

VFPA
Annual Meeting
May 24, 2016
Holliday Inn, Virginia Beach, VA

The annual meeting was called to order by President George Hollingsworth a 10:55 hours.

George Reported

The 2015 – 2016 year has been a very successful year for VFPA and I want to take a few minutes this morning and go over the accomplishments of the VFPA Board this year;

- Speak about the budget and that the group is on financially sound footing.
- Since last year's Annual Business meeting we have moved away from CVENT to manage membership and the conferences. We brought on a new program called Wild Apricot which will be much easier for us not techy types to use. Secretary Jeremy Luttrell and our Region 2 West Chair Gerry Maiatico learned the new program and replaced our web site with a more user friendly web site with many new tools. Treasure Ernie Little assisted Jeremy and Gerry to work out the banking needs so on line payments for conferences and membership could Be handled electronically.
 - This change netted us a savings A little over \$3,000.00 per year.
- So as to protect the organization and the board Treasure Ernie Little spoke with our Insurance agent a brought forward a proposal to have Insurance for our VFPA Trailer and liability Insurance during the Conferences
- Since last year's Conference our Region Representatives have begun some Region Training Committees so I encourage you all to reach out to your Regional Rep and get involved in organizing or just participating in some good training opportunities
- Partnering with Virginia Department of Fire Programs with initiatives that will improve training and CEU hours are maintained. Through this partnership VDFP has reinstated assistance to training organizations through a Grant program which has assisted our organization this year.
- Board members have represented you our members at the following meeting events over the last year.
 - ICC Region VII – as an ICC Chapter your Board Members are involved in the Code adoption process at a National Level
 - Governors Housing Board
 - Habitat for Humanity – House Build
 - ICC Code Development Hearings (as well as State Code Development)
 - Please make sure when you go home that your check with your Code Official and make sure that you have updated your localities Voting members so you can

vote on items proposed to be changed at the Final Action Hearings in October
16th thru 25th 2016

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from last year's meeting were read by Jeremy Luttrell.
- Motion to approve Lee Duckwitz
- Second Valrae Negley
- Motioned carried by voice vote

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report given by Ernie Little
See attached report

SPECIAL REPORTS

Robbie Dawson, *IFMA Board Member*: Reported on the International Fire Marshal's Association

- There have been testing and test burns on energy storage system.
- The board is also working on high-rise wood frame structures being constructed.
- An NFPA Technical Committee is being established for hazardous waste generation.
- Alarm and security committees discussing active shooter situations and how systems interface with building components (doors, etc.)
- Standards coming on mobile cooking operations.
- Standards on mobile fuel dispensing and Uber Fuel Trucks
- Marijuana issues out west.
- Encouraged people to get involved with NFPA committees and let the VFPA leadership to recommend you for appointment to the committee you're interested in.

Ron Farr, *Underwriters Laboratories*:

- UL continues to acquire companies that do testing and validation of clothing and fabrics.
- Getting involved in green/energy activities.
- Benistration, dealing with testing of energy conservation materials.
- Fire Safety Research section continues to work on projects. They are doing lots of data gathering on past tests and research. Can go to fire research section on the UL website.
- UL is working with foreign countries on inspections of existing buildings for building maintenance fire safety.
- Hover boards have not been listed but they now have one listed hover board that has been approved.
- UL 217 is changing to hopefully reduce false activations, etc.
- UL Product Spec for the local jurisdiction or AHJ. Can enter code number from different model codes. Can even search for fire assemblies and get diagrams or drawings.
- UL Standards are developed similar to NFPA by having a committee that is made up of building and fire officials, builders, product manufacturers and many others.

Nicole Camou, *Segment Director for NFPA Enforcement*:

- She introduced herself and the other segments of NFPA and encouraged people to ask questions.

Rob Neale, *ICC*:

- Spoke on many things including green construction, tall wood frame structures, security of buildings, and refrigerant flammability.
- cdpAccess was mentioned. You had to be registered in your jurisdiction to vote and must be validated to vote in September.
- Building Safety Month is wrapping up this week.
- Fire Service membership council is free to sign up and you can receive information on codes.
- ICC is looking at going to online certification testing opposed to pencil and paper.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Robbie made motion to grant Ed Altizer, Life Membership of the VFPA.

Second by Ron Farr

Motion carried by voice vote.

George presented Ed with an award.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

The nomination committee consisting of Chairman Ed Altizer, and members Robby Dawson and Lee Duckwitz reported their recommendations for the slate of officers and directors for 2016-2017.

The slate of officers and directors proposed was:

President	George Hollingsworth
First Vice President	Elaine Gall
Second Vice President	Duane Perry
Treasurer	Ernie Little
Secretary	Jeremy Luttrell
Director at Large	Randy Pearce
Director at Large	Travis Wright

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Lee Duckwitz, as Chairman of the Committee asked for any nominations from the floor for each office. With there being no nominations from the floor for any of the offices a motion was made from the floor by Jeff Flippo, with a second from Ron Farr to accept the proposed slate of officers by affirmation and to close the nominations. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The 2016-17, elected officers were sworn in by: Rob Neale of ICC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next annual meeting will be in May 22-24, 2017 at the Holiday Inn North Beach in Virginia Beach Virginia. Members should check the website for additional information at www.vfpa.org

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 hours.

Annual Treasurer's Report
Annual Meeting, May 24, 2016

May 1, 2015 checking balance	\$31,808.27
May 1, 2016 checking balance	\$79,325.92
Checking balance as of 5/24/2016	\$86,892.14 (additional income is anticipated to be posted)

Notable events during reporting period:

Certificate of Deposit that was at Fulton Bank matured on December 6, 2015, and was cashed in and deposited into the checking account. The amount of the CD was \$29,058.85.

2015 Taxes were filed with IRS.

Association has obtained insurance on trailer, association assets, and events for the first time since its' existance. Cost was \$1,981.00

A new vendor was selected for hosting website and membership/conference management resulting in a significant cost savings. Approximately \$3,900 per year versus \$756.00.

Grant was obtained from Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for \$6,000.00. It was received on 7/3/15.

Grant was obtained from Virginia Department of Fire Programs for up to \$xxxxx.00 to be used for training. The grant works on a reimbursement system will be received after we submit documentation to them on what the funds were used for.

Submitted by Ernie Little, Treasurer