

## ANNUAL MEETING – N.J. STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS

On Sept 17, 2010 the meeting was called to order at Wildwood convention center, Wildwood New Jersey at 09:30 am By President Dr. Harry Carter, followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for the departed commissioners and moment of prayer.

Present were: SIGN-IN SHEET

Please see PDF File –sign sheets pages 1 thru 4 for attendance

- Roll call of officers –
  - Dr. Harry Carter President,
  - William Donahue Vice President,
  - William Kleiber Treasurer,
  - Artie Hayducka Secretary,
  - Roger Potts Trustee.
  
- Recognized Joseph Giorgi from VFIS. And thanked VFIS for sponsoring the meeting and providing refreshments.
  
- Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes that were mailed to the members of the association.
  - Motion by Gary Keyser & Dave Howlett.
  
- Members of the DCA – M. Ford & S. Evans
  
- Secretaries report:
  - It was also asked that commissioners please print their names clearly on attendance sheet so they can be read properly.
  - Minutes were mailed and also posted on the web site
  - It was asked that anyone still not getting notices or mail from this organization to please see the secretary after the meeting
  - The changes to the by-laws are posted on the website
  
- (Need a copy of the treasurers report for the minutes)
  - Unable to determine via tape
  - Motion to accept the report Cliff Jordan 2<sup>nd</sup> by (not readable)

- Trustee's report. Roger Potts working on the treasurers audit report. However it was not ready at this time and will be posted ASAP. Should be completed by December meeting.
- Chairman of Nomination
  - **Nominating committee** – Bob Kelly reported no current changes of nominations for this meeting.
  - He also asked that the board & body accept all officers to hold their current positions unless someone requested a change.
  - The current standings are officer for 2011:
    - President: Dr Harry carter
    - Vice P.: William Donahue
    - Treasurer: William Kleiber
    - Trustees: George Lenhardt, Robert Kane & Nick Lombardi
    - Secretary: Artie Hayducka
    - There were no requests at this time for anyone wishing to change or advance positions. Mr. Kelly called for a motion to close the election.
- Roger Potts completed the swearing-in of all of the officers for the year 2011.
- Dr. Carter announced he will not be running for election in June of the coming year, because of career changes. He also stated he may have to depart earlier based on consulting career position which he is working on for the future.
- Legal Issues:
  - Mr. Braslow was excused from the meeting due to issues in the State house
- It was requested that Roger review and audit the New Jersey Fire Districts treasurers books, however the audit was incomplete at this time. Roger stated he will have by December Meeting
- DCA –Ms. Shakeera Evans provided a long discussion on the DCA/ LGS report which is attached in a PDF File ( DCA LGS 17 SEPT 2010 )
  - The PDF File covers the following:
    - Local Finance Notice 2010-6
    - Local Finance Notice 2010-13
    - Senate, No 29
  - A. Grants
  - B. Capital Appropriations
  - C. Referendums

- D. Budget Submittal & Public Hearing Dates
- E. Important Cap Exclusions
  - [Election Results](#)
  - Audit Reports
  - Firefighter service as a fire commissioner. It was still unclear at this meeting and Ms. Even will get back to the Association in the future.
  - Once this issue is cleared up it will be posted on the web.
- Also on a PDF File which is attached is 2011 Fire District Budget Calendar Dates
- Committee report on By Laws:
  - Gary Keyser
  - Changes to the By-Laws. Gary Keyser announced the proposed By-Law changes upon which there was a long discussion of both Pros & Cons to the changes.
  - Gary Keyser will remove and make all new changes.
  - The new changes will read to reflect the following:
    1. [Nomination committee](#) make a report of officers – March meeting
    2. Election of Officers will be held at Annual meeting in June
    3. Officers to be seated in September
    4. President appoints [nominating committee](#) in December
      - Gary Keyser stated he made all needed changes to the By-Laws to reflect the changes on which we voted on today 5<sup>Th</sup> June 2010 meeting on By-Laws.
      - This motion was made by Bob Kelly & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Kleiber, under a long the discussion of the motion which was amplified by [Carl Christensen](#) to define the concept and changes to the by-laws.
  - The By Laws are posted on the Web site.
  - Dr. Carter suggested that we hold the December meeting in So. Brunswick Township , Month Junction and take a look at who is attending and if necessary move the meeting to other locations.
  - Other Committee reports. None at this time.
  - NJ State - Lobbyist Lynn Nowak
    - Reported that Gov. Christie has one of the most powerful governorships.
    - Christy has 40 executive orders
    - Aggressive w/ Legislators
    - 2% Cap (Statutory)
    - Democratic support

- Order #15 review of commissioner & boards to make recommended consolidations
- Fire Safety / Fire **Commissioner** to remain in tact
- Legislation has over 100 different bills related to Fire service both Paid & Volunteer
- 2 Bills county – municipalities to implement a 5 year master plan which did not pass yet.
- Change date of petitions findings from 28 to 29 days
- Special items of revenue inserted into budgets
- Fire Commissioners to provide EMS services is waiting to be reintroduced in the fall
- Governor Christie – Tool Kit
  - Such as
  - **Collective Bargaining**
  - Civil Service
- Bills
  - Expand the number of entities
  - Change the Election date of fire districts
  - change school boards dates
  - Non partisan elections
- Gary Keyser, William Donahue, & Cliff Jordan
  - There has not been a lot of movement since March Legislators are working on getting a budget passed.
  - One Bill S-510 passed 76 -0 Authorizing Fire Districts and Municipal Governments to require a physician certificate for membership or continuing service in the volunteer fire service.
  - There are now four bills introduced into legislative house
  - 5. A 610 - move fire district & school board elections 2<sup>Nd</sup> Tuesday in May
  - 6. A2766 - move fire district & school board elections to **General Election** in November
  - 7. S- 1655 - move fire district elections to **Primary Elections** in June
  - 8. S- 1876 - move fire district & school board elections to 3<sup>Rd</sup> Tuesday In April

New business:

Linda Joy. Access Health Systems

Presentation on health care & fire fighters physicals and what they can offer fire districts. Anyone who wishes info to please contact her.

Motions to adjourn 11:43 hrs