

**Utah State Firefighters' Association
Quarterly Meeting
American Fork, UT
January 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at American Fork Senior Center in American Fork, Utah on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Eldon Farnsworth.

Posting of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by American Fork Honor Guard

Prayer – Lance Nay

Roll Call – Gina Bell

Officers Present

President Mike Ahlstrom (excused)	Chaplain Brandon Baugh (excused)
1 st Vice President Eldon Farnsworth	Sergeant-At-Arms Moyle Johnson (excused)
2 nd Vice President Brady George	Historian/Photographer Trisha Thomas
Secretary Gina Bell	L&L Committee Chairman Ryan Mellor
Treasurer Brent Marshall	Rep State Fire Prevention Board Mike Phillips (excused)
Membership Steward Perry Skaug	Rep Utah Fire & Rescue Academy Brad Wardle
Trustee Dave Gillette (excused)	Rep Utah Standards & Training Jason Winn
Trustee Coty Chadburn	Rep Utah Fire Museum Dave Hammond
Trustee Eddie Hales	Rep National Volunteer Fire Council R. Wendell Robison
Trustee Andy McBride	2018 Convention Chair Lance Nay
Trustee Austin Knight	State Fire Marshal Coy Porter

Past Presidents Present

R. Wendell Robison-Fillmore	Joseph A. Bona-Payson	J. Merlin Baker -St. George (excused)
Brent R. Halladay-Fire Marshal's Office	Lynn E. Jones-Spanish Fork	Harold Chadwick-Grantsville (excused)
Drew Rasmussen-Fillmore	Steven H. Demas-Sandy	Travis Graf-St. George (excused)
Leonard Miller-Price	Robert Harrison-Spanish Fork	Jeff L. Norton-St. George (excused)
Janet Atkinson-South Summit	Stan Robins-State Fire Marshal	Lance Nay-Richfield

Past Trustees Present

None.

Past Secretaries Present

None

Past Treasurers Present

Rowe Harrison-Tooele

Past Historina/Photographers Present

Errol Dearden-Fillmore
Leon Hadley-Grantsville

Motion to Accept Last Quarter's Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ryan Mellor
2nd Leonard Miller (passed)

Report of the Treasurer:

Brent Marshall handed out reports to the membership. Brent indicated that the check book balance began at \$41,287.09. He deposited \$3,004.00 and wrote checks totaling \$8,566.31. One check was deposited back as it was never cashed. We paid \$3,000.00 in death benefits. Our financial sheet shows it was our cheapest quarter doing business in 2017.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Steven H. Demas
2nd Ryan Mellor (passed)

Report of the Secretary:

Gina Bell indicated that we have paid death benefits for Paul Pelch, Ned Allinson, Jay Peterson, James Tuckett, Ira Lee Savage, Erlin Alan Roylance. She had to receive a vote from the trustees to pay for Paul Pelch due to the date of his passing. Gina has sent out the newsletter and she has tweaked it to be mailed out to all the departments in the state that have fallen away from the Association or have never joined. She made extra copies for Perry to take to Winter Fire School. She also printed application pamphlets for him to take with. Wants to work on getting the minutes out a little quicker.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Stan Robins
2nd – Leon Hadley (passed)

Report of the Membership Steward:

Perry Skaug mentioned that he got a call from Eureka who was really, really upset that they never received their cards. Perry told them he has never received a check. Perry double checked with Brent to verify that they we never received a check. They re-issued another check and Perry hand delivered the cards to them. Perry ended up getting the original check and it was postmarked for March 2017. Still don't know what journey that check took but he voided and sent it back to them. Perry will be invoicing everyone at the end of this month. Lifetime members are at 536. We have 56 departments paid up and 1,811 paid members. We ended up with 112 new members. If you have questions as to whether or not your department is He asked if anyone have any questions.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Leon Hadley
2nd Dave Hammond (passed)

Eldon mentioned that Perry is not planning to run again so if you know someone who is interested, contact Perry for details of the position. Eldon also mentioned that he personally wants to the Perry, Gina and Brent. They do an awful lot of work for us. They are the ones that really keep this association going and we really appreciate what they do.

L&L Committee Report:

Ryan Mellor handed around a list of bills that they are expecting on the hill at Legislation. He passed out a list of the bills to everyone in attendance. He indicated that they are working on a bill with fireworks. Volunteer Fire Department financial reporting is another bill. There was a bill that was passed that was aimed toward special services districts and it was meant more for water districts and it encompassed fire districts so they are trying to change that. He indicated that if anyone has any questions about any of the bills on the list reach out to Ryan or Coy. February 23rd luncheon on the hill. 11:00 am. Need volunteers to come up and participate. Please come in station uniform if you have one. Coy fielded a phone call from a Fire

Chief who asked how to get back firefighter plates from someone who left their department. They went to the DMV who told him they couldn't force them to turn them in. Coy was contacted. He investigated the situation and found out that there is a way a department can submit a letter but not sure how to enforce the letter to take the plates away. You would only want to start this process if you have a very unique situation with an ex-employee. Brent Halladay mentioned that the Motor Vehicle place went out and seize the plates. Only for a really bad person because you don't want to overdo it.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Coty Chadburn

2nd Wendell Robison (passed)

Gina mentioned that Brady George's wife and a few other ladies organize the luncheon at the Fire Caucus and that involves setting up and decorating the tables and they could use some help with that. Brady indicated especially the setting up and breakdown of the tables & chairs.

Utah State Fire Board:

Coy Porter mentioned the board meeting was just the other day so he reported on it. There was an appeal from the church to upgrade the smoke detectors, pull stations and alarms in the Bountiful Tabernacle. They weren't going to do an entire overhaul. The department up there indicated that if they were going to make those changes that they have to do the entire building. The Board allowed an exception for them. The board was allowed to do rules on food trucks that became affective 12/28/17. Fire Marshal office has stickers (numbered) for food truck inspections. John Richie will be distributing them next week in St. George. Inspections are done by local agencies not by the state. There is a fireworks bill because they had some fireworks were confiscated and the agency used them for a big party and they wanted a proper disposal on fireworks. This bill ended up encompassing all explosives.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Steven H. Demas

2nd Joe Bona (passed)

Fire Marshal's Office

Coy indicated that Mat Sacco has taken a position as Deputy Fire Marshal in Lehi. That leaves them with gas position opened in the Fire Marshal's office. Oscar the ATF dog ended up with a torn meniscus and had surgery last week. He will have a 6-8 week recovery. Over the past year we've had a number of fire deaths so any time any department needs help with investigations or have any questions they can call their office.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Steven H. Demas

2nd – Joe Bona (passed)

Utah Fire & Rescue Academy

Brad Wardle indicated that Winter Fire School is next week. As of last week, they have 726 people attending (up from last year). They have adapted their curriculum for the command training center to fit each area's needs. Any questions?

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Leonard Miller
2nd Drew Rasmussen (passed)

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Motion to accept report.

Motion: Steve H. Demas
2nd Joe Bona (passed)

Standards & Training Council

Jason wasn't in attendance but Brad Wardle indicated the council does the audit for UFRA every 3 years. Council Members will be coming down to audit UFRA in March.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Eddie Hales
2nd Joe Bona (passed)

Volunteer Council Report

Wendell said that received a call from Globe informing him they had 8 boxes of turnouts to send him. He hasn't heard anything so he contacted them and found out that they haven't been mailed but they are coming. He discussed the turnouts with the board and they have a destination for those turnouts. The next meeting for the National Vol Fire Council will be April in Washington DC. They attend these meetings representing Utah. Also, answering phone calls with questions/answers and handling surveys. Annual dues are \$500.00 per year and they have been that way for several years. He handed the invoice over to Eldon so Brent can pay it. Wendell feels that the membership is well worth the benefit we receive. He asked Brent if he had anything to add?

Brent: Safer grants are now available. Our association has a great relationship with Provident Insurance (they call occasionally when they are in town). After Christmas Brent met with Danielle and Barry for dinner. Back in Washington DC there's a dinner (he has met Scott Adams there), Wendell and Brent have been guests of Provident Insurance Company and they will be sitting them with Danielle and Barry. Brent indicated that it's great relationship that they have with them. Barry is stepping down, Danielle will still be working with them.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Leon
2nd Stan Robins (passed)

Report of the Senior Trustee:

Coty Chadburn provided the report. The President's message was put in the Straight Tip. Gina is buying a new embosser for the certificates that say Firefighters' vs Firemen's. We have the college partnership set up. The Jazz nights are ready to go. Coty read the flyer. If anyone has an old ambulance, Garland is looking for something to purchase. Still cleaning up the website, if you see anything incorrect. No grants have been applied for and no business membership have been issued yet. Trisha is keeping the Facebook page up. Gina will be sending info out with convention delegate's letter regarding board positions that will be open as well as how service awards will be dealt with.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Lance Lane
2nd Brent Marshall (passes)

Convention Report

Leonard said that there have only been 4 or 5 departments that have made reservations yet. They will be at Winter Fire School and will be raffling off some free registrations. Everything is moving forward as expected.

Motion to accept report:

Motion: Andy McBride
2nd Ryan Mellor

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 14th in Price, Utah at the Notre Dame Activity Center located at 185 N. Carbon Avenue at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE OUTLOOK CALENDAR INVITATION THAT SENDS YOU AN INVITE TO ALL MEETINGS VIA EMAIL, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE TO GINA BELL WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. INFO MAY BE SENT TO HER EMAIL ADDRESS gina.bell@slcgov.com OR BY TEXT AT 801-580-2336