

2017 SPAAMFAA Winter National Board Meeting
February 22, 2017
Pelham, AL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Members present - Bill Dundas, President *
 Ted Elder, Senior Vice President *
 Tommy Herman, Vice President *
 David Napier, Past President
 Pete West, Executive Secretary
 Scott Luedtke, Recording Secretary
 Candy Bennett, Membership Secretary
 Stan Socha, Treasurer
 Jim Derstine, Southeast Trustee *
 John Zangerle, North Central Trustee *
 Steve Heaver, Northeastern Trustee *
 Justin Birchfield, South Central Trustee *
 Scott Rollins, Engine-Engine Editor
 Bill Blunden, Silver Trumpet Editor
 Bill Killen, Parliamentarian
 (* indicates voting member)

Guests present - 28 members over the course of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the president at 0823 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes - The minutes of the BoT meeting in Middletown, as posted in Silver Trumpet, were approved under a motion by John Zangerle, seconded by David Napier.

The **Officers reports**, contained in the packet distributed to the Board, were offered for exceptions. Trustee reports as reported in the packet.

Bill Blunden reported that Silver Trumpet would have color pictures in the digital (on line) issue in the future.

Budget – Pres Dundas reported that a budget had been adopted without amendments. Closed most categories and ended 2016 In the black.

Treasurer's Report - Stan Socha presented the 2017 Treasurer's Report. Some adjustments are being made as the accounting program is used to show changes. He stated that someone is needed to backup the Treasurer, and other Officers (membership, archives, executive secretary) in case someone was to leave suddenly or die.

Motion – To accept the treasurers report as currently submitted at this time.

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by John Zangerle

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Executive Secretary West – 1) The White Rose of York (PA) group has petitioned for chapter status.

2) The Connecticut Cellar Savers have been deleted as a chapter.

3) The Connecticut Cellar Savers donated the balance of their accounts to the archives fund - \$1500.

4) Total number of ballots returned was 1,010. If the ballots had been mailed via 1st class, it would have added \$475 to the cost (\$.30 vs \$.49). Members had about three weeks to return their ballots despite the delay in mailing. The date of the mailing will be better coordinated with the date of the election next year.

Motion – For 2017 mail ballots using 1st class postage. Offered by John Zangerle, seconded by Steve Heaver

Yea – 4, Nay – 3, Abstain – 1. Motion passed.

5) General items - Printed 500 generic business cards for BoT members. Eight Chapters have not submitted their Annual Reports. Insurance requests for those chapters will be held until they submit their insurance payments. Bill Killen has volunteered to be the Board Parliamentarian. Pres Dundas has appointed Bill and he was approved by the Board to be Parliamentarian.

Bylaws Voting by the Membership - Executive Secretary West submitted the results of the voting on the By-Laws.

Results of the voting on the By-Laws and guidance questions.

By-Law 1 – 529 339	Passed
By-Law 2 – 464 371	Passed
By-Law 3A – 408 327	Passed
By-Law 3B – 364 469	Defeated
By-Law 3C – 386 418	Defeated
By-Law 3D – 379 405	Defeated
By-Law 3E – 447 400	Passed
By-Law 3F – 431 389	Passed
By-Law 4 – 443 393	Passed
By-Law 5 – 525 323	Passed
By-Law 6 – 525 309	Passed
By-Law 7 – 553 288	Passed
By-Law 8 – 537 308	Passed
By-Law 9 – 517 335	Passed

Guidance 1 – 322 539	Defeated
Guidance 2 – 231 596	Defeated
Guidance 3 – 494 354	Passed
Guidance 4 – 452 383	Passed

Motion by the Board – To concur with the vote on the Guidance questions –

G1 – Yea – 9, Nay – 0

G2 – Yea – 8, Nay – 0

G3 – Yea – 9, Nay – 0

G4 – Under advisement

Endowment Fund - Treasurer Stan Socha stated that the endowment fund should be brought to a certain level and to use the interest for programs.

Motion – To restrict the first \$100,000 of the Endowment Fund to investment only.

Offered by John Zangerle, seconded by David Napier.

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

It was reported that \$15,000 was not being taken from the endowment fund but that multiple sources would be used for the archives (operating funds, fund drive, other sources).

Fund Raising - Executive Secretary West – Another person is needed to assist in the fundraising effort. Tom Herman was appointed. For the fund drive, Brian Shook will head up the solicitation of monies from apparatus manufactures for the archives fund.

A break was called for at 1010. The meeting reconvened at 1030.

A motion – For the Board of Trustees to acknowledge and affirm the vote of the membership on the By-Law changes.

Offered by Pete West, seconded by Tom Herman.

Yea –4, Nay – 5. (Derstine, Elder, Heaver, Zangerle, Birchfield) Motion failed.

A Motion – To rescind the previous motion.

Offered by Steve Heaver, seconded by John Zangerle.

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion Passed.

A Motion – For the Board of Trustees to acknowledge the vote of the membership on the By-Law changes.

Offered – John Zangerle, seconded by Jim Derstine.

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Archives - Steve Heaver gave a synopsis of the archive committee report. 82 drawings should be on line in the near future. Members can visit, with appointment, the archives at ATHS in Kansas City, MO.

Membership - Candy Bennett handed out the membership report and spoke of the members that have not renewed for 2-3 years. She is still looking for someone to take over the duties other than the database, which she is contracted to do. This may entail having to pay someone.

The Board reviewed and accepted a proposal from Candy Bennett to increase the amount she is receiving for database work and add the portion that remained for the Membership Secretary. Cost would increase \$1,000 to a total of \$2,500.

A Motion – That the board should hire CB Services to administer the membership functions.

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by John Zangerle.

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Membership Drive - VP Tom Herman discussed new member incentives and processes. New member strategies plan being given to 2017 President for board approval. A synopsis was given.

Audit - John Zangerle reported that a firm to conduct an audit has been found. They have a history with non-profit organizations. They have been met with twice and have already given some good suggestions as to how to conduct the audit.

Long Range Planning - Executive Secretary West asked that a long-range planning session be held after the BoT meeting.

SPAAMFAA Marketing Video - The organization needs a professional 3-5 minute video that could be used by the chapters for membership and fund drives. It should show what the SPAAMFAA mission is, what we do, where we are, how we preserve the fire apparatus history, and how much fun it is. A committee was formed consisting of Scott Rollins and David Lewis.

Trustee Attendance - David Napier stated that per the Bylaws, if a Trustee misses 2 meetings they are to be removed. Discussion followed about how to deal with this situation and turned over to the President.

Financial Investments - Treasurer Stan Socha spoke about financial investment. He said that the organization needs to invest our monies to get the best return. There needs to be a decision before the end of the conference. Pres Dundas said that there needs to be a fund vehicle for the idle funds now in the bank.

A Motion – That the Finance Committee invest restricted funds in multiple investment vehicles in sixty (60) days.

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by John Zangerle.

Yea – 9, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

A break for lunch was called at 1153.

The meeting reconvened at 1305.

Bill Blunden asked that the BoT define the new Eastern Region South created by the recent bylaws change in the near future.

New Business

Executive Secretary West read the results of the election.

Election of Officers Results –

President – Dundas – 486, Elder – 524

Senior VP – Napier – 325, Heaver – 670

Vice Pres – Herman – unopposed

Eastern Trustee – Jones – 449, – 143

Western Trustee – (?) – 44, Cullom – 49

Bill Dundas passed the gavel to the new President, Ted Elder for the transition of Officers. Cosgrove Jones and Kent Cullom are added to the list of voting members present. A new meeting agenda was passed out by President Elder.

Pres Elder passed out an operating budget for 2017. Some numbers were corrected with discussion.

A Motion – To approve the budget.

Offered by Justin Birchfield, seconded by Cosgrove Jones.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Archives - Steve Heaver said that currently the archives committee was a committee-at-large. The committee would be meeting Wednesday night and discussing the forms developed for receiving, accepting, and acknowledging items donated to the organization. The drawings are almost ready to on line on the website. He would like to start a new file on original paint on vehicles. He inquired as to what the interface will be for communications through Engine! – Engine! and Silver Trumpet. There is an idea for a fundraiser through the sales of a book that Tom Herman showed to the group. He proposed a budget, not for travel, but operating funds to pay for a person to input the materials into PastPerfect on site. There were three options to which the board chose Option B which would take funds from the Soderback funds for 1 person, 1 day per week for \$6,000 to include wage, taxes, and associated costs. Committee members can do oversight of the persons work on line.

Motion – For the archives committee to hire someone through a workforce agency to input materials at AHS with a cost of approx \$6,000 (labor and costs).

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by Justin Birchfield.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Motion – To appoint John Zangerle as the Board’s representative to the Endowment Committee.

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by Kent Cullom.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Political Ads – There will be no election political ads in our publications. Election biographies will be allowed in Silver Trumpet.

The Board reviewed the proposed election SOP and determined that it still needed work. A committee was formed to work on that SOP. The committee consisted of Tim Jones, Kent Cullom, Justin Birchfield, Bill Killen.

Motion – To require that Board electronic voting (e-mail) require $\frac{3}{4}$ of those voting to pass and that the vote be completed within 7 calendar days of the question being asked.

Offered by Kent Cullom, seconded by Steve Heaver.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Motion – To approve the application of the White Rose of York (PA) Chapter.

Offered by John Zangerle, seconded by Justin Birchfield.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Bill Dundas will chair the Spirit of SPAAMFAA award committee.

Tom Herman asked that the minutes from the conferences and the Treasurers report be posted to the website.

Pres Elder appointed a committee to revise the By-Laws. They will look at the entire document and rewrite as necessary. Ted Elder, Justin Birchfield, Jack Running, Anthony Bono, Bill Killen.

Pres Elder appointed a Youth Activities committee chaired by Elliott Paisner and Katrina Nelson.

A break was called at 1507

The meeting reconvened at 1519.

Candy Bennett handed out maps depicting the regions and how it would be to put 500 members in a region.

Pres Elder is talking to the secretaries and reviewing/reassigning committees.

A Motion – That the By-Law changes that were voted on become effective on March 1, 2017.

Offered by Justin Birchfield, seconded by Kent Cullom.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Pres Elder presented a PowerPoint on a job description review. He will communicate this with the whole of the board.

On the issue of a recount of the ballots Bill Killen stated there was nothing in the By-Laws, Standing Rules, or Robert's Rules of Order that addresses recounts.

A Motion – To accept the results of the election.

Offered by Cosgrove Jones, seconded by (?).

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Long Range Planning - Executive Secretary West asked about the Long Range Planning meeting, Should there be a meeting between conferences? Bill Blunden suggested we meet here and continue the effort. Kent Cullom suggested Friday for the meeting at 8am.

A motion was made by Kent Cullom to adjourn the meeting at 1622 however there was no second or vote.

Respectively submitted,

Scott Luedtke

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Recording Secretary

Supplemental Meeting Friday February 24 at 8am

Members present - Ted Elder, President *
 Steve heaver, S Vice-President *
 Tom Herman, Vice-President *
 Bill Dundas, Immediate Past President
 Executive Secretary Pete West
 Recording Secretary Scott Luedtke
 John Zangerle *
 Cosgrove Jones *
 Justin Birchfield *
 Bill Blunden
 Candy Bennett
 Jim Derstine *
 Kent Collum *
 Scott Rollin
 Stan Socha
 Bill Killen

A Motion – To accept the applications to host future SPAAMFAA Conferences.

Winter 2018 – FABB, Kissimmee, FL

Summer 2018 – Cradle of Liberty

Winter 2019 – Palmetto Lowcountry, North Charleston, SC

Summer 2019 – Indiana

Winter 2020 – open

Summer 2020 – Winfield MA

Offered by Jim Derstine, seconded by Kent Collum.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

A Motion – For FABB to use the SPAAMFAA logo on one side of a challenge coin as a fund raising event.

Offered by Kent Collum, seconded by Justin Birchfield.

Yea – 8, Nay – 0. Motion passed.

A Motion – to close the meeting of the Winter SPAAMFAA National Conference.

Offered by Tom Herman, seconded by Cosgrove Jones.

Yea – 7, Nay – 1 (Derstine). Motion passed.

Long range planning session.

Pete West explained the process and categories. Group to go over each items and rank as to priority – low, medium or high. Some areas have been condensed slightly by combining items. Some items have already been accomplished through action.