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2019

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Quarterly Meeting General Membership Jacksonville, NC November 1, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Jerry Cashwell
Eric Wiseman
Ryan Parker
Thomas Bender
Paul Padgett
Shandy Padgett
Charlie Johnson
Jason Shepherd
Brian Kelly
Daniel Hill
Ashly Riggins
Karl Huegerich
T.J. McClamb
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Sampson Co.
Wake Forest
Johnston Co.
Chatham Co.
Garner
Morrisville
OSFM
Orange Co.
Jacksonville
New Bern
Union Co.
Apex
Fayetteville
New Bern
Jacksonville
Morehead City

Tony Smart
Tim Henshaw
Banks Wallace
Adam Stanley
Frank Meyer
David Stone
Richard Lovick
Robert Stephens
Randy Jones
Roy Ross
Scott Merritt
Kim Alred
David Conrad
Jeremy Blalock
Kevin Oliver

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Morehead City
Lenoir Co.
Morrisville
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Charlotte
New Bern
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ATTENDANCE ELECTRONIC

Adam Cloninger
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Scott Rogers

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Hendersonville
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King
Johnston Co.
Nash Co.

**Quarterly Meeting
General Membership
Jacksonville, NC
November 1, 2019**

Minutes

Meeting to called to order at 1325 by NCFMA President Eric Wiseman.

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman welcomed those in attendance and expressed the appreciation of the association by the hospitality shown by the City of Jacksonville.

Invocation by NCFMA Chaplain Thomas Bender.

Minutes of the August 21 meeting in Raleigh were presented and reviewed. Motion by Adam Stanley, second by Banks Wallace to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasure's report presented NCFMA President Eric Wiseman for NCFMA Treasurer Adam Cloninger. Motion to accept the report by Tony Smart, second by Adam Stanley and the motion was approved.

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman discussed the project addressing a new logo. Eric advised the membership that a survey with several proofs is currently being sent to the membership to determine which design they prefer.

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman discussed the annual meeting/conference planning is on-going. The conference would be held in the central portion of the state somewhere between Greensboro and Charlotte. President Wiseman indicated the next committee meeting would most likely include the Education Committee as well to discuss training opportunities at the conference. President Wiseman also discussed once again partnering with NC School of Government.

NCFMA President Wiseman discussed the proposed amendment to the NCFMA Bylaws which was sent out to the membership as required by the current bylaws. The amendment Address Article V Section H and references a map that indicates what portions of the state are Western, Central and Eastern. Frank Meyers introduced a motion to accept the amendment. The motion received a second from Banks Wallace. The motion carried.

Karl Huegerich presented the ballots to the membership with the list of names presented by the nominating committee. NCFMA President Wiseman opened the floor to nominations. No additional nominations were received from the floor. The ballots were passed out, completed by the membership in attendance and collected by Karl.

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman advised the membership that Jon Leonard from Charlotte, Geoff Wollard from Mooresville and Brittany Holcutt from Wake County had volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee. NCFMA President Eric Wiseman took the opportunity to advise the membership of the many ways to serve or be involved with the association.

REPORTS

OSFM- Charlie Johnson

Charlie Johnson advised Brian Taylor was in New Orleans and unable to attend. Charlie address the quarterly newsletter produced by OSFM and indicated it was the best way for the membership to stay informed of the various activities of each division of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Charlie announced the upcoming NFPA Summits in Rocky Mount and Yadkinville which will be in November.

BCC-Charlie Johnson

Charlie Johnson advised the next Building Code Council Meeting will be on December 10, 2019 with committee meetings held the day prior.

Charlie discussed the several "C" items on the agenda which include the proposed change to Chapter 9 regarding standpipes, adding requirements in the Fire Code regarding the maintenance of fire escapes and the proposed language which details the requirements for temporary housing for disaster relief workers. Charlie discussed the "D" items on the agenda that involved valet trash service and the requirement for the Building Code Officials involvement in temporary membrane structures and tents.

CFI Report- Scott Merritt

Scott Merritt advised the application rewrite for certified fire investigators has been completed and they are now work on update the recertification application.

**Cert Board-Alex Callazo
(See Attachment)**

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman presented for Alex and briefly reviewed the report.

Elections Continued

Karl Huegerich, at this point had tallied the count on the ballots. The results were;

- Eric Wiseman President
- Shandy Padgett 1st Vice President
- Jeff Payne 2ND Vice President
- Taylor Marsh Director Western Board
- Tony Smart Director Eastern Board

Karl indicated that there was a tie for the top two candidates for Director Central Board. Tim Henshaw and Banks Wallace both received 6 votes each. There was discussion among the membership as to how to proceed. The current bylaws indicate that only members present may vote however discussion focused on, what is considered present? Are those attending by electronically considered present? Situations and discussions held in the past have addressed the question and ultimately the there was no present way to confirm those attending electronically were active members. A motion was introduced by Banks Wallace to stick to past precedent and only those who were actually onsite and present at the meeting could vote. The motion received a second from Paul Padgett. Discussion followed on amending the bylaws to allow voting by members attending electronically.

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman directed a Jason Shepherd to recount the original ballots and the indicated the new ballots would be handed out to the members present to cast a vote for either Tim Henshaw or Banks Wallace to decide the Director for the Central Region. Jason arrived at the same tally as Karl.

**Ashley Riggins-COCO
(See Attachment)**

Ashley Riggins reviewed the report as submitted.

**Fire Rescue Commission-Paul Padgett
(See Attachment)**

Paul Padgett reviewed the report as submitted. Adam Stanley discussed concerns with block testing. Paul indicated the Commission had no choice but to move to block testing in order to maintain accreditation.

Elections Continued

Karl Huegerich announced he had tallied the new ballots for the run-off election and Banks Wallace will serve as the Director Central Board.

**Qualification- Thomas Bender
(See Attachment)**

Thomas Bender reviewed the report as submitted.

Scholarship Committee-Kile Davis

NCFMA President Eric Wiseman reviewed the report and the new application for the members only scholarship.

A motion was introduced by Richard Lovick to address amending the bylaws to permit voting on all NCFMA business by those attending in person and electronically. The motion received a second from Adam Stanley. This motion had been previously introduced but was set aside at the request of the NCFMA Secretary until the elections were completed. A motion to the table was introduced by Richard Lovick and a second was received by Paul Padgett. The motion carried. NCFMA President Eric Wiseman will appoint a committee to address the matter and present recommendations on the best way to proceed. At that time the original motion that has been tabled may again be brought to the floor.

**Education Committee-Jerry Cashwell
(See Attachment)**

Jerry Cashwell reviewed the report as submitted. Jerry also indicated that Tony Smart had agreed and was approved by the Executive Board to assume the Chair of the Education Committee. Jerry Cashwell asked the membership to comment on the current cost of continuing education courses. Jerry discussed the current fees charged are extremely low considering other one-day course offered by other sponsors. Jerry acknowledged that agencies like Greensboro or Charlotte with a large number of inspectors may be adversely affected but it was something the membership should be thinking about. Tim Hensaw and Adam Stanly both commented on the impact of raising the tuition amounts. Paul Padgett introduced a motion to form a "Cost Evaluation Committee". The motion received a second from Banks Wallace. The motion was passed.

**Legislative-Jason Shepherd
(see Attachment)**

Jason reported the Legislature has adjourned until the short session and SB553 may be addressed in the short session.

**Tech Report- Shandy Padgett
(See Attached)**

Brian Kelly discussed the survey results sent out to the membership with regards to updating the website.

Code Revision- Colin Triming

Colin and Eric discussed the upcoming meeting in Greensboro, the Section 510 Committee.

Fire Investigations Committee- Eric Wiseman

The committee started with the idea of addressing a scaled down version of BLET. Virgil O'Neal the new NC President (IAAI) and Eric have discussed conducting a needs assessment. Scott Merritt advised the state of Virginia has a 10-week academy for law enforcement certification for fire investigations only.

Presidents Items

Eric Wiseman advised the next meeting will be at the Mid-Winter conference in Concord. Eric advised the meeting schedule for next year would be addressed soon and posted. Adam Stanley advised Johnston County would like to host one of the meetings next year.

Charlie Johnson discussed the Fire Sprinkler Coalition and the lunch and learn opportunities that are being developed. The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2019

Banks Wallace made the motion to adjourn. A second was offered by Adam Stanley. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1534