



# Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

*Representing the Maryland Emergency Services Officers with Progression While Maintaining Tradition*

## **Maryland Fire Chiefs Association**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Fisherman's Inn**

**August 23, 2018**

#### **Members Present:**

President Paul Sullivan; First Vice President Bill Smith, Past President Hugh Owens; Membership Secretary Nick Thompson; Chaplain Richard Bower; Region 3 Director Robert McHenry; Region 5 Director Jeff Wickline; Region 7 Director Doug Howard, Region 8 Director Timothy Delehanty; Region 10 Directors Robert Phillips and Calvin Stack, OSFM Brian Geraci, Harve Woods, Laura Woods, Robin Howard, Joseph Angyelof

#### **Opening:**

Meeting called to order @ 1908 by President Sullivan. Opening prayer led by Chaplain Bower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Doug Howard and second by Hugh Owens to accept the minutes of the previous meeting – motion carried.

#### **President's Report:**

Attended FRI Conference in Dallas, it was a good conference. Website is in transition, members' thoughts on password protecting the General Membership Meeting and Executive Board Meeting minutes. Current bylaws reflecting the recent bylaw changes will be posted to the website. A letter was sent to the company that MFCA had to do telephone solicitation advising them that MFCA is officially terminating the contract with them. No response yet from them. Bert Small of the NVFFA soliciting help for Fire Prevention week and also recruitment and retention ads. Hope to have the MFCA newsletter completed soon, please be patient. Reminder that September 1<sup>st</sup> membership dues will increase to: \$60.00 new member; \$20 renew and \$15 Chaplain. The First Vice President has been tasked with getting the business cards ordered, progress. If there are any committee chairs or chaplains that need an MFCA email address please contact me. There were 14 scholarships awarded to personnel to attend Fire-Rescue International. We are still waiting on the documentation and feedback from the conference for folks to be reimbursed. MFCA has applied for an AFG SAFER Grant, progress. Craig Wolfe would like to address the association at the next meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Smith stated we should reserve our support. We continue to do our best to have four meetings at different locations across the state.

Motion by First Vice President Bill Smith and second by Hugh Owens to recess at 1925 to finish meal -- motion carried

Meeting reconvened at 1941 by Pres. Sullivan

Moment of Silence for Chief Seavey

#### **First Vice President's Report:**

Attended FRI-Dallas, it was a good conference but a tough city. Attended Cobb Island's banquet. Business Cards progress.

**Second Vice President's Report:**

MIEMSS has named a new director. Gun bash ticket sales are minimal.

**Past President's Report:**

Attended FRI and he was chosen as 1 of the 30 chiefs to attend a reception by Motorola, nice honor for Hugh. Book was well received from not only Maryland but nationwide we collected: \$20,350.00; \$1,775.00 still outstanding, cost \$11,175.00 to print. Golf Tournament is going well \$6,400 - 5 teams paid, 26 signs; \$3250.00 ahead of last year.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Smith made a special announcement stating the outstanding job Hugh Owens has done on fund raising and the book.

**Secretary's Report:**

No report

**Assistant Secretary's Report:**

No Report

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Rick Hemphill reported raffles appear to be bigger fundraisers and recommended doing more raffles throughout the year. Expenses since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 \$56, 866.61. Bank of America balance as of 5/31/2018 is \$12,580.53. BB&T balance as of 5/31/2018 is \$8,447.70.

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

Renewals are coming along.

**Chaplain's Report:**

A video conference call of the regional chaplains occurs on the third Tuesday of the month at 1900. Last Tuesday 6 out of 10 regions participated. Working on a SOP for Chaplains. Chaplain Bowers will be participating in a conference with chaplains from Virginia and Pennsylvania on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Director Reports:**

**Region 1:**

No report.

**Region 2:**

Director Eric Smothers advised that a meeting will be held with the MSFA EMS Committee and MIEMSS on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Pikesville VFC to discuss the future of EMT. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

**Region 3:**

Director Robert McHenry reported that the books were well received. Everybody should have one or two. Need companies that can step up on buying fundraising items, i.e. gun bash, golf tourney, book ads.

**Region 4:**

No report.

**Region 5:**

Director Jeff Wickline reported that the books were well received in Baltimore County.

**Region 6:**

No report.

**Region 7:**

Attended viewing for Fallen Firefighter of Howard County.

**Region 8:**

Director Timothy Delehanty that the books well received in his area and that many things are a work in progress

**Region 9:**

No report.

**Region 10:**

Robert Phillips recognized Cecil Tryst for many years of service to the fire service in the Delmar area. Calvin is glad to be back.

**Committee Reports:**

**Legislative Committee:**

Ed Woods states that there is a lot to be done after the elections. Until then, not much going on.

**SAFER Oversight Committee:**

President Sullivan that the MFCA submitted an AFG SAFER Grant. MSFA submitted a grant extension for the current AFG SAFER Grant.

**Training Committee:**

Tim Delehanty advised that there three training opportunities scheduled:

- December 8-9, 2018 - December Leadership Training in Ocean City
- January 19, 2019 – Leadership Training in Carroll County
- February 8-9, 2019 – Maryland Weekend in Emmitsburg
- March 9-10, 2019 – John Hoglund Maryland Officers Seminar in Montgomery County

We need to raise funds to pay for the guest presenters so these fundraisers are important.

**EMS Committee:**

Bob McHenry would like to have one person from each region present at the MSFA EMS Committee Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Pikesville.

**Membership Committee:**

MFCA tag applications are available. They may be gotten from the Membership Secretary, Secretary or the President.

**State Fire Marshal:**

The State Fire Marshal advised that he attended the national conference. Next year the conference is scheduled to be held in Annapolis, MD in July. He is looking for whatever financial support the chiefs can maybe provide. There are currently 43 fatalities this year in relation to 45 this time last year.

**Organizational Business:**

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Good of the Organization:**

Would like to see some type of new training for the new legislators who are elected into office this year. It was decided to wait until next year to address this.

Motion to adjourn made by Timothy Delehanty and second by Doug Howard. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting to be held in Calvert County on September 27, 2018 at 1830 Hrs.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Dave Crawford  
Secretary



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## Executive Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Location: Fisherman's Inn - Queen Annes County

Date: 7/23/2018

Name (Print)	Position	Signature
Paul E. Sullivan, Jr.	President	<i>[Signature]</i>
William "Bill" Smith, Jr.	First Vice President	
Gerald "JJ" Lynott	Second Vice President	
Hugh D. Owens	Past President/Assistant Treasurer	
Dave Crawford	Secretary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ron Watkins	Assistant Secretary	
Rick Hemphill	Treasurer	
Nick Thompson	Membership Secretary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Richard "Chappy" Bower	Chaplain	<i>[Signature]</i>
John W. Hoglund	Chaplain Emeritus	
Rick Blair	Regional Director - Region 1	
Eric Smothers	Regional Director - Region 2	
Robert McHenry	Regional Director - Region 3	<i>[Signature]</i>
Scott Wood	Regional Director - Region 4	
Jeff Wickline	Regional Director - Region 5	<i>[Signature]</i>
Brandon Watkins	Regional Director - Region 6	<i>[Signature]</i>
Doug Howard	Regional Director - Region 7	<i>[Signature]</i>
Timothy Delehanty	Regional Director - Region 8	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jeff Thompson	Regional Director - Region 9	
Robert Phillips	Regional Director - Region 10	<i>[Signature]</i>
Calvin Stack	Regional Director - Region 10	<i>[Signature]</i>
Teresa Crisman	President - Ladies Auxiliary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Angela Taury	Staff Attorney	
BREAN S. GERACI	STATE FM	<i>[Signature]</i>
James M. Neal	Past Chief, Eastern	<i>[Signature]</i>
Laura Woods	MFCFA LEGISLATIVE Comm	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Robin Howard	Deputy Chaplain MFCFA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Joseph Angelof	Barleigh Heights VFC	<i>[Signature]</i>