

**Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
 Convention July 31 – August 3, 2013
 Vigilant Hose Company, Shippensburg PA
 Proceedings and Minutes**

President Steven Haines called the 112th annual convention to order at 9am. He asked for the invocation from Chaplain Barnhart. The Chaplain brought greetings, offered the prayer giving thanks for those in attendance and the Officers of the Association for a successful year. President Haines asked for the colors to be presented by the American Legion Post 223 Honor Guard. After the colors were presented, PP Charlie Myers led the group in the pledge to our flag. The Honor Guard retired and everyone was seated. Steven then introduced Charlie Myers to give the welcome from the host company.

Charlie made some brief comments then introduced the mayor who brought the welcome on behalf of Shippensburg. The mayor gave some history of CVVFA and thanked all for their attendance and everything each does to protect our neighbors. Saturday, August 3, 2013 will be declared "Volunteer Firefighters Day in Shippensburg". Again thank you for all your service in the community and the nation. Charlie thanked the mayor for his gracious comments and then introduced the Fire Chief of Shippensburg. He also brought greetings and welcomed the CVVFA and is anxious to take part in the activities over the next several days. We invite you to stop by any of the three stations. We have a rich history of volunteerism within our department and we are proud of what we have accomplished. I would also like to congratulate Vigilant Hose Company on their 170th anniversary. Enjoy your stay. Charlie then introduced his co-chair Kevin who is also VP of Vigilant Hose Company. Kevin gave a welcome and then introduced the Vigilant Hose Fire Chief. The Chief requested anyone to stop in at the station for a tour, look forward to seeing you all this week. He then introduced President Danny Byers who also brought greetings and a welcome as the host. He made some additional comments about the recently constructed new fire station.

President Haines thanked all of our guest speakers. Steven continued by thanking our host company and its membership and a special thank you to Charlie and Vivian Myers followed by applause. We had no other guests to be recognized.

Steven then appointed the following special committees for convention.

Sergeants-at-Arms -

- Wayne Baker - chair
- Jeff Ringer
- Robert Sweetman

Election Committee -

- Charlie Myers– Judge
- Bill Keller- Teller
- Bob Trace - Teller

Installing Officer – Steve Austin

Recording Secretary Gene Worthington took roll call as follows: We had 126 representatives in attendance for convention.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY	BOARD	CONV
President	Steven Haines	1	1	1	1	1	1
1st Vice President	James Watson	1	1	1	1	1	1
2nd Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1	1	1
3rd Vice President	Hoby Howell	1			1	1	1
4th Vice President	Bill Keller	1	1		1	1	1
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1		1	1

Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee			1	1	1	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1		1	1	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1			1	1
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart					1	1
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1	1	1	1	1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen		1				1
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2013)	Rich Bruner	1		1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2014)	Mike Whitzel		1	1	1		
Director, Maryland (2013)	Wayne Baker	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2014)	Robert Cumberland	1					
Director, West Virginia (2013)	Fred Braggg						
Director, West Virginia (2014)	Mike Sullivan						
Director, Delaware (2013)	Harry Balthis	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director, Delaware (2014)	Steve Austin	1	1		1	1	1
Director, Virginia (2013)	Kevin Wilkes					1	1
Director, Virginia (2014)	Allen Brennan	1		1	1	1	1
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz		1		1	1	1
Past President	Mike Sullivan						
	Totals	17	17	12	17	20	21
Past Presidents		12	12	10	11	11	14
Maryland Fire Depts		10	0	6	10	0	10
Delaware Fire Depts		10	0	11	7	0	12
Virginia Fire Depts		11	0	9	7	0	11
West Virginia Fire Depts		0	0	0	1	0	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts		28	0	21	31	0	56
Others		0	0	0	1	0	1
	Grand Totals	88	29	69	85	31	126

Recording Secretary Worthington then read the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held July 31, 2013. *“President Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Opening prayer was given by Chaplain Barnhart followed by the pledge to the flag. The welcome was given by Charlie Myers from the host company. He spoke on some of the logistics for convention and was honored to be the host, tours of the facility are available, let him know. The President will speak tomorrow morning. The parade is coming along very nice. There were no guests in attendance. Roll call was taken with 20 Officers and 11 Past Presidents in attendance. The Secretary reported we have some correspondence which will be read during convention. President Haines asked if any Officers needed to report. HMO Heefner spoke on some logistics for convention, rooms sold out at hotel, special thanks to Charlie.*

Auditing chair Jerry Daniels reviewed the books, we have a CPA report, all looks good.

Convention chair Flickinger spoke have 6 sponsorships not paid to date. We need to discuss if they desire to continue. All the meetings will be held at the events center, picnic OK, parade Saturday noon, Shippensburg has done a great job. I have all the plaques for the banquet. Question was asked about help with the parade sponsors collecting money. A second notice was not sent out, will work on getting the sponsors.

Chaplain Barnhart spoke about the memorial service, we are ready. Prayer breakfast at Premier Events 7:30, entire place to ourselves, buffet breakfast to be served. I am passing a sheet for reservations

to get a count. Please come and attend. Charlie gave some comments about the memorial at the Lutheran Church, very large and a nice place. One problem, obtaining an organist, a person from Westminster will do. Charlie requested \$150, thanks to all who have helped. We will be remembering 14 deceased concluding with my rendition of the Lords Prayer. Motion was made to pay the organist \$100 by Flickinger, seconded Robertson, passed.

Charlie then gave an update on Bob Cumberland, having trouble with his cell phone, not replying to messages, had a vein procedure done and another to do. Joan is also having some problems with her knees. We will call Bob during the meeting tomorrow morning.

He then spoke about Roby Robertson, in a nursing home rehabilitating. Vivian reported she is doing well.

Publicity chair Bob Timko books are here, tremendous increase in profits, \$2530.12 currently. We have 51 ads, a large increase, some from the local chamber, some from new businesses, and internally. I do have some outstanding bills, should not be a problem to collect.

Resolutions chair Jerry Daniels has about 25 for presentation.

New Business: Steve Austin spoke about the parade plaques for Vigilant Hose names, have 8 of them \$475 bill needs approval. Motion by Austin, seconded by Watson to pay, passed.

Motion to pay convention expenses by Robertson, seconded by Brennan, passed
Benediction by James Wharry at 7:30.

President Haines asked for a motion to accept the Board of Directors minutes, **MOTION** to accept by Dave Lewis, seconded by Charlie Myers, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion carried.

President Haines asked for a motion to approve the May booster meeting minutes that had already been posted on the web. **MOTION** to accept as posted by Walter Robertson, seconded by James Watson, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion carried.

Secretary Worthington stated that the correspondence received would be read at the appropriate times during the business sessions as all pertained to same.

There were no fire prevention queens in attendance.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President's Report – Steven Haines

Fellow officers, members, and guests, good morning and welcome to the 112th annual convention of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association here in Shippensburg, PA. A special thank you to the officers and members of the Vigilant Hose Company #1 of Shippensburg for hosting this year's convention. Since our last booster meeting in Newport, I have attended my own fire company meetings as well as our in-house training sessions. It's hard to believe that a year has gone by, my how time flies by when you're having fun and enjoying yourself. It has been an honor to serve as President of this Association and I want to say thank you to everyone for all of your help and support for my year as President. It is good seeing everyone. Again, welcome to the convention, enjoy yourselves and have fun. Take care and have a safe trip home.

First Vice President's Report – James Watson

My report is in printed form, would like to thank the Vigilant Hose Company for hosting the conference this year, looks like a great conference. Wow where did the year go, it seems just like yesterday we were at the 111th annual convention in Berkeley Springs. Since the last meeting, I've attended my company meetings, Board of Directors meetings, several meetings for the 2015 CVVFA convention we are hosting in Delaware City, county firefighters meetings, county Fire Chief's meetings. I attended a firefighters viewing and funeral, had several meetings for the new video "Move It" with Stone House Media and we shot the video on July 18. Thanks to all that participated in the shooting and worked the CVVFA Responder Safety booth at the fire house Expo in Baltimore. I conducted several training classes in my department. I have given out a few applications to new prospective members and have encouraged other organizations to join us.

Second Vice President's Report – Walter Robertson

Thank you Mr. President and I also want to thank Vigilant for hosting the convention. The Secretary has my full report, hope all have a good time and a safe trip home. Walter's written report as follows on his activities.

August 1-4, 2012 Attended Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Assn. convention

August 7, 2012 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

August 11, 2012 Attended Natural Bridge VFD 20th Anniversary

August 15-18, 2012 Attended Virginia State Firefighters Conference in Hampton, VA.

August 28, 2012 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting

September 8, 2012 Wilson VFC BBQ chicken

September 9, 2012 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

September 25, 2012 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting

October 13, 2012 Wilson VFC auction

October 14, 2012 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

October 18, 2012 Attended Preston L Yancey meeting

October 21, 2012 Attended Cumberland Valley booster Meeting, Adams County Training Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

October 23, 2012 Attended Meeting with Preston L Yancey VFC

October 27-28, 2012 EVOG at Swoope VFC

November 4, 2012 attended my fire company meeting Wilson VFC

November 12, 2012 Visited with Glasgow VFC

November 13, 2012 Attended Rockbridge County meeting at Goshen VFD

November 17, 2012 Attended Virginia State Firefighters Assn. Fall meeting in Charlottesville, VA.

November 27, 2012 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting in Verona

December 4, 2012 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

December 6, 2012 Attended ACFR INC. breakfast meeting at Rowes in Staunton

December 9, 2012 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

December 13, 2012 Attended Preston L Yancey VFD reorganizational meeting

January 3, 2013 Attended Preston L Yancey VFD monthly meeting

January 6, 2013 Attended CVVFA Board meeting Halfway VFD, Hagerstown, MD

January 8, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

January 13, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

January 22, 2013 Attended County Officers meeting Verona, Va.

February 5, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

February 10, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

February 20-23, 2013 Attended Va. Fire Chiefs conference and worked Responder Safety Booth

February 26, 2013 Attended County Officers meeting Verona, Va.

March 2, 2013 Attended Instructor updates Oilville, VA.

March 5, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

March 9, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC cake walk

March 10, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

March 17, 2013 Attended CVVFA booster meeting in Greencastle, Pa. at Rescue Hose Co.

March 23-24, 2013 taught an EVOG class at Wilson VFC

March 26, 2013 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting in Verona

March 30, 2013 BBQ Chicken at Wilson VFC

April 2, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting

April 6, 2013 Attended Virginia State Firefighters Assn. meeting in Culpeper, Va.

April 13, 2013 Attended 35th Anniversary meeting Old Dominion Historical Fire Society in Staunton, Va.

April 14, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting

April 19, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC community auction

April 24, 2013 Attended Augusta County officers meeting
 May 1, 2013 Attended Hot Springs VFD monthly meeting
 May 5, 2013 Attended Middlebrook VFD parade
 May 6, 2013 Attended CVVFA booster meeting in Newport, Pa.
 May 11, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC BBQ Chicken
 May 16-17, 2013 Worked Responder Safety Booth Harrisburg, Pa.
 May 19, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting
 May 25-26, 2013 taught an EVOC class at McDowell VFC in McDowell, Va.
 May 28, 2013 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting in Verona, Va.
 June 1, 2013 Attended Virginia's Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Richmond, Va.
 June 4, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC auxiliary meeting
 June 7, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC BBQ Chicken
 June 9, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting
 June 12-15, 2013 Worked Responder Safety Booth at the South Carolina Firefighters Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
 June 21, 2013 Attended Raphine VFC parade in Rapine, VA
 June 25, 2013 Attended Augusta County Officers meeting in Verona, Va.
 July 2, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC Auxiliary meeting
 July 4, 2013 Attended 4th July parade in Staunton, Va.
 July 7, 2013 Attended God Bless America in Fishersville, Va.
 July 10, 2013 did truck rodeo in Fishersville, Va. July 12, 2013 Attended Stuarts Draft VFC parade
 July 14, 2013 Attended Wilson VFC monthly meeting
 July 27-28, 2013 Taught EVOC class at Wilson VFC

Third Vice President's Report – Hoby Howell

I want to thank the Vigilant Hose Company # 1 of Shippensburg, PA for your hospitality in having our annual convention meeting here this week at your facility. We appreciate your dedication to your community and our Association. Since our last meeting, I have attended my company regularly scheduled meetings and drills. I attended Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association meetings, attended the MSFA convention in Ocean City, giving the PP Smith N. Stathem memorial safety award to Ken Sanner of Fallston.

Fourth Vice President's Report – Bill Keller

I would also like to thank Vigilant Hose Company and welcome everybody here. I have been busy teaching throughout the year. I hope to continue to serve, thank you.

Treasurer's Report – George J. Dove

George stated this is homecoming day for me, August, 1965, Cumberland Valley Hose Company #2 on August 19th, I was elected as your President. I was also with the now Mayor. I want to thank Charlie and Vivian for hosting the convention.

George provided the following account balances:

ENDING BALANCES

General Account	22070.43
Death Benefit Account	900.00
CD	90000.00
NET WORTH	113651.50

Financial Secretary's Report – Stephen C. McBee

Good morning and thank you to Shippensburg for hosting the convention. I have sent out dues notices to the individuals and also to the member companies. So far we have collected over \$1500 in dues money already. I am going to need some help from the state Directors and Vice Presidents tracking down a few folks and companies. We have some not paying their dues and need to find out if are still interested. Some of the members are lifetime or beneficial and we cannot take them off the books, need

to track them down. Also, need to keep looking for members who have passed. I got notification from one who died in 2010 with the dues notice request. If you find out of a deceased, let me know along with the Chaplain's office because they will send a card to the family. Thank you very much.

Recording Secretary's Report – Gene Worthington

Good morning, Mr. President, members and guests, I would like to start on a personal note and thank all for the cards, messages and phone calls during my recent illness. All seems to be on the mend and headed in the right direction. I also want to thank Shippensburg for hosting the convention. The secretary's office has completed all the tasks required or asked to do throughout the year. All correspondence has been addressed and responded to. All minutes from the meetings have been transcribed and forwarded to the web for posting. I remain very active back home at the local, county and state levels making meetings and my required training. I want to especially thank ERSI for purchasing a new digital recording system. Hopefully, after today we can retire our old tape machine. The agenda for the convention was sent to the President, all resolutions are completed and ready for presentation. We still have copies of the proceedings book from last convention, this is the last time you will see them. As always, I am requesting to further update the mailing lists, if you are not receiving mail from me, either by postage or e-mail, please add your name to the list or if there are any corrections from the printing in the convention book, please let me know. Congratulations to President Haines on his year and we look forward to assisting Jim in the coming year. As always the office stands ready to support the CVVFA.

Home Office Manager's Report – Stephen E. Heefner

Good morning everyone. I want to start out by saying in over 30 years traveling to conventions, this is the first time I have ever been in an activities center, courthouse and liquor store all in the same parking lot. President Haines, Officers, members and guests, welcome to the 112th annual convention of the CVVFA. Thanks to Charlie and Vivian Myers and the members of his convention committee, the Vigilant Hose Co #1 and the town of Shippensburg for hosting our annual convention. During the past year, I attended all CVVFA scheduled meetings, processed and mailed the yearly postcards and the annual convention newsletter to over 800 members and member companies. I assisted our Officers and members with hotel/motel accommodations when requested and performed all duties of my office. President Haines and fellow Officers, thank you for leading us through another successful year. To President Elect Watson, I look forward to serving under your administration. We have an exciting year already planned ahead. Finally, if elected, I look forward to serving another year.

Publicity Manager's Report – Robert Timko

You heard my report earlier from the Board meeting. For the host companies here, we would like to get the book out earlier, thanks for those assisting.

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

Charlie had already gone over to the church in preparation for the memorial service.

Assistant Chaplain – James J. Wharry

Jim had also gone over to the church, however submitted a written report. Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested and attended my own company meetings. It has been a year when we had cards for members reported as being sick or injured to pass around at meetings for all to sign. I have a supply of cards for the convention. 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 Vigilant Hose Co #1 of Shippensburg for hosting this convention. Please contact me if you need a sympathy card or thinking of you card sent for one of our members.

Attorney – Howard S. Cohen

Mr. President, Mr. Secretary, officers, members, and guests, thank you for attending this exciting convention and thank you to the Vigilant Hose Company of Shippensburg for hosting the CVVFA's 112th annual convention and for all the work they've put in to planning this convention. We have just concluded another banner year. We're slowly but surely increasing our membership and the number of individuals active in leadership roles in our various projects. We were the recipient of a sizeable donation from the soon to be Franklin Fulton County Volunteer Firemen's Association, whose legacy we will help

perpetuate. Our Responder Safety Learning Network continues to expand with our lifesaving roadway safety message. And we were truly visionary leaders with our Reputation Management effort, particularly with raising to the fore issues with emergency service personnel's abusive use of social media, with respect to which we've seen rampant problems across the nation. We will hopefully continue with all our efforts and good work, and I hope you all enjoy this convention and, at its conclusion, have a safe journey home.

Delegate to Pennsylvania – Charlie Myers

Charlie requested the out of state coordinators to give him a list of names who will be attending the PA convention.

Board of Directors

Pennsylvania State Director – Rich Brunner

I want to thank Charlie, his wife and the committee for hosting the convention. Good morning President Haines, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA convention. We are here at the Vigilant Fire Company, Shippensburg and the final meeting of President Haines. A special thank you to all the members of Vigilant who have spent their valuable time in hosting this 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. Since our last meeting, I have attended all of our company meetings, training and functions. I continue to be involved very extensively with our truck committee and have learned a lot regarding the FEMA requirements and more importantly IRA requirements. If your company has never heard of the form 990, I would highly recommend that you contact your solicitor immediately and begin the process. Again, thanks to all involved for making today's meeting a success and wish that everyone enjoys the convention and that everyone has a safe trip home.

Pennsylvania State Director – Mike Whitzel

Mike was absent, however sent the following report. Good morning or afternoon, I want to thank the Vigilant Fire Company for hosting the convention and looking forward to your hospitality. I want to congratulate President Haines on a successful year, great job and well done. This has been a very busy year for me personally and for the fire service. I attended my fire company, line Officers, firefighter relief association and extra meetings. I helped support the company in fundraisers for the last 3 months. As the Fire Chief, I report to 5 municipalities we serve each month and go to extra meetings on zoning, planning and the EMA meetings. I attend the monthly school safety meeting held at Northern School. I've attended our county firefighter meeting in Cumberland County. I attended the PA pump primer muster in Harrisburg. I was active with the PFESI with their meetings. I went to the PA weekend at the NFA in July for training. I attended the Baltimore Fire Expo and helped on Saturday. I have been in touch with my local, state and federal officials on fire service issues. What kept me busy this year was working with the municipalities and building a new fire truck. Thank you for letting me serve as one of the PA Directors this past year, I promote the CVVFA every chance I get. We have a great training program, we have good meetings and share a lot of great things. I will not be attending meetings during the convention. I started a new job in February. We have no executive to our plant in York and Kansas City. I have both plants and need to be here at work. Thank you for your time and have a great convention, see you on Saturday.

Maryland State Director – Wayne Baker

I want to thank Shippensburg for hosting the convention this year. I have attended all the CVVFA meetings during the year. Have a great time.

Maryland State Director – Bob Cumberland - absent

West Virginia Director – Fred Bragg - absent

West Virginia Director – Michael Sullivan - absent

Virginia Director – Kevin Wilkes

Thanks to the Vigilant Hose Co, congratulations on a beautiful building, an awesome facility and recommend the tour. I feel like I have failed the organization with not being able to attend meetings but I am constantly recruiting membership. I took the Chief position and have been somewhat successful and how much we save them. I attend all the local meetings. In October, the state of VA passed numerous new laws and codes pertaining to EMS and 98% of the system had no idea these were out there. We had to write our own drug and alcohol policies, driving policies, emergency response plans. We had an ISO on-site visit. I am a public safety officer at my work, so I have to keep up with law enforcement in addition to EMS training and certification. My apologies and I hold the CVVFA in high esteem and regards. With some assistance from PP Robertson, we are searching for someone who can be more active. My fire company has retrofitted our vehicles with chevron triangles which is 26% more visible. As I said, I am always recruiting and hope to continue to support and have a great convention.

Virginia Director – Allen Brennan

Thanks to our host and have a good convention.

Delaware Director – Harry Balthis

I would like to thank Shippensburg for hosting the 112th annual convention. During the past year, I have attended all the CVVFA booster meetings and Board of Directors meeting. I attended the Presidents Council meeting in Corning, NY. I attended Delaware's conference in September and PA convention. During the year, I attended my home fire company meetings and company functions. I serve on the scholarship committee, thank you.

Delaware Director – Steve Austin

My report is in written form and was submitted to the Secretary. I want to lift up a couple things, my work has centered around two areas. Several years ago at the Keyser booster meeting, I made a call for action in recruiting and involving new and younger members in our Association. I implored every member to recognize that succession planning and the recruiting of new members is the most important for every member especially our Officers and Directors. I renew that call today. If we do not sign up new members the CVVFA is in peril. In closing, I echo others who thanked Charlie and Vivian and the Vigilant Hose Co for their work to ensure the 112th annual convention will be a productive and enjoyable experience for all.

New York Director – Dave Jacobwitz

I go back and want to thank everyone who attended Corning Presidents Council program. I take back to FASNY Directors our business and share our magazine with you. I will give more info tomorrow at the Council meeting. I want to thank everybody and thank Shippensburg. This place is beautiful, like Long Island companies. Congratulations on the new facility and I can't wait to show the pictures.

President Haines stated we are moving ahead of schedule, therefore we will break for a few minutes.

RECESS

President Haines called the convention back to order and asked for comments from some of the state Presidents in attendance. PA President wished everyone to have a good convention. Thanks to the Myers for their efforts.

New Jersey Fire Police Association Gerald Sheard brought greetings and gave an overview of their Association. They are trying to upgrade the training program. Jerry belongs to several organizations in New Jersey. There are several bills in the legislature we are working on. We did have a LODD when he was struck getting out of his vehicle. Last year a member of my own company died in the line of duty.

Dr. Harry Carter brought greetings, however would have to differ with my esteemed colleague, he gave far too optimistic a report on the state of New Jersey. I finally stepped down as President of the State Fire Districts Association. We have been spending volumes of time over the last 15 years trying to pass a simple act which would allow fire departments to deliver EMS via fire districts. We are asking for a law that allows everybody doing it now to continue. Our Move Over Law is in effect with signs going

up. In my travels through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois is an obedience of the law, you can always tell what is going on. At some point, we got to kick over a big tin can with millions of dollars so we can start to create programs for the public. Take care.

Susie Nichols from FireHouse magazine was introduced.

At this time we will go into reports from the committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives and Historical Committee – Guy Flory

Guy was absent, however plans on being at the banquet Friday evening.

Audit Committee – Jerry Daniels

As you heard the minutes from the Board meeting last night, the committee met last night and conducted the audit. We also had a report from the CPA firm indicating that everything is fine during the review and up to date. I would like to commend our Treasurer in preparing the records professionally that we received and all the service he does.

Budget and Finance – George Dove

No report

Business & Ops Plan – Greg Yost

No report

Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Bob Cumberland

Bob was absent

Convention Committee – Steve Flickinger

Steve spoke on awards for parades, we did take in \$2592 with 7 outstanding not paid. We will inquire with the sponsor as to their desire. I do want to report that we have a winner for the Bukowski award. Steve asked Charlie to speak about the events for the week. Charlie gave directions to Premier Events, church and picnic grounds. Please take a look at the showcase here for a picture of the 1915 CVVFA convention held here. Also, in 1932, a trophy is displayed depicting same along with patches and other pictures.

Credentials Committee – Jeff Ringer

Nothing Mr. President, the secretary took the roll earlier.

Fire Person of the Year Committee – George Dove

Everything is taken care of, ready for the presentation at banquet.

Fire Prevention and Education Committee – Erin Drumheller

Steve Austin gave the report for Erin after speaking with her on the phone. She is working some crazy hours and expects to be here Friday afternoon. She is looking forward to meeting with some folks on the reputation management. One thing she asked to bring up is she definitely needs some help with the fire prevention web program.

Legislative – Bob Cumberland

Bob was absent due to illness.

Parliamentarian – Howard Cohen

Nothing further to report.

Public Relations – Rich Toulson

Absent

Publicity Committee – Bob Timko

Bob expressed a concern about an opportunity to promote the Move Over law. I would request that each state contact their DOT and possibly have a display at their rest stops. This is a great time to educate the driving public. Curtis offered some additional comments and the message boards being used by the state of PA. We will be in Greencastle in the fall.

Recruitment and Retention Committee – Allen Brennan

No report at this time.

Resolutions Committee –Jerry Daniels

Nothing further.

Scholarship Committee – Harry Balthis

This year CVVFA awarded 3 scholarships, a \$1,000 J R Haines Memorial Scholarship to Kyle Mellon of Media, PA and member of Middletown Fire Co #1. Kyle attends the University of New Haven. We awarded a \$500 Kenneth Butts Memorial Scholarship to Kaitlyn Sweetman of Newark, DE. She attends Delaware Technical Community College and is a member of Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co. A \$500 Kenneth Butts Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jamie Watson of New Castle, DE and a member of Delaware City FC and she attends Widner University.

Sergeant at Arms – Wayne Baker

Remember while you are at the meeting, turn off cell phones and pagers.

Training Weekend – Grey Yost

We are working on a project, however nothing to report now.

President Haines recessed the meeting until 13:00 hours for those to attend the memorial service.

RECESS

Memorial Service

The annual memorial service was held at the Memorial Lutheran Church. The organist was Tim Bangerd from Westminster VFC. Chaplain Barnhart led the group with singing and readings by all in attendance. The memorial message was titled “Look Up” and was given by Charlie. Roll call of honored deceased CVVFA members consisted of:

J. Robert Ayers	Berkeley Springs VFC
Merle K. Biser	Mechanics Steam VFC
Thomas A. Brooks, Sr.	Elsmere & Cranston Heights VFC
Robert Cooper	Rescue Hose Co #1
Henry F. Delauney	Antietam Fire Co #2
Daniel Grove, Sr. PP	Leitersburg VFC
Clifford Houpt, Jr.	Mercersburg, Montgomery Peters & Warren VFC
Richard Liller	Fountain VFC
Fred Newcomer	Round Hill FD
Jack Peltier	Berlin VFC
Chief Donald Ringer	Always There Hook & Ladder Co
Donald Small	Junior Hose Co
Paul G. Staver	Cumberland Valley VFC
Willard W. White	John H. Enders FD

President Haines read the names as the memorial flowers were being placed in the vase. The service concluded with Charlie’s singing of the Lords Prayer, just outstanding as always. At the end of the service, President Haines presented flowers to the CVVFA personnel who would carry back to the families. Below is a copy of the bulletin provided for the memorial service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The Organ Prelude

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

*The Opening Hymn – 272 (LBW) “*Abide with Me*”

*Invocation – CCVFA Chaplain – Deacon Charles Barnhart, Jr.

**Deacon* – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows with the consolation we ourselves received from God.

***CONGREGATION** – “*Thanks be to God!*”

**Deacon* – When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall be certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

LITANY OF FAITH AND HOPE

D – Our commonwealth is in heaven,

**C – AND FROM IT WE AWAIT A SAVIOR, THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST.**

D – Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

C – THE LIGHT NO DARKNESS CAN OVERCOME.

D – Stay with us Lord, and remind us of your promise.

**C – THAT WHERE WE ARE, THERE YOU ARE ALSO TO
BE FOUND.**

D – Let your Light scatter the darkness of our mourning.

**C – AND ILLUMINE OUR LIVES WITH YOUR HOPE AND
PRESENCE.**

D – The Lord be with you!

C – And also with you

***Let us Pray (together)**

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their labors. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in your eternal and everlasting glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament – *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

The Psalm – *Psalm 23 – (Spoken)*

The New Testament – *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

*The Holy Gospel – *Saint Luke 24:46-53*

The Memorial Message

“*Look Up!*”

Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Chaplain

*The Hymn of the Day – 448 (LBW) “*Amazing Grace*”

Roll Call of Honored Deceased CVVFA Members

*Prayers of the People

Each petition by the Chaplain will end in “Lord in your Mercy”

The Congregation will respond – “*Hear Our Prayer*”

“*The Lord's Prayer*” - (Sung) – Deacon Charles Barnhart, Jr.

*The Benediction & Sung Response

*The Closing Hymn – 532 (LBW) “*How Great Thou Art*”

*The Postlude

*** = Congregation Standing**

President Haines called the convention back to order at 13:20pm. He asked Steve Austin to introduce our guest speaker for convention. Steve made some comments about the ERSI wireless mic system is missing, anyone knowing whereabouts please advise. What is great about our presentation today, it is without doubt in 112 years we have never had a younger keynote speaker. Steve welcomed Candice McDonald who has been helping us in many projects both with Responder Safety and also with Reputation Management. Candice is from Ohio and her daughter Madison Definbaugh has encouraged other young people since 2011 talking about fire prevention. Steve gave some additional background info about both. He then introduced Candice and Madison to the podium. Candice started with some opening comments and said this would be a tag team presentation along with a power point show “Enhance For The Chance.” Candice spoke about her involvement with Responder Safety, starting at the FDIC last April. Right away, I started preaching the wearing of safety vests. I have much time researching leadership within the fire service. Candice provided some comments on her childhood days here in Shippensburg. I really believe in the reputation management being done here, it is so important. Every chance I get in Ohio, I promote the CVVFA programs. She got involved in the fire service after having three children and past the age of 30. I joined my local department and took my basic training, absolutely loved it. I got involved in the Ohio Fire Corps program becoming the state advocate. I now work for Kent State University as the program coordinator for the research center for educational technology. Madison provided some comments about home safety and asked if anyone talked to you about home safety. This was the start of our program “Enhance For The Chance.” Madison started this when she was

11 years old. This was started under the Ohio Fire Corps using youths to educate other youths. We got a lot of support from the state local citizens corps. Candice then played a video that was developed for the Ohio Fire Corps conference. At the conclusion of the video, Candice gave some additional comments to better explain certain slides. Again, this started as a peer education program and grew into seniors as well as the youth. Madison shared some experiences in talking with the seniors. We provide a bracelet to all who take the course to remind them to go home and talk about the home safety checklist. Bracelets were passed out and given to all. We also use FEMA disaster preparedness checklists and Home Safety Council materials. She then played a DVD made last summer in coop with Kent State. Madison covered some lessons learned from the various training classes for the youth groups. We are currently recruiting more youths and would like to see duplicated in other states. She then went through a step by step procedure to develop and implement such a program. The presentation ended with a Q&A period.

President Haines thanked the ladies for their remarks and asked Tom Savage to give some remarks about the FirefighterBehavior.com. Claudia Garner has taken over the web site and the group plans on having a meeting sometime during convention. Erin continues to give programs, Howard is doing research, Candice has joined and many are providing input.

President Haines asked Steve Austin to give his reports, Steve grouped his reports into 2 power point presentations and remarked from them. First, we will be asking the incoming President to consider renaming the web site committee to a communications committee because we are a lot broader than just the web. He showed slides and provided comments on each. He started with the Ifireprevention.com site, Erin is the editor, doing a great job, however she definitely needs some help. FireCompanies.com powers all of our sites and they are doing a major overall with a new producer, easier to update. ResponderSafety.com is our major site, Dr. Carter and Howard are doing a wonderful job there. 24/7 research is being done to bring you the latest struck-bys. We are the only entity in the states that collects this type of data. This site has become the go to site in the nation for all things having to do with highway incident scene safety. Our Director of Training Jack Sullivan has spent a tremendous amount of time over last year reorganizing all the materials on the site. Steve then spoke about the FirefighterBehavior.com site, Claudia Garner has taken the reigns as editor. We have a number of people involved in data collection. YouTube videos are all handled by FireHouse Media. Facebook is updated by Jack everyday. Steve gave an overview of the Twitter accounts becoming more and more the social media. We need to thank Ernie for keeping up our printed materials. Something new, the Delaware Fire Service News now has a dedicated page for CVVFA. We are expecting to have an article in the IFC magazine in September. We have some issues, we need email addresses of our membership to get the information faster and saves us funds. We are always looking for more help who are willing to get our social media to the next phase. Our Association thrives on getting the knowledge to people.

Steve changed over to the ResponderSafety slides showing the various grants and their status. We are cautiously optimistic about pending grant requests. We have a contract with the NFA to keep the web alive. He gave an update on the ITERIS contract, hoping to get that to promote the TIM training. Steve gave some comments on direct compensation back to CVVFA and some equipment purchased. Greg spoke on the fund balances of all the grants currently. As stated, all books are open for your inspection. Our accountants are pleased with the procedures in place for invoicing and payments. The accountant did ask us to set up a whistle blower policy whereby we notify our members explaining the procedure in place for contact to the President. We will be writing this in preparation for approval by the January Board meeting. The other issue we have been asked to establish for the entire Association is a records retention policy. We will also have this ready for the Board meeting. If adopted, we will need to follow in the future.

Tomorrow you are going to see a brand new program, a new PSA called "Move It" to be shown by Ron. This will happen during the President's Council meeting. We are adding new modules to the Learning Network with three now. We established a partnership with the TIM network. Brand new we will be having some discussions tomorrow about the Washington County, MD school academy using our

lessons in their curriculum. Steve's comments concluded with a Q&A. There are untold numbers of folks who make our programs successful. The end game anyone wanting to help is welcome.

Steve and Rich gave some additional comments about the proposed classified ads section on the web. We are awaiting FireCompanies.com to update the site. Rich read a proposal relating to fees. A member would receive the request for posting and have to give approval after payment for the ad. All ads would have a time limit for showing. Concerns were raised about possible liabilities.

The Chaplain had returned from the Church to make his report. First, thanks to all for their attendance at the service this morning. I am here if needed, simply contact me. Thanks to Shippensburg for the accommodations. I appreciate your comments on the service and special thanks to Tim for playing the organ. The prayer breakfast list is being passed around for signature, Saturday morning 7:30 at Premier Events.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

MOTION to open nominations for the Association Officers from the floor by James Watson, seconded by Bill Keller, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Secretary Worthington read a letter from Delaware City VFC to endorse their candidate James Watson for President.

President – James Watson nominated by Steve Austin, seconded by Bill Keller, motion to close nominations by Bill Keller, seconded by Walter Robertson

First Vice President – Walter Robertson nominated by James Watson, seconded by Bill Mortimer, motion to close nominations by Bill Keller, seconded by Hoby Howell

Second Vice President – Hoby Howell nominated by Bill Keller, seconded by Walter Robertson, motion to close nominations by James Watson, seconded by Bill Keller

Third Vice President – Bill Keller nominated by Hoby Howell, seconded by Walter Robertson, motion to close nominations by James Watson, seconded by Walter Robertson

Fourth Vice President – Rich Brunner nominated by Steve Flickinger, who read a letter from Citizens FC for the nomination of Rich as 4th VP, seconded by James Watson

Fourth Vice President – Curtis Alleman nominated, however declined

Fourth Vice President – Robert Timko nominated by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Walter Robertson, motion to close nominations by Hoby Howell, seconded by Bill Keller

Treasurer – George Dove nominated by Bill Mortimer, seconded by Bob Timko, motion to close nominations by Steve Austin, seconded by Hoby Howell

Financial Secretary – Steve McBee nominated by Bill Keller, seconded by Hoby Howell, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by James Watson

Recording Secretary – Gene Worthington nominated by Charlie Myers, seconded by Bill Keller, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell

Home Office Manager – Steve Heefner nominated by Charlie Myers, seconded by James Watson, motion to close nominations by Hoby Howell, seconded by Walter Robertson

Publicity Manager – Robert Timko nominated by James Watson, seconded by Bill Mortimer, parliamentarian advised the President that according to the by-laws no member shall be nominated to more than one elected office. The President ruled the nomination null.

Publicity Manager – Curtis Alleman nominated by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell

Chaplain – Charles Barnhart nominated by Bill Mortimer, seconded by Charlie Myers, motion to close nominations by Hoby Howell, seconded by Walter Robertson

Assistant Chaplain – James Wharry nominated by Robert Sweetman, seconded by James Watson, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by James Watson

Attorney – Howard Cohen nominated by Charlie Barnhart, seconded by Robert Sweetman, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell

Delegate to PA – Charles Myers nominated by Bob Trace, seconded by Bill Mortimer, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell
Director Pennsylvania (2015) – Donna Welsh nominated by Dave Hoover, seconded by Steve Flickinger, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell
Director Maryland (2015) – Dave Lewis nominated by Greg Yost, seconded by Harry Balthis
Director Maryland (2015) – Wayne Baker nominated by Charlie Barnhart, seconded by Walter Robertson, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell
Director West Virginia (2015) – No nominations were made from the floor, office will be left vacant.
Director Virginia (2015) – Steve Switzer nominated by Walter Robertson, seconded by Allen Brennan
Director Virginia (2015) – Kevin Wilkes nominated by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Steve Flickinger, motion to close nominations by Walter Robertson, seconded by Bill Mortimer
Director Delaware (2015) – Harry Balthis nominated by Robert Sweetman, seconded by Bill Keller, motion to close nominations by Hoby Howell, seconded by Walter Robertson

President Haines announced the election committee to consist of Charlie Myers, Bill Keller and Bob Trace, will be voting on 4th Vice President for Pennsylvania, MD Director and VA Director.

MOTION was made to close the nominations by Hoby Howell, seconded by James Watson, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

The ballot will be made tonight and ready for the election Friday morning by the Secretary's office. The ballot box will be open at 8am for voting for 2 hours. Financial Secretary will validate an active member from the database before a ballot is given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners - Heefner

No report

Classified ads for the web site – Bruner

This was reported on earlier.

Franklin Fulton County Firemen's Association – Mowen

Ray advised he would report Friday night at the banquet.

Sales Tax exemption for PA – Directors

No update was given. Bob Timko brought a concern over his address on the charter due to the IRS involvement recently. PP Austin gave the background info on the change of address for the corporation.

Long Range Planning meeting – Watson

Jim advised this meeting will be forthcoming, will advise when a date is set

Curtis Alleman again addressed the issue of the booster meeting, possibly combining with the President's Council on the same weekend. Response, it was referred to the by-laws committee for review. Steve Heefner added some comments about the advanced booking for booster meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Hoby Howell suggested that the CVVFA look into a fundraiser of selling challenge coins for the Association. We could possibly use our logo along with the ERSI logo on the coin. These could be numbered for collector items. **MOTION** by Hoby Howell to investigate into a fundraiser by selling challenge coins, seconded by Bill Keller, discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Steve Austin spoke about some discussion with him by a member from a veterans group from Jefferson City, VA reference someone who makes and donates walking sticks for veterans. He desires to expand that program to other areas within the state. Steve has made previous contact with our VA elected officers with favorable response. **RECOMMENDATION** to support this program for our veterans by Kevin Wilkes, George Dove and Walter Robertson, no motion was needed.

Allen Brennan voiced a concern about the time of the memorial service, possibly starting it at 9am. It seems that this would allow a better flow of our business meeting. Response, will ask the new leadership to review and discuss further.

Dave Lewis made a MOTION that the Secretary cast a single ballot for those running for office unopposed, seconded by Walter Robertson, verbal vote taken, motion carried.

Bob Timko spoke about Paul Miller who is retiring as Director from North Carolina.

Howard Cohen made some clarifying remarks about the election, will need to appoint an additional clerk for the election. President Haines appointed Jerry Daniels to this position. We will also need a ballot placed in the hands of the judge prior to opening the election. Once again, we have Charlie Myers as the judge, Bill Keller and Bob Trace as the tellers and Jerry Daniels as the clerk. Gene will make up the ballots this evening and the voting will begin at 8am Friday morning for 2 hours. We will be voting on 3 offices, 4th VP for Pennsylvania, MD Director and the VA Director.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

President Haines reminded all of the President's Council meeting tomorrow morning, coffee and donuts prior. The banquet starts Friday evening at 6:30pm. Charlie Myers reminded all again of the picnic tonight, no alcohol. The highway safety training class will be held here in an adjoining room. We do need to rearrange the tables and chairs for tomorrow, please stay and help.

Curtis Alleman talked about an eagle scout project for Cumberland County. He asked if the CVVFA would be interested in purchasing a \$75 brick 8x8 with logo. MOTION was made to go back under New Business for consideration of the request by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Steve Flickinger, verbal vote taken, motion passed. MOTION was made that we purchase a \$75 brick by James Watson, seconded by Hoby Howell, discussion, amend the MOTION to add another brick from ResponderSafety, verbal vote taken, motion carried. Curtis will provide the Secretary a copy of the blank forms, which was done, completed with verbiage and returned.

Attorney Cohen again addressed the election process procedure suggesting we need a vote to suspend the by-law requiring a membership card be shown before receiving a ballot. MOTION is to suspend the operation Article II, Section 3 requirement to present a membership card, in lieu the Financial Secretary database list maintained on the computer will suffice by Howard Cohen, seconded by Dave Lewis, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Howard asked the by-law committee to review this Article for possible updating.

VP Watson asked if anyone desiring to serve on a committee, please advise him of same.

Assistant Chaplain James Wharry gave the closing benediction for the day, will reconvene at the President's Council Friday morning.

President Haines reconvened the convention Friday morning at 9am for the Presidents Council meeting. MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag. President Haines offered the welcome on behalf of the CVVFA and asked for any announcements to be made. Charlie Myers provided some comments as our host. Anyone going to the banquet, you must reserve by noon. You are welcome to stop by our new station for a visit.

Steve Heefner advised that this year we have a special treat, those desiring to become a member the Fire House dolls will be walking around signing up folks, thanks ladies.

President Steve gave some additional comments about the activities during the day and then turned the session over to PP Steve Austin to facilitate the Council. Steve added his personal welcome and gave some comments about the logistics for the day. Steve asked Commissioner Ed Mann to welcome the Council on behalf of the Commonwealth. The Commissioner gave the welcome and then made some personal comments. He read a letter from a citizen that shares a different side or perspective from a firefighter LODD. After reading the letter and his response, he made some personal comments about how this should be a lesson learned about the other side of the story.

Steve then introduced some of our folks, Larry Mergenthaler, Robert Sweetman, Allen Brennan and James Cabbage, all 28 years ago founded the Presidents Council. He asked Ron from Stone House Media to introduce the new PSA video entitled "Move It." It is great to have a relationship such as we have with Ron and his folks.

Steve introduced Claudia Garner, our new editor for FirefighterBehavior.com. She brought greetings and provided some background comments of her fire service career. She spoke on her involvement with the CVVFA and looks forward assisting with the web site. She encourages all to pre-plan for that incident that causes negative stress to your department. You need to answer these questions. How would this incident reflect upon your organization or you when it is disclosed to the public and how are you going to respond to your community, your family and your friends. How can we prevent that? How does theft happen, who is watching the check book? How active is your station within the community? Get involved with positive PR. You need to review your policies and procedures. You need to fire proof your department. We have had 7,000 visits to the web this year. Take a look at our Facebook, Twitter and all of our social media sites. Look for our "Tools For The Trade" coming soon.

Director of Training Jack Sullivan was conducting a highway safety training class next door while the Council was meeting. Steve then asked for the first report from the NFFF Executive Director Ron Siarnicki. No further minutes were recorded. Lunch was provided at noon at the activities center for both our attendees and the training students.

President Haines reconvened the CVVFA convention back to order for some additional new business to be conducted. Steven thanked all the participants at the Council. Dr. Carter advised that he was asked to put forward a thought about the security issues at the NFA. I would suggest that we go on record as supporting a return to the free and open access policy which was in place for many years. Somebody has got to start the ball rolling and in about ten minutes my commentary will be up on the top of FireHouse.com. MOTION that the CVVFA go on record as being against the current level of security policy at the NFA by Harry Carter, seconded by Steve McBee, discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Therefore as a follow up, our learned Secretary forward a well drafted document to the appropriate authority. It would be an honor to assist the Secretary with this endeavor.

Bob Timko suggested we talk with our local elected congressmen, this can make a difference. Many referred to the incident whereby Susie Nichols, a senior member of the fire service family, was escorted off the campus by gun point. This is so absolutely absurd and we will not stand for such a policy.

President Haines asked for the report of the election. Judge Charlie Myers asked for the tellers and clerks to join with him. There were 59 voters, the tabulation sheet will be given to the Secretary's office. The results are as follows: VA Director Steve Switzer 37 votes, Kevin Wilkes 18 votes. MD Director Wayne Baker 18 votes, Dave Lewis 38 votes. Fourth VP Rich Brunner 30 votes, Bob Timko 27 votes. Since the votes were close a recount was done with the same results. Steven thanked the election committee for their work and asked for a motion to close the election. MOTION to close the election of Officers for this convention by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell, verbal vote taken, motion carried. MOTION made to destroy the paper ballots from the election by Dave Jacobwitz, seconded by Hoby Howell, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

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Election Ballot
Convention
August 2, 2013

Fourth Vice President from Pennsylvania
Vote for one

_____	Rich Brunner	### ### ### ### ### ###	30
_____	Bob Timko	### ### ### ### ###	27

Maryland Director for 2 year term
Vote for one

_____	Wayne Baker	### ### ###	18
_____	Dave Lewis	### ### ### ### ### ### ###	38

Virginia Director for 2 year term
Vote for one

_____	Steve Switzer	### ### ### ### ### ### ###	37
_____	Kevin Wilkes	### ### ###	18

Bill Goh
Charles E. Myers
W. E. [unclear]
Jerry L. Daniels

Sign In

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| 1 | Stephan McBoo | 34 | Donna Welsh |
| 2 | Jerry L. Daniels | 35 | John A. Chis |
| 3 | David C. Kline | 36 | Bill Dunlop |
| 4 | HOBART B HOWELL JR | 37 | George Zeising |
| 5 | Harry G. Bathis | 38 | William Wagon |
| 6 | Robert Timko | 39 | Walter Hottel |
| 7 | David Lewis | 40 | Richard J. Shely |
| 8 | Paul Ammon | 41 | Paul Smith |
| 9 | George J. Dave | 42 | Walter P. Wager |
| 10 | B. White | 43 | Elmer Steeb |
| 11 | Mike Cook | 44 | James Cobble |
| 12 | Curtis Allemen | 45 | DAVID Jacobson |
| 13 | GEVE WORTHINGTON | 46 | Wayne Baker |
| 14 | Donald Stover | 47 | Howard El |
| 15 | W. T. Zane | 48 | Steel Heef |
| 16 | Dreg Yost | 49 | JEFFREY C. RINGER |
| 17 | David R. Keller | 50 | James A. Brennan |
| 18 | Janet Fromme | 51 | Robert Sweetman |
| 19 | John A. Zipp | 52 | David M. Clark |
| 20 | Alan Lubinger | 53 | James W. Pagray |
| 21 | Rick Bruenner | 54 | Charles Banting |
| 22 | Steve Switzer | 55 | Raymond B. Smith |
| 23 | Steve Austin | 56 | Devian C. Myers |
| 24 | CHARLES MYERS | 57 | William Michael III |
| 25 | Tom Savoy | 58 | John M. |
| 26 | John F. Long | 59 | JOHN S. "PETE" LIBBY |
| 27 | Dave Finger | | |
| 28 | James A. Watson | | |
| 29 | James A. Watson | | |
| 30 | Les Wainwright | | |
| 31 | William | | |
| 32 | John F. W. | | |
| 33 | Sam M. Wainwright | | |

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Greg Yost commented on the election process, urged the incoming President to review the election process.

Rich Brunner made some comments on the affordable health care act, it appears we may have a problem with the definition of volunteer as employees. We need to talk more with Shawn to see if this is the time, suggest we do something. President Haines designated to his successor to review.

Dr. Carter made some additional comments about the confusion as to the impact of the law, in the midst of the confusion, find it hard which direction to move on an action.

Several others gave their opinions, it is obvious there is major confusion. Hopefully, a better clarification or guidance will be forthcoming from the feds.

Steve McBee provided some comments as to the insurance aspect relating to workers comp and full health benefits. This is not going away, just currently postponed.

VP Watson stated first thing Monday morning, he will make some inquiries, get additional information and will disseminate out with a full report next booster meeting.

Ernie Rojhan talked from a meeting he attended with an understanding that a volunteer is on duty 24/7, therefore you are paid under the law of IRS, has nothing to do with money.

President Haines reminded all of the banquet this evening at Premier Events starting at 6:30. He gave directions to drive from the hotel.

MOTION made to adjourn at 4:10pm by Walter Robertson, seconded by Hoby Howell, verbal vote taken, motion passed. All were asked to stay and set up the hall for the Presidents Council meeting.

The banquet program was held Friday evening, August 2, 2013, at the Premier Events banquet facility. PP Steve Austin, serving as the MC, welcomed all to the annual awards banquet and installation. Steve gave some history on the first banquet of the CVVFA and then asked the Chaplain for the blessing. Charlie had a commercial message, Saturday morning at 7:30 in this very place, we will be having our prayer breakfast, you just need to sign up as the card was passed around. The Chaplain gave the prayer and led the group in the pledge to the flag. Steve asked Charlie Myers to give the welcome by the host company. Charlie gave the welcome, proud to host the 112th annual convention, gave some history of the major burning in Shippensburg which brought about the creation of the CVVFA. We are also celebrating our 170th anniversary and the one year celebration of moving into our new building. Charlie introduced the convention committee for recognition, followed by applause. Also, I want to thank Vivian for her support of the convention. Steve asked for some words from our President. Steven gave some welcome comments, read the host company resolution and presented it to them along with the host company check. MC Austin introduced the folks at the head table. He also asked for all the folks in the back who assisted with the convention to be recognized by applause. During dinner the Fire House dolls will be walking around the floor with applications for membership. The program was recessed for dinner.

MC Steve Austin called the banquet program back to order and asked the staff at Premier Events to gather in back of the room allowing us to show our appreciation for a wonderful meal. We have a couple of announcements, Greg Yost has some special gifts for all members under 10 years of age. We also want to acknowledge the most active fireman ever to serve in the Chambersburg FD, that being Guy Flory serving 69 years of service. Yesterday, while the Fire Chief of Vigilant Hose was off duty and visiting in Carlisle, a citizen went into cardiac arrest and Chief Tanner responded quickly with his training and that patient is alive today. Please stand to be recognized. PP Steve Austin introduced our guest speaker Chief Rich Marinucci for the evening. Steve gave some background intro on Chief Marinucci. Rich brought greetings and thanked the Association for the invitation. He opened his remarks about his relationship with the CVVFA going back some 20 years as he was the key person responsible for funding the white paper done on highway safety for first responders. Rich provided some highlights from his fire service career, particularly traveling to Japan on a 50th anniversary trip in 1998. It is such a great pleasure to speak with such a distinguished group. You not only hold down a regular job, you volunteer at a local fire house and then you give time to the CVVFA on top. He spoke about the youth within the service and the need for the transition of leadership and it is our job to leave better than we found it, also we need to

have them prepared. I need to applaud this group for doing so much good at the most dangerous places, that being on our highways. What you have done at the very beginning and taking the lead, taking the banner and becoming the lead nationally in roadway safety, the known experts in the US, right here within this Association. You are leaving the legacy and you should be extremely proud for making the working environment for firefighters safer across this country. Thanks for the invitation and the honor to speak before you, have a wonderful parade tomorrow.

MC Austin thanked our guest speaker for his comments and asked Ray Mowen for a special presentation. Ray came to the podium, stated he is here tonight to dissolve an organization the Franklin Fulton County Association. They have voted to dissolve and the Executive Committee was given the responsibility for the steps to proceed. As of June 30 this year the Association ceased to exist, on July 3, a check was presented to CVVFA as a donation. We would like to see this money used to help fund a scholarship program, however you are free to do as you wish. Therefore tonight, we are making a ceremonial check presentation to the CVVFA. Steve thanked Ray for the wonderful work Franklin Fulton did for over 80 years.

Steve asked Harry Balthis, chairman of the scholarship committee, to present the three awards given this year. Harry introduced our awardees and asked for them to come forward for recognition.

Steve then asked the Secretary to present some resolutions for 50 years of service. Gene read the list as President Haines made the presentations to a representative to accept. Unfortunately, none of our senior members were present to receive. We also have some resolutions as requested by the Directors for special recognitions. The first was presented to Claudia Garner as the editor for Firefighter Behavior.com web site, next went to Wayne Powell for his assistance with the parade, followed by Dave Jacobowitz for his hosting of the President's Council, VP Walter Robertson for his assistance at trade shows with ERSI, Jack Still also for his work at trade shows with ERSI. We also presented a Past President resolution for Daniel Grove who passed this year.

President Haines presented three special resolutions to Chief Steve Flickinger, President Rich Brunner and Citizens Fire Company of Newport. Steven gave some personal remarks during the presentation about these gentlemen and his department for their support over these past 5 years.

Continuing with our awards ceremony, the next award presented was the Youth Leadership Award given in the memory of Gary "Happy Jack" Easton. Chairperson Erin Drumheller introduced the award and then read some narration on Madison Definbaugh our awardee. Steve thanked Erin for her on-going work with the youth all across the region.

Our next award is for the roadway safety advocacy for the person who has provided the greatest amount of service to our ResponderSafety project during the year. It is established in the memory of the late Joe Bukowski who was a visionary and tireless worker. Steve asked Karen, his widow to assist with the presentation. Steve Flickinger, chairman was asked to announce our awardee. However, we have some unfinished business first, we want to recognize Allen Baldwin, last year's awardee. Steve announced our awardee for this year as Jack Sullivan, Director of Training for all his support to excellence for many years.

The program continued with the presentation of the E. Wade Thomas Member of the Year award. Steve gave some background on Mr. Thomas and then asked chairman George Dove to make this award this evening. George spoke of his friendship with Mr. Thomas going back to 1954, he then read the resolution presented to Greg Yost, member of the year. Pictures were taken of all our awardees.

President Haines gave his farewell speech speaking about his last five years serving through the chairs. He gave some special thank you's to some special people. It is with great pride and honor that I conclude my year as President of the CVVFA for the year 2012-2013. I have been a member of CVVFA since 1999 and have been privileged to serve under many distinguished leaders who have guided and made the CVVFA a national leader in the volunteer fire service. I hope that I have maintained a distinction during my term. During my year in office, and with the combined assistance of many of my Officers and members, we have made some significant strides in advancing of the CVVFA's mission, the foremost being the admittance of FASNY into our membership as an honorary member. The membership

and leadership they bring can only serve the efforts of the CVVFA. We have also addressed several issues which not fully concluded will be carried on by my successor. It is with pride that I say the CVVFA continues to grow as a national leader in highway safety. That accomplishment is something that could not have been done without the working assistance of all the Officers and members. Thank you for your tireless work for this organization and for the members of the emergency services community. I know that you will continue to provide the same level of support to my successor. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Citizens Fire Company #1 of Newport for all their support throughout my year as President. It was indeed an honor to accept this office and to be the third member from Newport to do so. I have been fortunate to have a large amount of dedicated members to assist in making my year a success, however we still need members ready to take over the reign in order to maintain our presence in the national arena. Even though my year has come to an end, I pledge to you my commitment to the Association and challenge each of you to join me in pursuing the future goals. Together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our first responders to make sure everyone comes home safely. Now my train is approaching the depot and the conductor is calling out my final destination. I am ready to disembark and turnover my baggage, my seat and my gavel to Jim Watson. Jim, I hope your trip will be enlightening and memorable as mine, fortunately you have a strong and competent crew to engineer and conduct your train. Congratulations and best of luck. In conclusion, I would like to say a final thank you to everyone who has helped to make my year as President memorable and take with me many fond memories, new and renewed friendships and the knowledge that we have worked diligently to enhance the CVVFA. Thank you all very much and enjoy the remainder of the convention and have a safe trip home, good night.

MC Austin acknowledged Wayne Baker for his service for many years as the MD Director. Wayne, thank you for your many years and thanks for all you have done.

Steve then announced all of the Officers for the installation. All gathered in the front of the room for the oath given by PP Steve Austin. Steve offered some words of encouragement and then gave the oath. All Officers were declared duly installed and offered congratulations. PP Haines presented the badges and pictures were taken.

President James Watson gave his acceptance speech and thanked those for supporting his request of Class A uniforms for the banquet. Steven presented Jim the gavel and Jim presented Steven his PP badge and read a resolution recognizing his term as President. MC Austin asked if there were folks who wanted to make presentations. Charlie Myers presented PP Haines with a gift from Vigilant Hose.

President Watson addressed the group and commented by thanking Steven. I am looking forward to another successful year for promoting our organization and highway safety. In the next 12 months, we will take our Association to the next level. In order to accomplish this goal, we need the support from all of the members. We plan to hold a strategic long range planning meeting at Delaware City in the near future and hope you will attend. We have a number of upcoming events such as trade shows that we will need to attend to get the word out about our Association and the on-line training we do. In anyone knows of an event we should attend, please let me know. We also need to continue to build our membership and hopefully encourage some younger members to join our ranks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fire house family. He introduced them individually. Also, I want to thank members of the Wilmington Manor FD where I started some 39 years ago. Jim thanked the Officers in attendance from the DVFA. He introduced some family members in attendance with a special recognition for his wife Debbie and lastly his parents with him in spirit. This is what has lead me here today, has been a great ride and I have so many great people making friendships over the years. I am thankful for being a part of it. Have a safe travel home.

Steve Flickinger presented the traveling plaque to Chambersburg, our host for next year's convention to Guy Flory.

The President asked Charlie Myers to present the door prizes, thanks to those donating. Jim thanked Aetna and Halfway for providing much of the after hour refreshments for the convention. Charlie gave a final reminder for parade, registration and judging at the Kmart parking lot, the route and

prize rewarding at the park. Jim asked if there was any other business that needed to be conducted for this convention. Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry gave the benediction. The President announced since there being no further business to come before the CVVFA, I would like to have our younger member Garner to close the convention by the gavel.

Saturday morning we met at the restaurant for the prayer breakfast. Some 25 folks were in attendance to enjoy the great hospitality and a message from the Chaplain. Saturday morning, we all gathered at the parking lot for the lineup of the parade. The parade kicked off at noon downtown to the old Vigilant Hose fire station and was followed by the awarding of the trophies at the park. This ended the convention for August, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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