

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

Booster Meeting, October 19, 2014

Fallston VFC MD

The booster meeting was called together by President Robertson at noon. Walter asked Assistant Chaplain James Wharry to give the blessing for the meal. The meeting was then recessed for all to enjoy lunch served by our host.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:55 to resume the business of the Association. The invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Wharry and followed by the pledge to the flag. Walter asked VP Howell to introduce our hosts and come forward for the welcome. Hoby provided some comments and thanked the ladies for serving the lunchtime meal. President Robertson presented the complimentary \$100 check to our host company.

Introduction of Guests

Robyn Hahn, President of the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association was introduced; she brought greetings on behalf of the Association and looks forward to hosting the 2016 convention.

Retired Chief Fitzgerald and Dick Hershey from Chambersburg were introduced, thanks for having us, we were glad to host the past convention. On behalf of Chambersburg we would like to present CVVFA a check in the amount of \$2766. We would like this money to be given to the scholarship fund and be presented in our name. Dick gave some further comments. The President thanked both for the contribution.

Roll call by Recording Secretary Gene Worthington with 76 Officers, delegates/representatives and guests in attendance

TITLE	NAME	OCT
President	Walter Robertson	1
1st Vice President	Hoby Howell	1
2nd Vice President	Bill Keller	1
3rd Vice President	Rich Brunner	1
4th Vice President	Richard Toulson	
Treasurer	George Dove	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1
Publicity Manager	Bob Timko	1
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart	
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen	
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	
Director, Pennsylvania (2015)	Donna Welsh	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2016)	Mike Whitzel	1
Director, Maryland (2015)	Dave Lewis	1
Director, Maryland (2016)	Robert Cumberland	1
Director, West Virginia (2015)	Dustin Amtower	
Director, West Virginia (2016)	Randy James	
Director, Delaware (2015)	Harry Balthis	
Director, Delaware (2016)	Steve Austin	1
Director, Virginia (2015)	Steve Switzer	1
Director, Virginia (2016)	Allen Brennan	1
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz	1
Past President	James Watson	1

Totals	19
Past Presidents	13
Maryland Fire Depts	10
Delaware Fire Depts	9
Virginia Fire Depts	8
West Virginia Fire Depts	2
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	14
Others	1
Grand Totals	76

Reading of Communications

We received a message from Michelle, Guy Flory's daughter. She advised that Guy has moved into personal care at Laurel Run nursing home. His email address is gmfamf@outlook.com. His mailing address is 6375 Chambersburg Rd, Fayetteville, PA, 17222 and his cell phone is 717-608-6609. He likes to get calls and emails.

Motion to accept the convention minutes as published by Allen Brennan, seconded by James Watson, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President's Report – Walter Robertson

Walter reported he attended the FRI in Dallas and manned the booth. We will be doing some improvements to the booth. I taught an EVOC class and was able to get a local company to join the CVVFA. I want to thank the Fallston VFC for hosting today's meeting. Since our convention in Chambersburg, I have attended all of my fire company meetings and fund raising activities. Also, I have attended all of my county meetings and committees that I am on. I got a chance to go to Dover for the NASCAR race and enjoy the hospitality of the NFFF. I have gone over the committee list and made some changes and secured Lexington Fire/Rescue, VA for our May booster meeting. Last night I went to the MD State Fire Marshal 50th anniversary event, where we presented a resolution on behalf of CVVFA.

First Vice President's Report – Hoby Howell

Hoby thanked those attending the event last night at the Moose Lodge. I would like to thank my home company for hosting today's booster meeting. Since our last meeting, I have traveled to Albany, New York to FASNY convention to help with our booth, traveled to Dover Downs to be a part of their convention and assisted with our booth as well. At both conventions during my stay, I was met with the utmost hospitality, and I thank you for that. It was a great adventure and hope to do it next year once again.

Second Vice President's Report – Bill Keller

Thanks to Fallston VFC for hosting the meeting, the meal was fantastic. Since convention, I have gone back to work, taught some classes and signing up the students. I took the TIM training at the NFA, signed up 6 folks there to the Association.

Third Vice President's Report – Rich Brunner

Good afternoon President Robertson, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA October booster meeting. Special thanks to the Fallston FC for hosting the meeting and preparing the food that you have enjoyed. As usual the hospitality of our hosts is second to none and very indicative of the member companies of the CVVFA. I am glad to be here after another hectic few months within our fire company dealing with grants and purchasing a new engine. I am pleased to report that our new engine is in service and replaced two engines. Needless to say they served us well. Since our last meeting I have attended all of our company meetings, training and functions. I have also attended

training for Emergency Coordinators presented by Perry County Emergency Services and continue to work with our County EMS coordinator. I continue to attend various trainings and I continue to hear the complaints of volunteers about the training requirements. Again, thanks to all involved for making today's meeting a success and wish everyone a safe trip home.

Fourth Vice President's Report – Rich Toulson

President Robertson reported that Rich would not be at the meeting due to a death in the family. Please keep him in our thoughts.

Treasurer's Report – George J. Dove

George provided the following account balances:

Death benefit	1000.00
General account	16,750.96
Savings	90,681.07

Walter presented the check from Chambersburg to George for deposit.

Financial Secretary's Report – Stephen C. McBee

Dues notices went out to the individuals, still need some help in determining lifetime members without current addresses. Some may already be deceased.

Recording Secretary's Report – Gene Worthington

Thanks to Fallston for hosting our booster meeting today, it is a pleasure to travel such a short distance. The minutes from convention have been transcribed and sent out for review, grammatical corrections were received. The agenda for the meeting was sent to the President. I continue to meet my local training requirements and attend many meetings, company, county and state. As always the office remains committed to support the Association.

Home Office Manager's Report – Stephen E. Heefner

President, Officers, members and guests, welcome to Fallston FC on this blustery and beautiful day. Thanks to VP Hoby and members of the department for hosting and preparing our meal for today. Since our convention, I have been busy working with President Robertson and other Officers to set the agenda for the upcoming year securing the meeting locations. Our next meeting will be the Board meeting at Halfway on January 11, 2015, then March 15th booster meeting will be in Lexington, VA, and on April 11th the Presidents Council hosted by Lancaster County Firemen's Association. We will be staying at the Best Western Premier and Resort. May 3rd is tentatively scheduled for Winchester, VA, not yet confirmed. The 114th annual convention will be in Delaware City. I have received and distributed all correspondence thru my office to the proper offices or committees, also processed and mailed approximately 700 postcards to our non-email members. In addition, I just received a convention contract from McConnellsburg for 2017. May everyone have a safe trip home and an enjoyable holiday season. A question was asked about the May booster meeting, correction this meeting is open, and Winchester will be in October.

Publicity Manager's Report – Bob commented that he has had some offers to help with the book, will be updating the form, going out in December. More ads mean more money for the Association.

Chaplain's Report – Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - absent

Assistant Chaplain's Report – James J. Wharry

Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested and attended my own company meetings. We have cards available for any members who are sick. Please let me know of any illnesses or injuries. It has been good to hear of people who received and appreciated these cards. Thank you to the Fallston VFC for hosting this meeting. Please contact me if you need a sympathy card or thinking of you card sent for one of our members. We have flowers and certificates from convention that need to be delivered.

Attorney – Howard S. Cohen – absent, informed us that he would not be in attendance, however; sent this email. Today's discussion about convention modification ideas was good, but one thing I forgot to raise was one I've been mulling over regarding the memorial service. A lot of people like the service as is, so this may be among my more controversial ideas, but as nice as it is, it's arguable quite disruptive to the schedule. After the scheduling of the memorial service, nice as it is, is very disruptive to the start of

morning business at the start of convention as you're gathering everyone together and starting off, only to adjourn an hour and a half later till lunch. Most of the main business of the Association could be accomplished quickly during the first morning if it weren't interrupted this way. The memorial service could be moved to Wednesday night, or a brief service before the banquet, or other options.

President Watson advised this will be discussed further; motion that we turn this matter over to the convention committee and the host company and let them arrange the convention schedule by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Steve Sweitzer, discussion, motion was rescinded. President Robertson asked for all parties to meet for further discussion and resolution.

Delegate to Pennsylvania – Charlie Myers was absent.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Pennsylvania -Donna Welsh (2015)

Mr. President, members and guests, it is good to see everyone. Thanks to Hoby for the hospitality. I was able to attend the Fulton County LEPC meeting and invited several people to join the CVVFA. I passed out several ResponderSafety cards. There were some great workshops. The Deputy Chief in charge at the Boston Marathon bombing incident and the Supervisor of the Sandy Hook dispatchers were present at the meeting. Take care and stay safe.

Mike Whitzel (2016)

Good afternoon Officers, members and guests, my report was sent electronically. I would like to thank Fallston Volunteer Fire Company for hosting our booster meeting. Thank you for the great meal and hospitality. I have been attending my Fire Company's meetings, trainings, fundraising, and fire prevention programs. I attend 5 Municipality meetings each month to report on the Company's activities. (Calls, training, etc.) I've been attending our school safety and security meeting on a monthly basis. I was elected to my 3rd term as the fire chief of my company. It's a 3 year term. I was a family escort for the Wildnauer family. Blaine Wildnauer was 58 years old and died of cardiac arrest. He was from Fox Township Fire Company. This is my 3rd time as a family escort at NFFF. I was a big bubbly for their Camp in VA. This is an honor and privilege to do. I attended phone conference calls for the Fireman's legislative Federation and the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute. I attended the PFESI board meeting at the Harrisburg Fire Museum. There might be some news at the dinner. The Institute and the Federation are working on a project together. I've been promoting the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association every chance I get. I steer them to the learning net, Facebook and Website. I also let them know what the value of becoming a member of our association is. I'm looking forward to the strategic planning with the Cumberland Valley. There could be a lot of great stuff that comes out of this.

Robert P. Cumberland (2016)

Two items that I would like to discuss, thanks to Bob Timko and Greg Yost for assisting at the fire prevention display at the Greencastle rest stop. We had a great day there. Linda Hoover is a great partner to work with on highway safety. She came up with a suggestion, wants to do a bigger program on move over around the holidays. With her relationship, we were able to get the message boards on the turnpike about highway safety. President Robertson, Officers, Directors, Members and Guest I want to thank the Fallston Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for the group. I want to congratulate the Officers on the election to office and will work to support you in any way I can over the next year. I also want to thank everyone for their support in reelecting me to the position of Maryland Director. Since the convention I have attended my fire department and county association meetings. I attended the Virginia, Delaware and the Pennsylvania State Firefighter Convention along with the Officers of the MSFA. I attended the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training commission meeting as a member of the commission. I work on a sub-committee on guidelines for the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship Program. As a member of the Board of Visitors to the National Fire Academy we had our fall meeting on the academy on September 18th-19th with USFA Fire Administrator Ernest Mitchell in attendance. My term on the Board will expire in 2016 and I am

representing the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. The Association has received for the months of July, August, and September a total of \$129.35 for membership dues from Emergency Training Associates. The money was sent to Treasurer Dove and the membership request to Financial Secretary McBee each month as I get them.

Maryland - Dave Lewis (2015)

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the state of Maryland and I hope that you are enjoying your visit here. Thanks to VP Hoby Howell and his crew for arranging this weekend's meetings. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of participating in the CVVFA Strategic Planning meeting. I want to commend Past President Jim Watson for having the vision to initiate this meeting and get us started on measures to adapt our Association for the coming years. As Bill Jenaway made clear to us in the opening remarks, an organization that does not adapt to change is destined to die. Last evening, we had the honor of recognizing the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office on 50 years of service to the state of Maryland. I want to thank President Walter Robertson and the other representatives from CVVFA that came out for this special tribute. I would be remised if I did not report on the passing of another fire service icon as we mourn the loss of Professor John Bryan. "Prof" was the foundation of the University of Maryland's Fire Protection Engineering Program and built it to be one of the most sought after degree programs. He will truly be missed and we send out thoughts and prayers to his family. Since our convention, I have had a number of opportunities to continue networking with representatives of other states belonging to the CVVFA family including visits to the conventions of Virginia, Delaware, and New York. One of the strengths of the CVVFA is the relationships that exist between the member states which allow us to share concerns and best practices. I also had the opportunity to attend the Fall Conference of the National Volunteer Fire Council in Lafayette, LA. We had an excellent meeting that continued to highlight the progress made on NVFC programs in support of the volunteer emergency services. I also represented CVVFA at the meeting of the NVFC Health and Safety Committee. The weekend memorial services of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation were held on October 11 and 12. This year 107 names were added to the wall of honor at the national memorial. Let us remember those who gave the supreme sacrifice and do everything that we can to reduce the number of line of duty deaths. In closing, it is a pleasure serving as a Maryland Director for CVVFA and I look forward to assisting with the programs and projects that our organization sponsors. If I can be of assistance to any of you or your departments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

West Virginia - Dustin Amtower (2015) – absent, working today

West Virginia - Randy James (2016) - absent

Virginia - Steve Switzer (2015)

I would like to thank Hoby for hosting the meeting and have safe trip home today. Steve has a new mailing address 228 Triple Oak Lane, Hot Springs, VA 24445.

Virginia - Allen Brennan - (2016)

I would like to thank Fallston VFC for their hospitality today. Since our last meeting, I did attend the Presidents Council, VA firefighters executive committee and presented a report on behalf of CVVFA. March 15, like to see you all in Lexington, VA for our next booster meeting, you certainly are welcome. I did participate in fire prevention week open house held at Fredericksburg FD and handed out materials. I have attended all meetings of my fire company and participated in all events of the company.

President Robertson introduced MSFA Vice President John Roth as our guest; John welcomed all to our state, yesterday was summer, and today is winter, thanks to Hoby for his hospitality.

Delaware - Harry Balthis (2015) absent

It was reported that Harry was at a family function in St. Louis.

Steve Austin (2016)

I did have the opportunity to attend most meetings that the other guys have spoken about. In addition, I did go out to the PA state convention. I will have further to report in the proper order of business.

New York - Dave Jacobowitz

Thanks to everybody for the good discussion yesterday. The future of the organization looks brighter. As for legislation, we passed two major items relating to the length of service tax exemption exempting the proceeds from the state income tax. We also got \$2.1MM appropriation to update the NY state codes book. Our FASNY legislative group, we also passed the sex offender allowing all departments to screen criminals registered under the register prohibiting membership in a volunteer fire company. Also we passed a jobs bill that authorizes a leave of absence from a place of employment for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who respond to a declared state of emergency. We passed a truss construction requiring some type of marking of the entrance indicating truss construction. We are fighting the fireworks sales. We have a ropes bill that everybody must have a rope escape harness on interior fire fighting, however New York City is exempt. Below is the attached copy of legislation Dave sent for New York.

2014 LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW

This report will provide the final status of “Issues of United Concern,” which are bills that are supported by a coalition consisting of FASNY and Associations of Fire Districts, Fire Chiefs, Fire Police, Fire Coordinators and Fire Marshals and Inspectors, and FASNY’s Program Legislation. It will also describe bills (other than Issues of United Concern and FASNY Program Bills) that passed in both houses of the legislature that are of interest to the fire service.

- **2014 NYS Budget**

- Two important items were adopted as part of the 2014/2015 NYS Budget:

- Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Tax Exemption -- exempting the proceeds from Length of Service Awards Programs (LOSAP) from New York State personal income taxes. The exemption applies to both Defined Contribution and Defined Benefit plans where the distributions are made on a periodic basis
- \$2.1M appropriation for purchase of Updated NYS Codes Books by NYS Department of State.

- **2014 FASNY Scorecard Legislation (Signed into Law)**

The following legislation, which was part of the FASNY scorecard passed both houses of the legislature and has been signed into law by the Governor

- **LOSAP** – Part of 2014/2015 NYS Budget Article VII Legislation. For tax years 2014 and subsequent individuals over the age of 59 ½ receiving periodic payments are allowed to subtract those payments from their Federal income to arrive at their New York State Taxable income without any regard to the total amount of their pensions and annuities from non-governmental sources.
- **A2318D Gunther/S1885C Bonacic (Sex Offender)** – Allows Fire Departments to screen criminal history of people registered under the sex offender registry and prohibit membership in a volunteer fire company after due consideration of past convictions upon duties and responsibilities as a volunteer member are given. This law takes effect December 2014.

- **2014 FASNY Scorecard Legislation (Passed Both Houses)**

- The following legislation, which was part of the FASNY scorecard passed both houses of the legislature and are awaiting delivery and approval by the Governor
 - **A9849A Thiele/S7111B Grisanti (Job Protection)** – provide an authorized leave of absence from a place of employment for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who respond to a declared state of emergency.
 - **A8991 Magnarelli/S7084 Griffo (VFBL Out of Jurisdiction)** – Provides VFBL/VABL coverage for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who provide emergency services before an officer in command arrives on the accident scene
- 2014 FASNY Scorecard Legislation (did not pass both houses)
 - The following legislation, which was part of the FASNY scorecard, did not pass both houses:
 - **A5400B Thiele (Seat Belts)** – Requires use of seat belts by volunteer firefighters and voluntary ambulance service workers. *Passed Assembly*
 - ✓ *Note that Senate did not amend their bill to match S.3733 Flanagan and bill died in Senate Transportation Committee.*
 - **A6557 Sweeney (Upholstered Furniture)** – Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture. *Passed Assembly*
 - ✓ *Note that Senate bill did not match Assembly bill, S.4780A Grisanti, and died in Senate Rules Committee.*
 - **A5847A Sweeney/S5041A Ball (Illegal Modification)** – Subjects a person who owns buildings to a civil penalty if a building is constructed or used in violation of the uniform fire prevention and building code in a manner that impedes egress during a fire or other emergency evacuation. *Passed Assembly/Died Senate Housing Committee*
 - **A4113 Brindisi/S3262 Little (EMS Billing)** – Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company providing emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services. *Died Assembly Local Government/Died Senate Local Government.*
 - **A1874 Schimel/S2229 Martins (Consolidation)** – Amends the NY Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act relating to the requirements for consolidation or dissolution of certain local government entities. *Died Assembly Local Government/Died 3rd Calendar Reading Senate*
 - **A485A Magnarelli/S3589A Griffo (VFBL Reform)** – Increases VFBL benefit level for permanent and temporary total disability from \$400 to \$650 per week. *Passed Assembly/Died in Senate Local Government.*

- **A1552 Kolb/S4936A Nozzolio (VFBL Cancer)** – Expands the coverage to include cancer of the digestive, hematological, lymphatic, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast and reproductive. *Died Assembly Local Government/Died Senate Local Government.*
 - **A5200 Magnarelli/S7771 Nozzolio (Smoke Detectors)** Requires long life batteries in smoke detectors. Died in Senate Consumer Protection committee, advanced to Assembly floor calendar and didn't pass.
- **2014 Non-Scorecard FASNY Legislation (Signed into Law)**
The following legislation, which was not part of the FASNY scorecard, passed both houses of the legislature and has been signed into law by the Governor
 - **A7641A DenDekker/S5212A Flanagan (Conspicuous Notice)** – Requires all residential leases to include conspicuous notice as to the existence or non-existence of a sprinkler system. This law takes effect December 2014.
 - **A9573 Abbate/S7009 Golden** – Requires training of fire officers in NYC.
 - **2014 Legislation Opposed by FASNY (Signed into Law)**
The following Legislation, which passed both houses and has been signed into law, was opposed by FASNY
 - **A7916A Morelle/S4610 Young (Sprinkler Bill)** – Requires builders of one and two family dwellings having less than three stories to provide the buyer with information on the installation and maintenance of automatic fire sprinklers.
 - **2014 Legislation Opposed by FASNY (Passed Both Houses)**
 - The following Legislation, which passed both houses, was opposed by FASNY.
 - **A10141 Rules (Morelle)/S7888 Nozzolio (Sparklers)** – allows for the sale and use of sparkler and novelty devices twice per year (New Year's and 4th of July) upon approval of a local law by city or county.

Ropes

During the recent legislative year the FASNY team, worked with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the Fire Districts to help craft a new assessment form used by the Department of Labor. When the “ropes” law was first passed it required all fire departments to use the same method of self-rescue, bail out ropes. Subsequent amendments now require each department to do a risk assessment to determine if ropes are necessary. This assessment has now been posted by the Department of Labor on their website.

Past President – James Watson

Thanks to everybody who participated yesterday in the meeting, thanks to Hoby for our host.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee – Guy M. Flory/Ray Mowen were both absent

Auditing Committee – Jerry Daniels

No report

Budget & Finance Committee – George J. Dove

No report

Business & Operations Plan – Greg Yost was absent

Legislative Committee – Bob Cumberland

Remember to vote November 4, vote for your candidate of choice

Constitution & By-Laws Committee – Robert P. Cumberland

Bob presented an A/V presentation on proposed by-law changes shown below.

Membership in the Cumberland [R1] Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association (hereinafter “CVVFA”) shall be divided into two classes: Volunteer Fire or Rescue Company, Department, or Association membership and individual membership. Individual membership shall consist of four categories Active, Active Beneficial, Honorary, and Life.

[R1] Change to Cumberland Valley Emergency Service Association

- Any Volunteer [R1] Fire or Rescue Company, Department, or Association may become a member of the CVVFA upon payment of the dues hereinafter set forth.
- Remove Volunteer and change wording to what is in the application for
- (Fire, EMS, Rescue or Public Safety), change to just Public Safety.

- B. any member who is in good standing and has been a member for fifty (50) change twenty (25) consecutive years. Life members shall be entitled to all privileges of active members however, they shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

The Officers of the CVVFA shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Fourth Vice President [RC1] , Chaplain [R2] , Assistant Chaplain, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney, ten [R3] (10) Directors, Home Office Manager, Advertising Manager, and Delegate [R4] to the Pennsylvania State Firemen’s Association of the State of Pennsylvania; each to be elected at the Annual Convention by ballot and by a majority of the valid votes cast. Said Officers [R5] shall serve for a period of one (1) year, except the Directors who are elected for a two-year term or until their successors are chosen and qualified.

[RC1] Remove Third & Fourth V.P. add that the Presidents shall serve for a period of one (1) year, cannot succeed themselves and they cannot come from the same state.

[R2] Change to appointed positions Chaplain, assistant Chaplain & Attorney Delegate [R4] to the FASP

[R3] Change from 10 to 7 directors from at large elected each year,

[R4] Change to be an appointed position

[R5] Remove Officers term of position & Add Directors

The President may, at his/her discretion, appoint no more than two (2) Ex-officio members residing outside of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware to the Board of Directors. The Ex-officio Directors will represent the members and companies of their States within the jurisdiction of the CVVFA. The term of these Ex-officio Directors will be one (1) year and they may be reappointed. The Ex-officio Director will have no vote. These Directors shall not count toward the quorum for conducting business. [H SC1]

[H SC1] Note that ex-officio directors have no BOD vote. This model of directorship might be reconsidered and could be from States or Organization outside the member states of the CVVFA

Remove the Board of Directors and replace with Executive Committee

The Membership [R1] Committee shall endeavor to increase the membership of the CVVFA. It [R2] shall further assist in the settlement of all Death Claims and in the collection of the annual dues. This

Committee will also have as its members the four (4) Vice Presidents and the Entire Board of Directors with no voting rights.

[R1] Change to Recruitment & Retention Committee

[R2] Remove all of this section and add The committee will look for grant to produce programs to bring in new members and retain present members.

The Public Relations Committee shall arrange special programs which will assist fire organizations of the CVVFA to promote programs which will promote the interest of the general public in fire safety. [R39] The Committee shall arrange a program with the assistance of the Fire Prevention Committee as part of each Annual Convention which shall be known as the E. Wade Thomas Memorial Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Conference.

[R1] Combine sections 3, 7, & 10, the Topics Committee, Public Relations Committee & Publicity Committee and make it Section 3 and name the Committee Publicity Committee which will promote all programs of the CVVFA and other committees. Remove the duties of the Topics Committee, [R39] Remove this duty and put in the Fire Prevention & Education Committee

The Annual Convention shall be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning on the Thursday preceding the first Saturday in August. The opening session of the Convention shall convene at a time set by the Board of Directors on the first day selected for each Annual Convention and continue until recessed from time to time during the session, or sine die when the entire business has been concluded. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the night prior to the first day of Convention, at a time set at the previous Board meeting.

Section 2. The elected Officers and Board of Directors may contract with any member company [HSC1] for the site of the Annual Convention. The Annual Convention shall not be held in connection with any other convention or celebration, with the exception of a fire company celebration.

Section 3. Three (3) Booster meetings shall be held each year on a Sunday in October, March, and May. [HSC2] Booster meeting dates are subject to change at the call of the President provided the Board of Directors approves at the meeting immediately preceding said proposed change. Subject to the provisions of Article III, §1, the Board of Directors may meet prior to each Booster meeting. The Home Office Manager shall notify each Director, Officer, and member of the location, date, and time of all special meetings of the CVVFA no fewer than fifteen (15) days prior to said special meeting.

HSC1] Are all convention sites member companies? Delete?

[HSC2] The name "Booster meeting" should be changed to be reflective of the times. Are 3 meetings necessary? When all/most members lived within a fairly small radius it may've been appropriate to expect folks to travel the short distance to attend. That assumption no longer holds. It's neither fair, sustainable, respectful of folks scare time, or environmentally prudent to expect folks to travel one or more hours each way for a one or two hour meeting. Can technology be exploited to enable distant folks to virtually attend?

All business of the CVVFA must be fully completed prior to any celebration which may be arranged in connection with the Annual Convention

Recommend to delete this section

There was considerable discussion during the presentation of the proposed changes. The President asked for all to send their comments to the committee on the changes.

Convention Committee – Steve Flickinger

To wrap up from last year, all parade awards have been given out. We will be meeting with Delaware City after the first of the year. The lady that does our plaques is selling her business, however the new owner is willing to work with us.

Credentials Committee – Dave Lewis

Progress

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Steve Austin

Steve showed the new promo video posted on the web, favorable comments were received. We are working on two more modules currently. A question/concern was raised reference the branding model of CVVFA on the ResponderSafety literature. The first module is on DUI checkpoints, second on cops wearing safety vests. These are funded by DOJ. We will be doing some video shooting in Delaware City on emergency vehicle lighting in about two weeks on the effect lighting has on the passer by driver. We are also addressing the issue on struck bys with help coming for Howard. We have an application for accreditation for the Pro Board to certify NFPA 1091. We also have an application pending for CFSI national advisory committee.

Reputation Management – Steve Austin

Candice, Erin and Claudia continue to work tirelessly for us. This week we have people teaching at the Chaplain's conference in Annapolis, MD. We have people going to VCOS next month in Florida, booked for Fire House west in California.

Web Site – Steve Austin

We have a target date of January 2015 for the new CVVFA.org site, radically modified. Yesterday, I reported at the strategic planning meeting, we have about 1,300 members and only have about 600 email addresses, out of those about 100 are bad. We need a strategy to update this list and it may be that personal contact must be made. Those willing to help can get a list. We have about 5,000 on the breaking news alert.

Grants – Steve Austin

We did get good news from the NVFC who will be providing us with a grant on Reputation Management to be used exclusively for travel expenses for our instructors. We are underway with the USFA grant and DOJ for the modules mentioned earlier.

Publicity – Robert Timko

We anticipate an update by the new calendar year.

Resolutions Committee – Jerry Daniels

Nothing to report.

Scholarship Committee – Harry Balthis

VP Brunner gave the report, applications are due in later, glad to have some additional funding.

Sgt At Arms – Wayne Baker

Nothing

Sign Trailer – Wayne Baker

The trailer is ready to travel to Delaware.

NVFC Health & Safety Committee – Dave Lewis

We generally hold quarterly video conferences. We met at the fall conference. We continue to do some great things via grant funds. There are a number of publications that NVFC has put out available from the website reference NFPA standards. Several resources available, encourage you to take advantage of them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Heefner

We are near completion, Greg assisting.

Classified ads on the web page – Bruner

Discussions with the attorney, concern that many state organizations already do this, and maybe walking over their endeavors. Maybe we should look at a member benefit and not a fundraising effort.

PA sales tax exemption – PA Directors

Nothing to report

Long range planning – Watson

Once we receive our report from Bill Jenaway, it will be distributed, probably follow up with an action meeting to implement.

Challenge coins – Hoby Howell

Progress

Chambersburg museum move of archives – Heefner

Have not heard anything further since convention, assume move is taking place.

Presidents Council meeting – Austin

April 11 meeting, survey to follow up with specifics

Southeast PA Firemen's Association – Austin

We visited with them last week reference resolving their Association. They have desires to dissolve and are looking forward to preserving their legacy.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Cumberland made a motion to dedicate the funding received from Chambersburg earlier in this meeting to be used for scholarships as they requested, seconded by Bill Keller, motion passed.

Bob Cumberland requested we improve our membership application, President will assign.

Steve Austin spoke of conversations with Bob Romig reference talks with Florida Fire Chiefs Association and our joining that Association. We have attended some of their conferences with our booth. Therefore, I would like to make the motion that we join the Florida State Fire Chiefs Association and pay the dues from our Treasury, seconded by Bill Mortimer, discussion, motion passed.

Steve Austin, a new trade show and conference is being organized in PA. We have been asked to possibly be the sponsor at no cost. Hopefully we would be teaching and presenting our displays. I am going to make the motion that we accept the offer and become the sponsor of the Keystone State Firefighters conference in August, 2015, seconded by Bob Cumberland, discussion, motion passed.

Rich Brunner presented a resolution to the Strocks for their dedication and service to this Association for many years, followed by applause from the group.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

VP Howell requested that all contacts made to him be done by calling, he does not do text messaging.

A question was asked about the attendance at the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Assistant Chaplain gave the benediction, 15:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary