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NORTH CAROLINA FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION

"Dedicated to the Saving of Life and Property through Fire Prevention"

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Board of Directors 2025 Buddy Thompson(E) Justin McLaurin (C) Wesley Graham(W)
2026 Travis Johnson (E) Bobby Carmon (C) Stephen Craig (W)

Quarterly Meeting In Person & Remote Attendance November 12, 2025

Board Minutes

Attendance:

Tim Henshaw
Charlie Johnson
Bobby Carmon
Tony Smart
Wesley Graham
Brittany Lingle
Charles Eldridge
Tom Bender
Buddy Thompson
Travis Johnson
Thomas Raper
Stephen Craig
Brian Kelly

Meeting called to order @ 0843
Invocation- Tom Bender

NEW BUSINESS:

IFMA update- Brian Kelly

Legislative training- CFSI

IFMA Board meeting at FMI- put that on the radar- IFMA Quarterly forthcoming

Remind Fire Chiefs- survey reports- specific to fire prevention- national problem

Tom Bender

Thank yous

Do better on Newsletter

Committee Reports- Need more

Member input session- more transparency

Charles Eldridge

Motion to name the legacy award after Tom Bender- Tony Smart

Second- Wesley Graham

Motion Passed

Getting executive board a name tag affiliated with Association

Motion- Travis Johnson

Second – Tony Smart

Motion passed

Kevin Stancil- FMI Update

Starting Friday for round 2

Surveys went out- most positive- couple negatives but expected.
Thomas- QuickBooks- having to enter info by hand

Thomas- Treasurer Report

- Move treasurer and secretary to appointment positions
 - FMI would have its own treasurer
 - Someone to handle registrations
 - Merchandise committee would have a person to keep up with budgeting
 - Create multiple accounts for each item (FMI, merchandise, etc)
 - Final proposal February

Tim- New shirt order forthcoming

Bobby Carmon- Technology

- Non-profits version- ending in January
 - Currently using premium
 - Explore costs etc and bring back to board on costs

Tim- Trailer and graphics

- FMI- trailer appeared
- VFIS insurance- 10k contents and the trailer value
- Misc items purchased to go inside (containers, straps, etc)
- GOG Committee for usage
 - Potential UTV in the future??
 - Table the idea- we don't need it- have sponsors pay for the rental

Elections- Charles Eldridge

- East (Amy Burton)
- Central (Justin McLaurin)
- Western (Kevin Tipton)
 - Thank you from Wesley Graham
- **Need more classes/representation from the West** Discussions
- Thank you from Buddy Thompson- more stuff to come

OLD BUSINESS:

Tim- By-laws for fire code revision committee

- Solicited an appointment- Eric Wiseman for vacancy for the spring
 - We must officially approve nominations
 - Motion Fill vacancy with Eric Wiseman
 - Second- Brittany
 - Motion passed
- Second person- sent out in email blast- will wait until January to pick

Tim- By-laws

- We need 3rd trustee in each region
 - Temporary amendment
 - Motion to add 3rd trustee for each region- tony smart
 - Second- Charles Eldridge
 - Amendment to motion- Position appointment by board for a 1-year period
- By-law meeting by January 15
 - Amendment to motion- add 3rd regional director for each region (Final)- tony smart
 - Travis- second
 - Motion passed
- New chair of by-law committee- Buddy Thompson
 - Tom Bender wants to become part of the review committee



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Charlie- meeting in Albemarle
Will give full details at general meeting

Education- Tony
Updates classes forthcoming
FM 101 classes forthcoming

Upcoming Meeting
1st quarter- Rockingham County February
2nd quarter- West (AB Tech)
3rd quarter- SAFRE
4th quarter- Greensboro

Motion to adjourn- Thomas Raper
Second- Tony Smart
Adjourn @ 1154