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## Quarterly Association Meeting

October 26, 2011 @ 6:30 pm

Bayleaf Fire Department

### Officers

*Tommy Cole*  
*President*

*Ron Fowler*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President*

*Vacant*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President*

*Brian Cox*  
*South Director*

*Steve Neal*  
*North Director*

*Ed Brinson*  
*Treasurer*

*Kathy*  
*Weatherspoon*  
*Executive Secretary*

*Len Needham*  
*Past President*

**Call Meeting to Order** – Tommy called meeting to order. Chief Pope welcomed everyone to Bayleaf Fire Department. Tommy thanked the Bayleaf Fire Department for the use of their facility and Triad Fire for sponsoring dinner.

**Invocation** – Ron Fowler offered invocation.

**Meal** – Sponsored by Triad Fire, Inc. / Prepared by Forks Catering in Wake Forest

**Sign-In Sheet** – Sign in sheet was distributed and everyone was asked to sign it, along with their department name and county they are from.

**Introduction of Board Members** – Tommy introduced all the current Board members:

*Ron – 1<sup>st</sup> VP*

*Brian – South Director*

*Steve – North Director*

*Len – Past President*

*Kathy – Executive Secretary*

*Ed – Treasurer*

**Review Minutes from July 20, 2011 Quarterly Meeting in Southern Pines** – Minutes were distributed for everyone to review. Motion to accept by Walter Gardner and seconded Todd Wright. Passes.

**Treasurers Report** – Len distributed copies of the quarterly financial report for review. Motion to accept by Ron Fowler and seconded by Walter Gardner. Passes

### Speakers:



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- Bill Carter / Loren Pittman – LGFCU. Loren Pittman, Commercial Loan Officer with the LGFCU, gave an update on what they can do for the fire departments. If thinking about financing or refinancing a building or truck, please keep them in mind. Bill thanked everyone for allowing them to help us.

- Gene Moore – Chaplain 101 Program. Gene presented an update on the 101 program, which is a non-profit organization to work with Chaplains across the state and beyond to provide training to chaplains.

- Elizabeth Fligor – MDA. Elizabeth wanted to thank everyone who helps raise money for the MDA and is looking for anyone else who may be interested. She explained the Adopt a Family program that fire departments who are small or do not fill they can fill a boot in their area, may be interested.

- Steve Ogburn – Forsyth County Fire and Rescue Association will hold its annual expo. Admission is \$5.

- Ken Huston – Safe Air – thanked everyone for their work. They will be providing meal at January quarterly meeting.

**Reports:** Update from all programs was given.

- NCSFA – Paul Miller – Bill Jones, current NCSFA President, was introduced. Also serving on the board this year are Tommy Cole and Brian Cox. Gateway conference will be moved this year to be the same week as Mid-Winter Conference in Concord in February.

- NCAFC – Len Needham, President, introduced Ron Fowler who serves on Board with him. Several classes ongoing. Awards and Recognition Program guidelines have been developed and are posted on the NCAFC website. If anything you would like brought up at next meeting, please let Len or Ron know.

- NCFFF – Joey Webb, President, thanked the Piedmont Association for all of their work and support. Finished up with State Fair this year. We had a very good year at the fair, as this is our major fundraiser for the year. Last week to help out with calendar fund raiser. Also, Interstate Battery donates 1% of any sales from batteries to the Foundation. Two LODDs confirmed so far this year.

- NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors – no report

- OSFM – Scott Hackler asked everyone to keep going to the pocket tool website of OSFM which can help with your training. Please go to website to see



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newsletter. December 7 in next certification meeting. Nov 18-20 is the NAFA weekend and it is full.

- SEAFC – Ron Fowler reported that the SEAFC is now the largest membership of the IAFC. Leadership Conference will be June 2012 in Hampton, VA. If your department serves less than 10,000, you entire department can join for the cost of one membership.
- NC Community College System – Chris Raynor reported that a patch had been created to solve some of the problems they had with record transfers. Office has changed from Raleigh to Durham. Cell phone number has stayed the same. If you need him, please call.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- PNCFA Board Elections
  - Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (*elect by acclamation if unopposed*)
  - Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*elect by acclamation if unopposed*)
  - Election of Northern Director (*elect by acclamation if unopposed*)
  - Election of Southern Director (*elect by acclamation if unopposed*)
  - Election of Treasurer (*elect by acclamation if unopposed*)

Board received resumes and they have been reviewed. The election committee recommends the following for above positions:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Brian Cox, Guil-Rand FD, current Southern Director  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Steve Neal, Fire District #13, current Northern Director  
Northern Director – Chris Langham, Winston Salem FD, Forsyth County  
Southern Director – Hampton Williams, Southern Pines FD, Moore County  
Treasurer - Ed Brinson, Fairview FD, Wake County

Recommendations from the floor were open:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – none from floor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – none from floor

Northern Director – Chris Davis, Clemmons FD, Forsyth County, nominated by Jerry Brooks, Clemmons FD. Motion to close nominations made and seconded. Passes.

Southern Director – A. C. Rich, Stoney Hill FD, Wake County, nominated by Tim Pope, Bay Leaf FD. Motion to close nominations made and seconded. Passes.

Treasurer – none from floor.



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Instructions for voting were given. Election ballots were distributed to those eligible to vote. You do not have to select anyone on the ballot for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Treasurer since no one else were nominated for those positions. Only vote for Northern and Southern Directors.

Results: Northern Director – vote OK.  
Southern Director selection was tied. We will have to vote again.

Elected officers:

President: Ron Fowler

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Brian Cox

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Steve Neal

Northern Director – Chris Langham

Southern Director – AC Rich

Treasurer: Ed Brinson

All officers will be sworn in at January 2012 meeting.

- 2012 Meeting Schedule – all places have been confirmed.
  - 1/25/12 – Pincroft-Sedgefield, Guildford, Safe Air Systems will sponsor
  - 4/25/12 – Northwest Harnett, Harnett, LFGCU will sponsor
  - 7/25/12 – Horneytown, Davidson, Triad Fire will sponsor
  - 10/24/12 – Monroe, Union, Scott Safety will sponsorIf any department interested in hosting a meeting in 2013, please contact Ron Fowler, President
- Education Seminar for the Spring – working on seminar for March or April 2012. More information will be sent out later.
- Other business from the floor
  - Jerry Brooks stated that Ted Armstrong had passed away. Somewhere in our minutes, it was voted that a stone player be placed at Emmittsburg. It has not been taken care of. He asked Chief Webb, NCFFF, to please try and handle. He thinks cost will be about \$250. Motion by Jerry Brooks and seconded by John Hanse, to more forward to have a stone placed at Emmittsburg in honor of Ted Armstrong, past Secretary of the Piedmont. Passes.

### **Program:**



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Paul Miller – Executive Director NCSFA, facilitated the program for tonight. The presentation is a three tier presentation. Warren Anthony, Attorney, presented the update on the Retirement System for the NCSFA. Program will be signed off on tomorrow. A meeting will be held this week for investment selections. A separate Summary Plan Description will be provided to each Department for them to review and decide whether to adopt this plan or not. If you elect to adopt, NCSFA and Heritage Pension will be glad to answer any questions you may have. The Trustees selected Heritage Pension Services as the Administration/record keeper. Representatives from Heritage and Standard were introduced and gave a brief update of what their responsibilities will be. Paul gave a little more details about how great this program is. Legislature representative (Fred Bone) gave an update on the legislature items of concern to fire programs.

- Paul Miller gave an update for the NCSFA. Paul updated all of the numerous programs that the NCSFA are involved in.

### **Meeting Sponsor:**

- Wade Fariior, Sales Manager, Triad Fire gave an update of services that they provide and a short description of some of their products. Triad Fire gave out several door prizes.
- **Adjourn**