

## **MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 7, 2018 – ENGLISH CONSUL VFC**

The annual meeting of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association (MFCA) was held on April 7, 2018 at the English Consul VFC in Baltimore County. Past Presidents in attendance were Ron Watkins, John Hogle, Paul Sterling, and Richard Blair. PP Blair is also serving as the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for the MSFA. Officers present were President Hugh Owens, 1<sup>st</sup> P Paul Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP William Smith, Treasurer Rick Hemphill, Membership Secretary Katie Owens, Chaplain Reverend Richard Bower, and Assistant Chaplain Robin Howard. Special guest Mark Bilger, MD State Firemen's Association (MSFA) President was also in attendance.

The English Consul Auxiliary and firefighters provided a very nice lunch at Noon, and photos of all members in attendance were done during the lunch hour. The opening prayer was given by Assistant Chaplain Robin Howard. Robin also led the Pledge of Allegiance. At 1305 hours, President Owens called the meeting to order. The Association was greeted by ECFD Chief Robert Bury, Jr. MSFA President Mark Bilger made some brief comments and presented a plaque to President Owens for the good work over the past two years. Past President Paul Sterling, current President of the Eastern Division, International Fire Chiefs Association, spoke about the upcoming EDIAFC Conference being held in Maryland at the Embassy Suites BWI hotel, noting that we would like to have a good attendance from Maryland.

President Owens commenced with the awards portion of the meeting. President Bilger was presented with a plaque for the MSFA to commemorate the unity that has been exhibited this year between the two organizations. Appreciation plaques for their hard work over the past year were presented to the MFCA officers and Regional representatives, and also to the Training Committee members and to LAMFCA President and Fire Prevention committee Chair Teresa Chrisman.

The William Perry Award, given in honor of Past President William Perry for outstanding work for the Association in the past year, was awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Paul Sullivan. The Chief Leslie B. Thompson, PP, Memorial Trophy, the highest award given by the MFCA, is sponsored by the Damascus VFD and Chestertown VFC. Chief Thompson served in both of these departments. Chief Darron Long of the Damascus VFD presented Chief Johnie Roth, last year's winner, with his "keeper" trophy. The winner of this year's Thompson Award was Chief Paul Sterling, PP. Also nominated for the award were Chief Calvin Stack and Chief Dave Lewis. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sullivan and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Smith presented outgoing President Owens with plaques for appreciation for his service.

The elections for 2018 – 2019 were held next. Chief Roth spoke briefly to the group about trying to elect the best possible candidate to the positions, as there are many areas coming up that will require strong efforts on our members part, and the officers will have much to do. PP. Paul Sterling was designated handle the nomination and election process.

For President, Paul Sullivan was nominated. With no further nominations, Paul Sullivan was ELECTED.

For 1<sup>st</sup> VP, William Smith and Jeff Dickie were nominated. Election results – Smith, 37 votes, Dickie ,8 votes. William Smith was ELECTED.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Gerald “JJ” Lynott was nominated. No further nominations received, JJ Lynott was ELECTED.

For Secretary, Pete Mellits and Dave Crawford were nominated. Election results – Mellits, Crawford, . Dick Crawford was ELECTED

For Treasurer, Rick Hemphill was nominated. No further nominations received, Rick Hemphill was ELECTED

For Assistant Treasurer, PP Hugh Owens was nominated. No further nominations were received, Hugh Owens was ELECTED

For Membership Secretary, Katie Owens and Nick Thompson were nominated. Election results – Owens, Thompson, . Nick Thompson was ELECTED.

For Chaplain, Rev. Richard Bower was nominated. No further nominations received, Rev. Richard Bower was ELECTED.

There was a MOTION and Second to destroy the ballots. MOTION Passed.

The new officers were sworn into their officers by MSFA President Mark Bilger, with Past President Hugh Owens also sworn in as immediate past president on the Executive Board. Following this, Past President Owens received is Past President’s badge from newly elected President Sullivan.

Under “Good of the order” Past President Hugh Owens spoke on the plan for a new award – the Leonard T. King Memorial Valor Award – and noted that a committee would be formed to make the rules for this award.

Motion received and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1420 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Watkins, Asst. Secretary

Attendance sheet – MFCA ANNUAL MEETING – 4/7/2018

Ronald E. Watkins, P.P.	Asst. Secretary
Rick Blair, P.P.	MSFA 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Mark Bilger	MSFA President
Charles Barr	Western Enterprise FD
Gary Schotterback	Western Enterprise FD
Jason Miller	Washington County
Skip Menzies	WCVFRA 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Rick Hemphill	Treasurer
Clark Beall	Damascus VFD
Sharon Funk	
Jason Funk	
Christine Jackson	LA MFCA
Tom Cooper	Cape St. Claire VFC
F. R. Seibbel III	Cape St. Claire VFC
Juanita Colwell	LA MFCA
Calvin Colwell	Chillum-Adelphi VFD
Tim Delehanty	SMVFRA, Prince Frederick VFD
Katie Owens	Membership Secretary
Jeff Wickline	Chief, Upperco VFC
Nick Thompson	Chief, Hampstead VFC
Gerald “JJ” Lynott	Hampstead VFC
Robert Bury Jr.	Chief, English Consul VFC
Samuel Suter	Asst. Chief, English Consul VFC
Laura Woods	Glenn Dale VFD
Harve “Ed” Woods	Glenn Dale VFC, Legislative Comm.
Frank Brewer	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD
Mike McTighe	

Johnie Roth	Sandy Spring/ BCC Rescue
Doug Howard	MFCA Regional rep
Robin Howard	MFCA Asst. Chaplain
Calvin Stack	MFCA Regional Rep / Rescue Fire Co.
Roger N. Powell	Pikesville VFC
Rev. Richard Bower	MFCA Chaplain
Lawrence Gaddis	Chief, Bethesda FD
Jamie McNeal	Chief, Easton FD
Bob Phillips	MFCA Regional Rep, Rescue Fire Co.
A.J. Waytekuns	MFCA
Robert Thomas Jr	Chief Deputy SFM, Retired
Hugh Owens	MFCA President
Gregory Cage	NFPA
Bill Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Paul E. Sullivan Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Teresa Ann Chrisman	LAMFCA, Chair, FP Committee
Wayne Colburn	Elkridge VFC
Bob McHenry	MFCA Regional Rep, Reg.3
Carol Ann McHenry	Germantown VFD
Dave Crawford	Earleigh Heights VFD
Paul Sterling, P.P.	Pres., ED-IAFC
Steve Barry	Pleasant Valley VFD
Jack Amrhein	White Marsh VFC
Phil Hurlock	MIEMSS / Church Hill VFC
Thomas Ludwig (?)	Wise Avenue VFC
John Hoglund, P.P.	Chaplain Emeritus, MFCA

54 in Attendance