

**Utah State Firefighters' Association
Quarterly Meeting
Price, Utah
April 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held in Price, Utah on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Ahlstrom.

Pledge of Allegiance – Moyle Johnson

Prayer – Ron Harris

Roll Call – Gina Bell

Officers Present

President Mike Ahlstrom	Chaplain Brandon Baugh (excused)
1 st Vice President Eldon Farnsworth	Sergeant-At-Arms Moyle Johnson
2 nd Vice President Brady George	Historian/Photographer Trisha Thomas (excused)
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 (Jolene Chamberlain)
Trustee Dave Gillette	Rep Utah Standards & Training Jason Winn (excused)
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 (excused)

Past Presidents Present

R. Wendell Robison-Fillmore	Joseph A. Bona-Payson	Lynn E. Jones-Spanish Fork
Harold Chadwick-Grantsville	Drew Rasmussen-Fillmore	Leonard Miller-Price
Robert Harrison-Spanish Fork	Stan Robins-State Fire Marshal	Ron Harris - Tropic

Past Trustees Present

None.

Past Secretaries Present

None.

Past Treasurers Present

Rowe Harrison - Tooele

Past Historians/Photographers Present

Errol Dearden-Fillmore
Leon Hadley-Grantsville (excused)

Motion to Accept Last Quarter's Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ryan Mellor
2nd Stan Robins (passed)

Report of the Treasurer:

Deposits for 1st Quarter was \$16,888.00 which includes the License Plate Grant. There were \$10,003.27 in checks written. We currently have a balance of \$42,609.51. We currently have \$253,747.75 in our benefits account with Wells Fargo. Brent has paid out \$2,000.00 in license plate grants to Brian Head Fire, Kanab Fire, Brookside Fire. Added \$60.00 in January to the Flower Fund and our balance is \$1,047.68. We paid \$2,050.00 in death benefits. We paid back the check to the Museum for \$56,449.40 and some change. Brent had to get 5 more 40-year pins. The license plate money comes to us through from the Fire Marsha's Office and they tell us who gets the awarded money and how much. We just hand the money out. We get a very small amount of payment for being the clearing house of the money.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Joe Bona
2nd Ron Harris (passed)

Report of the Secretary:

Sent Death Benefit requests to Brent for Gary Jorgensen-ATK Retired, Clip J. Taylor-Mapleton, Ken Lee-Tooele, Norman LaBaron-American Fork, Fred Jaron Haglund-Ogden Defense Depot, Taylor Carlyle Hutton-Hyrum. Gina ordered a new embosser for the certificates that says Firefighters'. The cost to replace all the certificates is high so we will use a new embosser with the old certificates until we get more of them used up. Gina has all the delegates packets ready to go and will be sending them out early next week. Deadline will be May 15th for departments and May 31st for Past Presidents and Trustees who will receive their own invite to convention in the mail. We have decided as a board that effective immediately, pins will only be handed out to the actual person receiving the award. We spend thousands of dollars on pins and we have people take them at convention for other people. Also, in the delegation letters we have indicated that there are two positions up for election at convention. We've heard they sit in drawers at fire stations or don't make it to the member for whatever reason and we often end up having to issue new pins. Gina has included in the delegation envelopes a form that can be duplicated and used by members who can't attend to accept their award. They just complete the form and send it in and we will mail their certificates and pins to them. There will also be postcards at convention that can be picked up for members to fill out and send in. All certificates can be taken at convention. A 5-year Trustee and a Membership Steward as Perry is not running again. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the Membership Steward, have them contact Perry Skaug so they can meet with Perry to find out what the job entails. If you are in a position that has a picture of you in the convention book (Ladies Auxiliary or Board Representatives) and you need a new picture taken, you will need to make contact with our photographer, Trisha Thomas. She has asked to be excused from this meeting. You can get her phone number from Gina.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Leonard Miller
2nd – Harold Chadwick

Report of the Membership Steward:

Winter Fire School went really well. Perry thanked Jolene for the booth each year. Bluff Fire Department joined the Association. We need to vote on their charter and send to them or present at convention if they will be there. We have removed several department's names from the membership list on the website. This has caused a few departments to contact Perry to find out why there were removed. Roy was one of those and they have caught up. Kaysville is looking into catching up. Asked about making payments to catch up, Perry told them us. Up to 537 lifetime memberships, 59 current departments 1,912 member 167 new members. Talked to several people at Winter Fire School Rush Valley wants to catch up. Talked to Stockton while down there and they want to catch up. We will need to put Roy back on the website list.

Motion: Stan Robins
Dave Hammond (passed)

L&L Committee Report:

Ryan Mellor discussed the bills that were looked at for the Fire Service and many were passed that we hoped to get, but there were some that didn't pass. One was because we ran out of time was the Finance Reporting for Volunteer Fire Departments. We had a good turnout for the Fire Caucus.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Lance Nay

2nd Coty Chadburn (passed)

Fire Marshal's Office: Combined with the L&L Committee Report.

Utah Fire & Rescue Academy

Jolene indicated that Brad wanted to be at the meeting but was unable to make it and asked her to attend on his behalf. She introduced herself. She indicated that there are a few changes: Red card Certification is changing to have two options. The first is the arduous red card which is what they have had in the past. The second option which is new to the UFRA will be the non-arduous red card which means that you go through the training, but you won't go through testing and you won't have to do the pack test. She indicated that they've talked to many chiefs and fire wardens across the state along with the director of the forestry and state lands and everyone has given a thumbs up on it. This is still in the preliminary stages. Gina asked if it effects deployment, choosing to do one over the other. Jolene indicated that if you have your arduous red card you can go out on the fire but if you have your non-arduous you can't fight fire but you can do support in other areas. More will be coming out in the Straight Tip. The new training director, Dave Owens has decided through various discussions that they want to change the training options. They will be going to the menu approach. For example, a lot of rural fire departments don't need the full Firefighter I course but need components of it. So you will be able to go onto the UFRA website, pull down a menu item list and schedule the type of class you want for example ventilation or ropes. The Fire Academy is working towards acquiring 15 acres of property where the old Geneva Steel was to build a new fire academy. They are working closing with the University and the State Board, Legislation and Fire Marshal's office to make that happen. So hopefully they will have a new home. Lastly, the University is looking for a new president. The current president has taken an assignment with the church and is expected to leave in June. The Board of Regents just released four names of strong applicants. There will be an open meeting to listen to the four candidates. They will be doing presentations and taking questions from the audience. She asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Andy McBride

2nd Ryan Mellor (passed)

Volunteer Council Report

Wendell presented a certificate from the National Volunteer Fire Council acknowledging our membership and participation which he turned over the Secretary Gina Bell. Wendell received 40 sets of turnouts from Globe Manufacturing used for display (laundered, bagged and sent). Wendell with the assistance of the board will determine where to send these turnouts to help out a department who is in desperate need of them. All Wendell has to do is sign a waiver acknowledging that they have been used as display. Brent and Wendell are going to Washington DC next week and they have 2 appointments where they hope to make an impression that keeps Brent and Wendell on their minds. The council is really taking a position on drug overdosing and exposures of those drugs that firefighters receive. Mental Health is the other thing they are focusing on right now. Suicide is high on their list. Brent indicated that Glob as a bunker giveaway for departments in need. The National Volunteer Fire Council is trying to get all departments to join their membership. Having volunteer departments as members assists them with legislative issues that benefit departments. The State of Utah has 13 volunteer departments that are members at this time.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Coty Chadburn

2nd Stan Bob Harrison (passed)

Report of the Senior Trustee:

Dave Gillette indicated that we are working on getting departments that have fallen away from the Association back in. If you know of any departments that may want to get their membership back, have them give us a call. Thanks to Gina, Perry and Brent for all their extra work they are doing on these extra things we have going on. We have started setting up business members and have a new business membership, Superior Equipment (formerly Ross Equipment). For \$250.00 they can be a business member and have their logo on our website. They will also get to pay to attend convention, but they won't have voting rights. We are working on dropping the cost of our pins. The website has been redone, take a look at it and let us know what you think. The website address is www.fireassociation.com

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Dave Hammond
2nd Lance Nay (passes)

Convention Report:

Lance turned the time over to Leonard and Paul. Registration forms will be send out next week. They have a lot of fun activities planned. The hotels in Price are a little less expensive than most, so hopefully that will save you a few dollars. There will be a link through Price City's website. Mike indicated that they will also link it through our association's website. Paul went over a few of the events which include a 9-mile canyon tour that will be a 6-hour tour and includes lunch for \$20.00. Golf will start at 10:00 a.m., and the gun range is booked.

Motion to accept report:

Motion: Harold Chadwick
2nd Joe Bona (passed)

Standards and Training: Jason Winn couldn't be at the meeting, so Gina read the report he submitted for the meeting:
Item #3: Report from the Certification Council: Ray Stokes indicated that if you look at item #3 from the previous minutes, there was some discussion about who could be certified and how they could be certified and throughout the last few meetings it has been a topic of discussion. Lori and her staff have gone through and decided how much it costs to have a certification, go through the paperwork and what it costs to do that and at the last meeting, it was voted on to raise the cost of certification for non-affiliated individuals which was right around \$90.00 to cover the cost of their certification. There is a list of people who are currently receiving certifications through the process. All of those people who are currently receiving certifications, it was decided to have them grandfathered into the program. Anyone else who wants to come in has to make application, show that they meet the criteria to be certified and then they can be voted through the certification council to be part of the certification process. Fire departments, as in the past, will continue to have a free pass. You've got hospitals, etc. that need certifications that we offer and they will be able to continue to get those, however they have to pay their way. Out of state people have an interest in getting certified. Ray will get back with the group on that issue. West Wendover is also interested in participating in that certification.

Item #4: Report on Haz-Mat Tech Curriculum: Art Deyo reported that the new hazmat tech curriculum through IFSTA was approved for the first edition. Prior to approving it, the second edition was released, so there is a working group down at Utah Fire and Rescue Academy with Ryan Peterson who are going over the current International Fire Service Training Association's first edition curriculum and making changes to have it comply with the second edition. The biggest changes are in the slides that it came with. The previous one wasn't real useable so they changed it and now we have to go through

it and make a lot of changes to make it Utah specific and change some photos. We are hoping to have this done by the end of March. Once that is completed, then we'll go through the approval process.

There was discussion about reducing the chemistry portion, increasing the amount of hands on time, all that is being considered or should be being considered. Brad indicated that Initially they were only going to do one class a year and we think we have come up on a model with the new curriculum that we are going to be able to utilize in-house testers to help us with some of our testing that will reduce our costs and therefore give us an opportunity to do more classes.

Item #5: Discussion on the Audit of UFRA: We have an audit that needs to be completed on UFRA in 2018. The audit will be both financial and contractual and UFRA has requested that the audit be conducted in March and April. The Board set this up on 3 year cycles of audits of UFRA to be conducted by this body. We need to do a performance audit, a curriculum audit, a logistics audit, and we have in the past had the university do a financial audit.

Motion: Rowe Harrison
Andy McBride (passed)

Utah State Fire Board: No report. Mike indicated that Mike Phillips was planning to be in attendance today to give a report today, but they had a structure fire so he was unable to attend.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Gina wanted to congratulate Harold Chadwick and his new bride Diana on their recent marriage. Mike asked if there is any business for the good of the Association. He indicated that a thank you to Price Fire for hosting the meeting and dinner and their great hospitality.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 13th in Grantsville, Utah at the Utah Fire Museum located at (2930 UT-112) 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