports:

\*1. Awards - Deroy Bennet

The committee received three applications for the Excellence Award. The committee reviewed three application packets and will be awarding three **Gold Awards** for the Achievement of Excellence in Fire Prevention at the annual Awards Luncheon held during the Annual Fire Marshal Conference.

Presentation of awards presented at the Banquet were as follows:

President’s Award: Mark Flathouse - Fort Bend County Fire Marshal

Jack Sneed Awards: Laurie Christensen – Asst. Chief of Harris County Fire Marshal Office

Roscoe Gibson Award:

* Walter James - Fire Marshal Texas Tech FMO
* Austin Ament – Outreach Team-Lead State Fire Marshal’s Office
* Debbie Taylor – Outreach – Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office

Lifetime Award: #25 David Kerr – Fire Marshal of Plano FDP

\*2. Code and Technical - Mike Montgomery

Nothing to report.

\*3. Conference - Laurie Christensen

There are 311 in attendance this year. We took suggestions from the surveys from last year’s conference to plan this year’s event.

\*4. Constitution and Bylaws- Jim Terry

Nothing to report.

\*5. County Fire Marshals - Ron Pray

Will present new legislation at the County Fire Marshals’ Forum on Thursday.

\*6. Finance (1st-Vice President) – John Paul Erskine

Report was given by John Paul Erskine. John Paul Erskine reported as of **October 18, 2017** the association had **$26,838** in the bank. There is **$56,668** awaiting to be deposited from *Splashthat.com*, and PayPal currently reflects **$7515.06** awaiting transfer to bank account.

Our CPA recommends that we change the current fiscal year to **Jan 01** through **December 31**.The bank account at Bank of America is always available for any member to view.

\*7. Legislative Committee – Mark Flathouse

Worked with IAAI and need to partner up. Requested to update website and improve communication. Mark had stated: “*the committee has a long ways to go*”.

\*8. Logo Items - Jimmie Miles

Sock Monkeys were an addition to the store in 2017. Tina Neely Lopez requested to define budget. Tina Neely Lopez also stated that the store brought in **$5,735.00.**

\*9. Membership and Outreach - Tim Dedear

Tim provided free registration and “Save the Day” cards for the conference.

\*10. Sgt.-At-Arms/PIO - Rachel Moreno

Twitter and Facebook followers are up.

\*11. Historical Committee – Nelly Lopez

Working on a timeline, meeting with past presidents, sending mass emails for president’s pictures, and information etc.

\*12. Nominations - (All past Presidents) - Gerald Brown

Jody Gonzales - three Directors terms are up for election.

* Tim Dedear eligible for election
* Omar Garza agreed to serve if re-elected
* Robert Ford
* Buddy Rice

There is a total of four nominees. No nominations carried over from last year.

\*13. University Fire Marshals - Brad Westberry

Nothing to report.

\*14. Municipal Fire Marshal - Deroy Bennett

Nothing to report.

\*15. Website – Developer not present

Nothing to report

\*16. Professional Trade Committee – Randy Crim

Nothing to report

\*18. Professional Qualifications - Laurie Christensen

Nothing to report.

\*19. Professional Trades-Laurie Christensen

Nothing to report.

\*18. Fireworks -Mike Montgomery

Nothing to report.

\*19. Chaplain – Kurt Harris

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OLD BUSINESS -

Excellence Awards

* Excellence Award Committee was given direction to reach out to IAAI to assist with an award for investigations.
* By-Laws – Now on Website (JPE)
* ICC Training (AH)

NEW BUSINESS -

* **TCFP**
  + Inspector Proposal
* **Congressional Fire Services Institute**
  + David Kerr
* **Elections**
  + Nominations Committee