

**Utah State Firefighters' Association  
Quarterly Meeting  
Grantsville, UT  
October 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at the Utah State Fire Museum in Grantsville, Utah on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Eldon Farnsworth.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Larsen

Prayer – DeWilton Brown

Roll Call – Eldon Farnsworth

Officers Present

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President Eldon Farnsworth	Chaplain DeWilton Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Brady George	Sergeant-At-Arms David Larsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave Gillette	Historian/Photographer Trisha Thomas
Secretary Gina Bell (excused)	L&L Committee Chairman Ryan Mellor
Treasurer Brent Marshall (excused)	Rep State Fire Prevention Board Mike Phillips (absent)
Membership Steward Sam Larson (excused)	Rep Utah Fire & Rescue Academy Brad Wardle (absent)
Trustee Eddie Hales (excused)	Rep Utah Standards & Training David Larsen
Trustee Coty Chadburn (excused)	Rep Utah Fire Museum Dave Hammond
Trustee Andy McBride	Rep National Volunteer Fire Council R. Wendell Robison
Trustee Austin Knight	2018 Convention Chair Mike Ahlstrom
Trustee Roger Christensen	State Fire Marshal Coy Porter (Ted Black for Coy)

Past Presidents Present

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R. Wendell Robison-Fillmore	Joseph Bona (excused)	J. Merlin Baker -St. George
Lynn Jones-Spanish Fork (excused)	Harold Chadwick-Grantsville	Steven H. Demas-Sandy
Leonard Miller-Price	Robert Harrison-Spanish Fork	Lance Nay-Richfield (excused)
J. Merlin Baker		

Past Trustees Present

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None

Past Secretaries Present

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None

Past Treasurers Present

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None

Past Historian/Photographers Present

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None

President Farnsworth indicated that Andrew Glad passed away last month.

Motion to Accept Last Quarter's Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ryan Mellor

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ahlstrom (passed)

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Andy McBride handed out the report of the Treasurer for Brent Marshall. The audit was completed and everything is in order. The checking account started with a balance of \$54,167.51. There were 4 deposits made in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for a total of \$5,566.00. All were dues payments. There were \$9,963.44 in checks written and the current balance on the account is \$49,770.07. The total amount of checks written included \$2,500.00 in death benefits paid to members beneficiaries. Brent wrote 1 check from the License Plate Grants to South Davis Metro Fire in the amount of \$5,000.00. There is a balance of \$30,427.20 in that account and there is \$1,087.68 in the flower fund. The Association's investments balance is currently \$257,536.27.

Motion to accept report.

Dave Larsen

2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Mellor (passed)

**Report of the Secretary** – Report was read by Eldon Farnsworth. Gina was able to find Lloyd Brown's memorial plaque. It was mailed to Vernon Jensen's wife by mistake. She picked it up from Vernon's wife in Riverton and dropped off the plaque to Andy McBride at the Fire Station as he indicated he could get it to the Brown family. She is looking for Vernon's plaque and will let Brent know if we need to order a new one. Gina is still working on the newsletter. It needs new information to go in it if anyone has anything they want to add to it. The newsletter will have information regarding our newest board members as well as a section on our new President. It will have highlights from Convention. If anyone has anything to add please send it to Gina. We have two new business members. They are Alpine Restoration and Firefighters Credit Union. She has mailed out thank you letters and certificates. She ordered and gave Roger Christensen his new polo shirt. She has one for Sam Larson as well.

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor

2<sup>nd</sup> – Harold Chadwick (passed)

**Report of the Membership Steward:** Nothing to report.

**L&L Committee Report:**

Ryan indicated that there hasn't been a Joint Council Meeting for a few months due to the summer break. The meeting is due to take place next week. Ryan indicated that Coy met with the School Superintendent's about the after-market locks and building safety/security. Commissioner Squires retired at the end of August and Commissioner Jess Anderson was appointed by Governor Herbert and will be confirmed by the Senate at their special session on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Met with the Utah State Building Board on November 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the land being requested as the future home of UFRA. The Board will be putting a priority list together by late November. Day is the last day of Fire Prevention Week. Code officials meet at 7:30 am on October 17<sup>th</sup> and Business and Labor Committee meets at 1:15pm. Number 3 on the agenda will be a bill asking to adopt the National Fire Code for legislative action that will

happen at the first of the year. Sheri Stevens is a new hire at the Fire Marshal's office and she began on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be handling NFIRS. Legislative Actions: Adoption of the 2018 National Fire Code will be coming up this year. Also funding for the Fire Marshal's office is looking for an increase, and there should be an increase in the fire premium tax. They will be working on a fee schedule upgrade and firefighter retirements will receive a 4.36 percent increase in cost in July 2019. May see bills on the pier to pier storage. Also working on Valet trash where if you live in a townhome or condo community, you just set your trash outside your door and theoretically someone comes by and gathers it up. So on trash collection day you could have a corridor of a multi-story lined with combustibles. It's a significant fire hazard.

Motion to accept: Harold Chadwick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ahlstrom (Passed)

**Utah State Fire Board:** Nothing to Report.

**Utah Fire & Rescue Academy:** Nothing to Report.

**Standards & Training Council:**

Dave indicated that they had a meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 2 things heavily discussed. The first had to do with HazMat Tech certifications. The question came about because of Aniston and the guys who are going to Aniston for a week and coming back with reciprocity, taking the test and the question to the Academy is why can they do it in one week do we need to look at the hours. Do we need to look at what standard they are using? Because their pass rates of their guys coming back are really good. There was discussion at possible changing different levels of HazMat Tech Certifications as well as looking at if it should be hours based or competency based. The biggest thing that came out of the meeting is that we want to make sure that it adheres to the NFPA standard. It was sent back to the advisory board to look at a comparison with Aniston, what their recommendation is for our standard and do we need to change our standard or change our hours so it's more competency based. The biggest concern that came out of the meeting is that it still meets NFPA standard 472 and second, there was a quick discussion on everyone going to Aniston and not having a local option any longer. That was disagreed on by pretty much everyone. Aniston does have some real value. The other concern was that some departments would like to see more requirements while others just need to be the basic level. Dave indicated that there should be another meeting in November. The other item was discussions with UFRA site visits have to be conducted by next year for all the affiliated training academies. Those include West Valley, Bridger, Davis and the RCA program at UFRA.

Motion to accept: Trisha Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Black (Passed)

**Volunteer Fire Council Report:**

Brent and Wendell attended the Fall meeting of the National Volunteer Fire Council last month in Bismarck, ND. It was a very good meeting and Wendell is always impressed on the speakers that they bring in to the meeting. They are making a push to get members to advertise in your state to get people to join the NVFC. The dues are about \$15 per month. They include a \$10,000 life and disability policy and info every month comes out of the NVFC office. It includes info on the national legislature and how it comes about. He thinks Utah has between 10 and 15 members signed up. You can go to NVFC.org to

sign up. The benefits far out way the cost. It's a benefit for us because they ask Brent and Wendell if they know the individuals who apply to be grant workers on the fire grants. Christensen out of Logan as well as gentlemen out of Smithfield. The NVFC calls Wendell for a reference of recommendation of those individuals from Utah. The other big benefit is that if we get 500 members state-wide they will waive the dues of the State Association. Wyoming's director sent out a letter and they got over 500 immediately. That's something we could do as well. We have fire apparatus that we have never had before called drones. The Forest Service and BLM has one. The 3 windiest and hottest days we had was when the fire between Nephi and Spanish Fork that kept growing every day. For 3 days they couldn't get a handle on it, the wind died down enough to get the aircraft in sky but there was an issue because someone with a drone had it up taking pictures with it. It's a concern nationally. When Matt Burchette was killed in California, the NVFC sent both Brent and Wendell a message of condolences as well as a heartfelt thank you and prayers for the service of our members in Utah and for the loss of Matt's life. Brent got up at the meeting for the good of the Association and talked about how California, Utah, Nevada, Etc. had participated in taking care of Matt in getting him back to Utah and the affect that the NVFC had from this. Wendell just brought up to the meeting today, \$100,000 worth of turnout gear that has been donated by Globe Manufacture. Wendell serves on NFPA 1971 and 1851 which is the turnout description and personal gear of firefighters on a structural fire. This includes the coat, pants, helmet, Nomex hood, boots and gloves. He has been on this committee for about 20 years and this is just one of the more active committees in the NFPA. He met a representative from Globe and she and Wendell have become good friends. She has donated this fire gear which has never been used, only displayed so it can't be sold, only donated. Wendell has been called on by the NVFC to send gear to Louisiana when they had their hurricane and to West Virginia last year. Also to Texas as well as our fire people here in Utah. Wendell and Brent work together as a team and they are both on different committees and they cover a vast area of knowledge. Wendell indicated that it's a pleasure to serve the NFPA and represent the USFA.

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Demas  
Passed

Report of the Fire Marshal's Office was included in the L&L Committee Report that Ryan Mellor gave.

#### **Senior Trustee Report:**

We are doing a JAZZ night 3/14 & 3/16. It was very successful last year. We are still looking for a convention host city for 2020. We have had a couple people ask about it but no one has offered to take it on. If you know of a department that might be interested to please get in touch with us. There are many departments that have done it in the past that are willing to provide information to help make it successful. We are looking at getting more available training in the fire service for rural areas. Austin Knight brought this up and is interested in helping rural areas get more training for specialties like engineer, officers, chief, etc. He is interested in getting a standardized training program in place that goes from County to County. This will be something that we can work on through UFRA. Trustee Christensen and President Farnsworth attempted to meet with Emery County to discuss the of them to discuss possible membership of the Association but no one from Emery County showed up to the meeting that was set. They are looking at possibly meeting with some County Commissioners to discuss it. We had a report from Trustee Gillette that a member in Tooele has been diagnosed with throat cancer, stage 4. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone that is dealing with cancer in the fire community, the Cancer Support Network has mentors that can assist. Both Andy's Dad

and his cousin Travis Peterson used mentors from the Cancer Support Network. The Network can't just call the member needing help. The member has to reach out to the Support Network through their website to request a mentor. The website is [www.fcsn.com](http://www.fcsn.com) or you can contact Michael Conn [mconn@fcsn.net](mailto:mconn@fcsn.net) or at 801-809-2210. This organization is a great resource and they do a lot of other things to help firefighters who are fighting cancer.

Motion to accept: Harold Chadwick  
Ryan Mellor 2<sup>nd</sup> (passed)

**Convention Report:**

Mike indicated that Austin was going to handle the report. Austin indicated that they are excited about hosting convention. They are working to get Mike Gagliano. He and his wife will both come to town and have a combination presentation where they talk about firefighter marriages and issues that are encountered. He has a new book coming out as well. They are working on hotels.

Motion: Ryan  
Mike Ahlstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> (passed)

Old Business: None.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2019 at the Garland City Building at 72 N. Main in Garland at 1:00 pm for the Trustees meeting and 4:00 pm for the Quarterly meeting. The memorial will be at 4:45pm today. Information will be on the website and on facebook.

Motion to adjourn:  
Mellor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harold Chadwick (passed)