



AFSS North E-Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2014

Host: Valerie Erwin
Location: Cosumnes Fire Department, Elk Grove, CA

Attendance:

Valerie Erwin President / Cosumnes Fire
Chrissy Niven 1st Vice-President / Alameda County Fire
Wendy Crosthwaite.... 2nd Vice-President /
Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communication Center
Nancy Tillotson Recording Secretary / Vacaville Fire
Mollie Meyer Corresponding Secretary / Metro Fire
Meghan Scannell Past President / UC Davis Fire

Call to Order: 9:15 am by Valerie Erwin

Additions / Approval of Agenda:

Additions requested by Valerie

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- CalChiefs Liaison Report
- Discuss -- Meetings Costs and Meal Stipends

Approval of E-Board Minutes of July 31, 2014:

Chrissy N. motioned to approve, Wendy C. second, all approved

New Business:

President's Report (added) – Valerie E.

- CalChiefs Conference

Valerie Erwin & Wendy Crosthwaite represented AFSS - North

Joyce Reed and Danielle Bryan represented AFSS - South.

Nancy T., CalChiefs Scholarship recipient, attended as an attendee

Meghan S. attended as an attendee.

AFSS – South, Karen McCoy, Maria from Redlands & Annette Arnison assisted with registration. Valerie, Wendy and Nancy assisted as needed. Well attended and informative conference. Accommodations were awesome. Chief Dutton has been successful in organizing the entire conference. There was expressed concern about the CalChiefs Conference being in the same geographic location as the annual League of California Cities. Example: when League of California Cities is in Northern region, CalChiefs Conference will be in the Southern region.

2015 CalChiefs Conference will be in Long Beach, Oct. 11-15, 2015.

- Northern Area Director's Meeting
Valerie E. and Wendy C. were invited by Chief McLaughlin, CalChiefs Northern Division Director, to attend the Northern Area Director's meeting. This group consists of five Area Directors. Area Directors view the CalChiefs website as a fabulous opportunity for improvement. Chief McLaughlin requested that a SWOT analyze be completed regarding CalChiefs. A SWOT analysis is a list of your business's greatest strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Chief McLaughlin requested that AFSS – North team up with area directors and assist where possible for collaboration. This was an excellent opportunity for AFSS – North. We are good listeners, articulators and organizers. The Area Directors were appreciative of our input.
- Ops Section Conference
March 22-24, 2015, Seaside, CA
AFSS – North will be assisting with many aspects of the conference, including securing sponsors.
- CalChiefs Presidents Forum & Strategic Planning
January 12-13, 2015 at Embassy Suites, Sacramento
This conference is for Section Presidents and CalChiefs E-Board. Intent of forum, each section President makes a report. No breakout sessions, no specific trainings. Participate in Strategic Planning session.
- Mixed Bag Fundraiser
AFSS North fundraiser is in full swing. Check out our Facebook page for more info.
- Member of the Year
AFSS Member of the Year will be recognized at the December Meeting. Forms and announcement will be sent to membership.

Treasurer's Report (added) – Joyce E.

- September 2014
 - General Fund Balance: \$11,551.96
 - Conference Account Balance: ... \$ 7,404.30
 - Savings Account Balance: \$ 106.18
 - Reserve Account Balance: \$ 6,142.21
 - TOTAL: \$25,204.66
- September Quarterly Meeting, Wendy C. made a motion, Mollie M. second the motion to reimburse Susan Kim \$50 for opportunity raffle.
- Survey monkey, Board agreed to suspend service (monthly charge \$24.00) at this time.
- 2012 Member of the Year Award -- Susan Kim was the recipient and wants to donate her \$100 award to the Carol Abraham Conference Acct.

CalChiefs Liaison Report (added) – Chief Hansen

- CalChiefs Conference

2014 conference went really well with the assistance of AFSS. Received a lot of compliments from attendees. Executive Board is stable again and members feel that they are moving in the right direction.

2015 conference will be in Long Beach again next year. This is an attempt to assist with expenses on Northern departments. They will not have to be flying twice in the same fiscal year to attend the League of California Cities and CalChiefs Conference. 2015 League of California Cities will be in San Jose.

- CalChiefs Legislation

CalChiefs had a fairly successful session. Legislation is currently on winter break, they resume in January 2015.

- Solar Panel Bill - 2188, rushed permitting process on residential solar projects. Some challenges still exist.
- At the last minute, the Governor vetoed AB2577. Governor gave no indication that he would not sign the bill. The Department of Health and Human Services is too busy implementing the affordable healthcare act. They would not be able to successfully manage this new program. He encouraged CalChiefs to continue to work on the plan for its success in the future.
- Election season is here. It'll be interesting to see how the Senate will turn out.

- Chapter 13

Chapter 13 task force issue relative to the California Health and Safety Regulations. Over the past three years, there have been several attempts to clarify language. Limited release draft was released a few days prior to CalChiefs annual conference. CalChiefs is currently drafting a response letter. Chief Hansen mentioned that "This is probably the most important piece of legislation to impact our ability to provide services to our communities as First Responder Services." If this passes, we could see the closure of several fire stations and laying off of firefighters. CalChiefs is putting together a "Health & Safety Code Regulations for Dummies" in an effort to assist educating its members. More engaged departments / individuals are needed with the Chapter 13 legislation.

- CalChiefs Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution and Bylaws went under a major revision. CalChiefs repealed the old version and adopted the new version. Constitution and Bylaws are available on the website. New version includes major changes and terms for elected officers. President Hansen's term will expire at 2015 Conference.

- Retirement

Chief Henke is retiring Oct. 13, 2014. Alameda County Fire Chief, Dave Rocha, will be the new E-Board, Member-at-Large. This position is filled by appointment - not an election.

Committee Reports:

- Budget – E-Board
Consider an increase for meeting cost & meal allocations, Fiscal Year 15-16
Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 15-16 –
 - January, present to E-Board
 - March, present to General Membership at meeting
 - June, adopt by General Membership at meeting
- Communications – Shawn has requested to have some of the AFSS website “buttons” to be moved.
- Conference 2016 – Chrissy N. is actively exploring locations.
- Membership – Janice Parker & Wendy Crosthwaite
Membership is currently down 30 members.

E-Board elections:

Vacant Positions

President, 1 yr term

2nd Vice President, 1 yr term

Treasurer, 2 yr term

Corresponding Secretary, 2 yr term

Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

Recorded by,

Nancy Tillotson

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AFSS North, Recording Secretary



AFSS North E-Board Meeting Calendar

October 10, 2014

January 9, 2015
0900 to 1600

E-Board Meeting
Cosumnes Fire – Elk Grove

February 10, 2015
0900 to 1000

Joint E-Board (North)
Conference Call

March 19, 2015
0900 to 1500

Quarterly Training Meeting
West Stanislaus / Patterson

March 22-24, 2015

OPS Conference
Seaside / Monterey

April 13 - 17, 2015

AFSS Conference (tentative dates)
Riverside – Mission Inn