



November 4, 2009
General Meeting Minutes
NC Fire Marshal's Association
Gaston Community College
Gaston, NC

This meeting was a joint meeting with the NC County Fire Marshal's Association.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by President Bobby Hedrick. The invocation was given by Thomas Bender.

Billy Glover, Gastonia Assistant Fire Marshal welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lunch was provided by the Gastonia Fire Department.

President Hedrick thanked Billy and Chief Welch and the Gastonia Fire Department for providing lunch for the meeting.

The minutes of the August 20, 2009 meeting were read and approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as submitted.

Copies of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) addressing the proposed merger of the NCCFMA and the NCFMA was presented to the membership for discussion. President Hedrick opened the floor for discussion and there were no comments from the membership.

President Hedrick asked for a motion to accept the MOA and to approve the merger of the NC County Fire Marshal's Association and the NC Fire Marshal's Association effective January 1, 2010.

The motion was made by Ronnie Marsh and seconded by Bill Rogers. The vote was unanimous accept the MOA and to merge the two associations.

President Hedrick suspended the meeting at 12:10 P.M to allow the NC County Fire Marshal's Association to vote on the MOA and merger.

The meeting was called back in to session at 12:11 P.M. President Hedrick reported that the NC County Fire Marshal's Association unanimously approved the MOA and voted to merge the two associations effective January 1, 2010.

President Hedrick reported that the North Carolina County Fire Marshal's Association and the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association will merge effective January 1, 2010 and shall be known as the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association.

President Hedrick presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for 2010. They are:

- President – Bobby Hedrick
- 1st Vice-President – Mark Brown
- 2nd Vice-President – Thomas Bender
- Treasurer – Ronnie Marsh
- Secretary – Richard Strickland
- Board of Directors (2011) – Chris Perry
- Board of Directors (2011) – Ray Echevarria
- Board of Directors (2011) – Craig Zglinski
- Board of Directors (2010) – Rob Kinniburgh
- Board of Directors (2010) – David Douglas
- Board of Directors (2010) – Jerry Coble

A motion was made and seconded that this slate of offices be accepted. The membership accepted the slate of officers with no opposition.

President Hedrick called on Angie Gregg to give an OSFM/Fire and Rescue update. Angie reported that the 2010 NC Fire and Life Safety Educator's Conference will be held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC, February 6-10, 2010. The North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association will hold their first quarter 2010 meeting in conjunction with this conference on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Angie advised that time and space has been provided for a 10-12 board meeting and for the general meeting from 12-4.

Angie reported that the residential fire sprinkler booth at the NC Home Builder's Association Conference in Charlotte was very successful. A special thanks goes to Chief Rob Kinniburgh and the Charlotte Fire Department for their assistance with the booth.

President Hedrick called on Richard Strickland to give an OSFM/Engineering update. Richard gave an update on the new fireworks' display operator's permit requirements and reminded everyone that the 2009 con ed workshops were focusing on explosives and fireworks including the new display operator's rules.

Richard advised the association that the next Building Code Council meeting is December 8, 2009 and attendance is encouraged. He also told the association that the 2012 code ad-hoc committees have begun work.

President Hedrick called on Bill Rogers who gave a NC Fire and Rescue Commission report. Bill gave an update on the NFIRS program and on the Wilderness Fire Fighter program. He advised that the NC Association of Fire Chief's mid-winter conference is

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Feb. 4-7, 2010 at Atlantic Beach, NC. He also advised that the NC Firemen's Association annual conference is August 11-14, 2010 in Raleigh, NC.

President Hedrick called on Hayden Lutterloh for a Q Board report. Hayden gave an update on the OSFM reorganization of the Q Board and the Samantha Ewans has filled the vacant supervisor's position with the Q Board. He also addressed the new testing procedure and discussed associated concerns and problems.

President Hedrick asked for a motion to purchase a new lap top and LCD projector for the association. A motion was made and seconded with a unanimous yes vote.

President Hedrick advised the membership that he was establishing an Education Committee comprised on Tom Bender, Chairman and Craig Zglinski and Jerry Coble. The purpose of the committee is to provide educational classes at NCFMA meetings when practical.

President Hedrick also established a committee to explore licensing for fire suppression system contractors. He appointed Tom Bender, David Douglas and Ronnie Marsh to serve on this committee.

President Hedrick advised that the next meeting of the NCFMA was in conjunction with the NC Fire and Life Safety Educator's conference in Asheville, NC. The meeting will be held on February 10, 2010 at 12 noon at the Grove Park Inn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Strickland, Secretary
North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association

