

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
JULY 31, 2019
NC OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE – RALEIGH, NC

Call to Order: President A. C. Rich called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Opening Comments: President Rich welcomed everyone and thanked OSFM for hosting and Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks for sponsoring meal for tonight's meeting. Brian Taylor welcomed everyone to the OSFM offices. OSFM Staff are available for any questions and tours of the office at conclusion of meeting tonight. Atlantic Cost Fire Trucks introduce their staff in attendance and thanked everyone for allowing them to sponsor tonight meal.

Prayer: Chief Ron Fowler opened meeting with prayer.

Pledged of Allegiance

Introduction of officers:

A.C. Rich – President, Youngsville FD/Northern Wake FD
Chris Davis – 1st VP, Clemmons FD
Dolly Hulin – 2nd VP Thomasville FD
Brian Causey - South Director, Guil-Rand FD
Steven Roberson – North Director, City of King FD
Ed Brinson – Treasurer, Fairview FD Retired
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary, Bahama FD - Excused
Chris Langham – Past President, Kernersville FD

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 2019 association meeting were distributed to each attendee for review and approval. Motion to accept was made and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Brinson presented the treasurer's report for last quarter. A copy of financial report was distributed to each attendee for review. Current total of all accounts is \$45,828.85. Motion to accept report was made and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2019 PNCFA Scholarship and Grant Awards:

Ted Armstrong – 1st Year Student (\$2,500)

- Haley P. Mendenhall, Thomasville FD
- Keith O. Sherard, Jr., Winston Salem FD

Ted Armstrong – 2nd Year Student (\$1,500)

- Savannah J. Dupree, Zebulon FD
- Hannah G. Rich, Northern Wake FD

Brooks-Ward Education Sponsorship (\$750)

- Beeson Crossroads FD, Kernersville, NC
- Rural Hall FD, Rural Hall, NC

Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Tim Bradley reported for the NCSFA. He introduced current and past board members who were present. They are back in the Quorum Center. Relief Fund reports are due October 31. SAFRE Conference is Aug 22-24 in Raleigh. Looking at setting attendance records this year. He gave a brief updates on legislation, deadlines, and upcoming events. First Responder's Day is on September 11.
2. **NCAFC** – Holly Hulin reported for the NCAFC. Holly introduced current and past board members that were in attendance. She gave an update on upcoming classes and information that is available to all. Pushing volunteer recruiting and NCAFC License plate sign up will be available to SAFRE.
3. **NCFFF** –Kathy Weatherspoon reported for the NCFFF. We will hold a Memorial Service at SAFRE on Thursday at 4, candlelight service at the Memorial in Nash Square at 8:00pm. Looking for volunteers to staff our booth during the NC State Fair from October 17-27. So far, no line of duty deaths this year so far!
4. **OSFM** – Brian Taylor distributed their newsletter with all the updates. Update given on State wide smoke alarm initiative and it was a huge success. Please plan to get involved next year if you weren't this year.
5. **SEAFCA** – Len Needham reported on updates. Chief Needham is the newly elected first VP of the SEAFCA. A.C. Rich congratulated him on his appointment. Conference was two weeks ago in Murfreesboro FD, Tennessee. NC Volunteer Chief selected as the SEAFCA Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year. Chief Ron Fowler will serve another year as Past President on Board. Chief Needham gave update on initiatives that the SEAFCA are working on. Seven LODDs in the SE so far this year. He gave an update on the IAFC.
6. No one present to report for the NC Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors, NC Community Colleges, NC Emergency Management and NVFC.

Vendors: Several vendors were recognized in attendance.

Old Business –

1. None

New Business –

1. PNCFA North director's election process – Due to an error, we did not notify membership of the upcoming vacancy for the Northern Director. Executive Board decided tonight to announce opening. Resumes of those interested should be sent in. Voting will take place at October meeting.
2. Proposed by Law adjustments – Proposed changes will be made and posted to our website tomorrow. Please review. We will vote on approval of changes at October meeting.
There are three proposed by law changes:
 - a. Add County Fire Marshal members as part of our membership.
 - b. Adding Fire and Life Educators to list of awardees awarded by the PNCFA.
 - c. Looking at adding an open seat on Board which will let us elect on open board member is no one applies for a North or south open board seat.
3. Announcement of PNCFA Awards (nominations must be submitted by September 30th)

Program: Staff from the Office of State Treasurer. They gave an update on new program, ORBIT, which will be an online program for the NC Fire and Rescue Pension Fund. They walked thru the process on line and showed how to sign on and enter/add/delete information. Program is still in the creating stage and will be working with small groups for a pilot program for feedback and suggestion.

Vendors: Atlantic Emergency, CIVIC Credit Union were recognized and given a chance to speak.

Next meeting will be October 23, 2019 and will be sponsored by Drewry Fire Department in Warren County.

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn by Chief Len Needham. The association meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with a tour of the OSFM facilities.

Attendance: 95