



**DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Delaware State Fire School**  
**March 11, 2018**

Call to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Richard Perillo

Invocation offered by DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers

Pledge of Allegiance led by LADVFA President Lynn Warner

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

At this time, I would like to deviate from our normal order of business.

I have had the pleasure to attend many meetings in my years in the fire service and have seen many Past Presidents receive some type recognition once they had completed their term. I have haven't seen this from our Association. With that said, President Walius, would you please come up. Ted, on behalf of the Office's and members of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association, I thank you for your years of service.

As I had mentioned at our last meeting, please turn off your cell phones, pagers and any other electronic devices you may have with you. To be recognized, you need to come to the closest microphone, state your name and the company you are representing. I will then recognize you. Please remember, I havent learned everyone's names, so I ask you all to help me with this.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

Since I do not have the pleasure to know everyone here, I would like for us to follow what we have in the past. If you would like speak and to be recognized, please come to the microphone, state your name and the company your represent. I cannot recognize you if I do not know your name. If during the meeting I make an error, please do not yell out, allow our parliamentarians the opportunity to correct me.

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Elmer Steele

- [X] Rich Perillo, 11, President
- [X] Bill Betts, 49, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- [X] Jay Jones, 75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- [X] Elmer Steele 81, Corporate Secretary
- [E] George Pyott, 43, Treasurer
- [X] Terry Whitham, 46, Assistant Treasurer
- [X] Dan Carrier, 19, New Castle County Director
- [ ] Dave Majewski, 17, New Castle County Director
- [X] Ken Ryder, 48, Kent County Director

- [ ] Michael Brittingham, 41, Kent County Acting Director
- [X] Ron O'Neal, 83, Sussex County Director
- [X] Terry Jester, 89, Sussex County Director
- [X] Joe Zerolles, 47, Past President – Director

**DVFA Staff**

- [X] Warren Jones, 16/86 Executive Manager

**Special Guest**

Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI): Bill Webb – Talked about what the CFSI was doing in Washington. Talked about the CFSI dinner on April 19<sup>th</sup>, with a tribute to Lou Amabili. Also talked about the Mason Lankford award with this years recipient being Steve Austin.

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC): Heather Shaffer – Talked about membership in the NVFC and some of the benefits by being a member. Praised the involvement of the DVFA and spoke highly of our Delegate Ken McMahon.

Debra Lawhead – Spoke on the difference between the death benefit and the burial benefits for volunteer and State employees. Why one is taxable and the other is not. Contact Deb with any questions pertaining to the State pension or workman's comp.

Called on the ladies to make their presentation for the scholarship program; LADVFA President Lynn Warner presented a check for \$1,500.00, New Castle County Ladies President Karen Gebhart presented a check for \$1,000.00 and a second check for the New Castle County Past Presidents for \$500.00, Kent County Ladies President Sandy Robinson presented a check for \$1,500.00, Sussex County President Regina Headly-Marvel presented a check for \$1,000.00. A rising round of applause was given to the ladies for their donations.

**Report of Officers**

President Perillo: **(copied and pasted from written report)**

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you all for taking the time out of you schedule to attend this meeting.

I would like to thank President's Betts and Jones and our Executive Manager for taking my place and doing everything they did while I was out sick. Many have told me that they had represented the Delaware State Fire Service well at the Joint Finance Committee Meeting. I was not able to attend 2 fire company Awards Dinners, the Joint Finance Committee Meeting, the Commission Meeting, the DEMSOC meeting and some County Meetings due to being sick. We are fortunate to have good Officer's and this applies to our Executive Manager too. They all continued and represented our Association and I can't thank you all enough.

As you all know we now have a new Accountant. Mr. Kook of Bumpers and Company isn't anything like our old accounting firm. In the past the Officer's that had received a stipend from this Association had not received a 1099. Those days are long gone, every Officer that had received a stipend in 2016 has received a 1099. This will continue as long as you retain this accounting firm. I am not demeaning our previous accounting firm, I have no reason to do so. I can say that since we have dealt with Mr. Kook he has given our Association many recommendations to propel our Association forward and to give us the necessary documentation we need to appease the IRS. He has recommended that we adopt the following policies:

1. Document Retention/Destruction Policy (3) Page Document
2. Whistleblower Policy (2) Page Document
3. Gift Policy and Disclosure Form (1) Page Document

#### 4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (3) Page Document

Under the proper order of business, you will be asked to vote to adopt these policies.

After numerous discussions with our accountant Mr. Kook, I have asked our Executive Manager to keep a travel log for the Associations vehicle. This is due to the IRS rules. Mr. Kook has said that Warren can be charged for the mileage from his home to the Dover office. As you are aware this can add up to be a great deal of money. I have the feeling that in the future the Executive Manager will have to produce record of travel on the Associations vehicle. If this isn't done that person can and will be charged for the use of said vehicle. I have heard this could be around \$5,000.00 a year as in a taxable benefit.

I have asked Treasurer Pyott to have our Assistant Treasurer Terry Whitman to do the reconciliation of our accounts. Per good accounting procedures, the person that cuts the checks should not, will not reconcile said accounts. This is nothing personal towards Mr. Pyott. I can't thank him enough for taking on this task having a little bit of knowledge knowing what he has gone through to get everything back in order.

At our December Executive meeting I had mentioned that we had to clean up the DVFA pension fund account. We have over \$3,000.00 in this account that we are not sure where it all came from. Some of these funds came from interest, late payment fee fines and possibly overpayments from some companies. Treasurer Pyott has since had all DVFA in coming pension funds from the member companies put into a non-interest-checking account. This way the Association will not have any extra funds in this account. Per a conversation with our accountant, we can split this amount evenly between every company that participates and paid in to the DVFA pension. This will give us a zero balance in this account. With your permission, we can settle this matter if you approve us dividing this equally among those of you who have paid in to this. You will be asked to approve this under the proper order of business.

We have budgeted \$7,500.00 to purchase smoke detectors. With your permission we would like to add the \$2,500.00 our Association received from WSTW/WDEL for their sponsorship and sale of the 2016 Firefighter's Calenderers. This would give us \$10,000.00 to purchase smoke detectors for you, the member companies. Once again, you will be asked to vote on this at the proper order of business. Speaking of smoke detectors, if you go on the Kidde web site, [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) there is a section for your non-profit fire company to receive up to 50 free smoke detectors. You will need your federal tax ID number to complete the on-line form. Our fire company Vice President has had communications with a representative from Kidde about purchasing smoke and CO detectors directly from them. She is still waiting for a reply. It is our hope this is something we can do as a group and save funds. Something like centralized purchasing. I have also been told that you can get some of these free from 6 ABC television station.

The Officer's approved having all future DVFA pension late payment fees put into the Association general checking account and to use these funds to purchase smoke detectors. Our accountant has approved us doing this. You will be asked to vote on this during the proper order of business.

AT&T First Net proposal to the DVFA and the Delaware State Fire Service.

At our Officer's meeting we approved this. It is up to each and every company if they want to get involved with this program.

I know Mr. Steele or Charles Frampton, Jr. will give us a presentation on the conference site selection performed by their committee. You will be given some choices. I would like to add one more choice to this. Once you hear their comments you will be asked to make a choice between two venues. I would like for a third choice for the membership, this choice would be NONE. I do not believe we have the right to tell you, our membership what to do. All we have the right to do is give you, the correct information so you can make an

informed decision. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not against this Association having a Conference or Convention. I feel you, the membership should make the final decision, as I have stated in the past, this is your Association.

Chief Kelly and his sprinkler committee have asked that we review the committee's proposal. I had asked Chief Kelly if our Fire Marshal approved this action, he stated he did. This was approved at our Officer's meeting and you will be asked to approve this during the proper order of business.

Past President Joe Zeroles and the By-Law Committee to read off today. This By-Law change was requested by our accountant. You will be asked to vote on this too at the proper order of business.

The Nation Volunteer Fire Council was discussed, the Officer's voted to continue to support this Association. Ken McMahon has resigned his position representing our Association. If you remember we originally had two members attending these meetings. We are recommending that we have a Delegate and an Alternate but only one of these people may attend these meetings. The only exception will be the first meeting that is in Virginia right after the CFSI dinner. Mr. McMahon will attend this last meeting on our behalf and he would like to take and introduce our new people to everyone when they attend this meeting. We have appointed Terry Jester and Theodore Walius to represent this Association.

Sometime ago I had emailed every Committee Chairperson we had an email for asking that person to contact their respective committee, explaining to their committee what their mission was, when they were going to meet and what they were going to do. Sadly, some of these chairpersons have not reached out to their committees. If you as the chairperson of your committee no longer wishes to chair this committee please let us know so we can find someone else that wants to do this. I fully understand that some of our committees meet prior to our Executive meeting but others may need to be more active. I never did care for, as I call them, the chair committees. You must know what I am speaking about. When you come in to the Executive meeting you see the committee lists on the chairs for the committee member to sign. If that is what some of our committees have become, do we truly need them?

It has been brought to my attention that Earle Dempsey can no longer head our recruitment and retention committee. I have asked Chief Perillo of the Christiana Fire Company to head this committee. Yes, Chief Perillo is my son but more importantly, he is the Chief of one of our more busier departments. Their department has been successful obtaining new members and just as important retaining these members. Under committee reports I will call on the Chief to give a report.

At your December 10<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting and after that the President's had received an email from the DVFA asking what your companies debt is? We, your DVFA Officer's wanted to use this information at the Joint Finance Committee Meeting to show our State Legislators, yes, collectively their Fire Service may have had \$92 or \$94 million dollars in reserves but we also had X amount of dollars in debt. Sadly, only some of you had replied. We cannot help you if you won't take the time to help us, help you. I don't know what some of the companies are afraid of by giving us these numbers, we are not here to hurt you in any way, we only are here to help you in any way we can. Being the President of a Volunteer/Combination Fire Company I too know the difficulties of doing the paperwork everyone asks of us. But I will ask you, the Presidents, please help us help you in the future.

As of this date we have not received an invoice from the Tax Attorney Tim Snyder's firm. As I had mentioned at your December Executive meeting our Attorney Bill Preston stated that this will be more than we originally approved. Once we receive this invoice, we will let you all know the cost for these services.

We still haven't heard anything from our Federal Legislators on the IRS issue regarding our halls. Please contact your companies' attorney and accountant to see what they feel is the proper thing for your department. We haven't given up, we are still trying to get answers from our Federal Legislators.

This year we are looking to purchase men's sizes tee shirts, golf shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts. These will all be silk screened. We will purchase the minimum number of 13-ounce mugs so we do not have cases of these left over. This decision wasn't made by me or any other single individual it has been made your DVFA Officer's.

We do not have the best inventory control of previous conference souvenirs but we will have one this year and future years.

Someone will be at the tables to sell our souvenirs during the entire conference. There will not be a time when this is open during normal operating hours.

Daniel Burris and his committee with the monument has told us the this will be completed prior to our June Executive meeting. At this time, we plan on having the dedication of your monument following the June Executive meeting. Once the time gets closer we will send you more information.

On Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, Past President Ed Barlow had gotten a meeting set up with our Governor. Mr. Barlow, Jones and I had attended this meeting. I can tell you this meeting was very productive and went better than our first encounter. Because of this meeting I feel I lines of communications have opened more than before. Thank you, President Barlow.

And yes, I had traveled up and down our great State. If you are interested in my mileage and hour log, please look on the DVFA web site.

Does anyone have any questions for me or of your Association?

As I have said in the past, on behalf of your DVFA Officer's, I thank you all for what you continue to do.

#### **First Vice President Betts: (copied and pasted from written report)**

Since the December Executive Meeting, I have attended 30 functions, logging 1792 miles, and spending 128 hours representing the DVFA. I would like to thank everyone for their hospitality at the banquets that my wife attended as we really enjoyed the food and company.

Not wishing to extend on President Perillo's report, I would like to announce the appointments of the Life Safety and Scholarship Committees for next year.

The Life Safety Committee will continue to be chaired by Guy Hudson, with Ron Marvel as the Cochair. Members shall consist of Joe Mullen (18), Randy Lee (81), Anthony Carnevale (21), Dwayne Pierson (3()), Charlie Boyer (46), Bob Yerkes (52), Earl Dempsey (55), Steve White (49), Mike Love (DSFS), and from the LADVFA, Patti Carnevale, Ann Marie Krystopolski, Bobbi Albright, Ginni Tice, Karen Workman, Muriel Gillespie, and Penny Gentry

The Scholarship Committee will be chaired by Bob Powell (84), with co-chairs Ken Ryder (48), and Dan Carrier (19). Members shall consist of Anthony Guzzo (19), Bill Tobin (89), Chip Stevenson (77), Ray Stevens (88), Mike Lowe (81), Fred Jester (41), Alan Robinson (44), and from the LADVFA, Pam Ingle, Karen Gebhart, Jane Williams, Ginni Tice, Tara Wilbur, and Kim O'Malley.

**Second Vice President Jones: (copied and pasted from written report)**

With 36 events 968 miles traveled and 81 hours in service this has been a busy second quarter. I have had the pleasure of celebrating the accomplishments and achievements for fire companies at the annual banquets and also had the honor of mourning the loss of leadership throughout the state who have passed on.

Most of our time has been used trying to secure funding for the upcoming year talking with the legislators in and out of Legislative Hall.

I do want to thank US Senator, Thomas Carper's office for inviting the officers of the association to a tour of the White House. That was a very nice trip with good fellowship. I had the opportunity to participate in my first Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics.

I have also assisted with multiple interviews via radio, television and newspaper media throughout this quarter for the DVFA office.

There are many other things coming up that the office and committees are working on such as Residential Sprinkler Initiative, Cancer Legislation, recruitment and retention, health and safety, among other initiatives. I have shared with some of the legislators that it is a shame that we are pigs going before the trough year after year begging for funding. We have other issues that should be a priority and the focus should be on as mentioned above. We have to make progress. If we keep doing what we have always done we will continue to get the same results, and frankly I am not satisfied with the results.

I thank you for allowing me to serve this Association and I look forward to continuing to work hard for you all.

**Secretary Steele: (copied and pasted from written report)**

My travel report has been submitted to the Office and will be posted on the web site.

This quarter has been pretty rough on me and my wife. As most of you know, my wife was scheduled for hip replacement surgery last month, but due to illness from the flu season her surgery has been cancelled and re-scheduled twice. She is currently awaiting another date for the surgery, so with all of that being said, I have been very limited this quarter as to what I could do and where I could go, while taking care of her. I'm sure that the next quarter isn't going to be much better.

We both thank the Officers and members of this Association for their understanding and support this past month. We have been told many times, "Family comes first" and we appreciate this from all of you.

**Treasurer Pyott: (copied and pasted from written report)**

**OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

I apologize for not being present today. My wife Mary and I are in Georgia celebrating the Wedding of our Granddaughter and a Family Reunion with our Grandson.

As recommended by our accountant, I transferred the funds in our Pension Fund Money Market account that was drawing interest, into a plain checking account with no interest. I then closed the money market account at M&T Bank.

On March 1st Warren Jones and I met with Officials at M&T Bank and wired \$2,161,260.00 Pension Money to Northern Trust Company in Chicago, IL at the request of the State Pension Office.

I have attached a Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2018 and a Statement of Income and Expense, December 2017 through February 2018. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me after I return on March 12.

*Motion by Ray Stevens and second by Jasper Lakey to except the Officer reports as presented and spread them upon the minutes. Motion carried*

Executive Manager Jones: **(copied and pasted from written report)**

#### Legislative Items

**HB312**, Police and Firefighter's Municipal Pension Plan. Last year we had Paid Firefighters on the Volunteer Fire Companies added to the plan. But mistakenly we left off Paid EMT's. This bill adds EMT's.

**SB147**, is an Immunity Bill. I am told, it all came about because of the legal team in the City of Wilmington would not let Wilmington Firefighter/EMT's administrate narcans because the immunity statute only listed Volunteer Firefighters as being exempt from Immunity. This bill takes all the immunity sections in the different statues and puts them together. I had some questions when I first read the bill but since talking to Senator DelCollo, who is the lead sponsor, my question were answered.

**HB243**, is a direct result of the Delaware Financial Review of Volunteer Fire Companies Task Force Report from last year. If any company fails to comply with their audit requirements the Commission can have the State Treasurer withhold Grant in Aid funding for that company.

**Cancer Presumption:** We have been working with Senator Poore and her team as well as Senator Ennis on Firefighter Cancer Presumption Legislation. This bill is in draft right now but they are hoping to get it listed soon. When this bill come out we will send out a email asking all of you to contact your legislators asking for their support and each time it goes through the process from chamber to chamber we will do the same.

**Money issues:** We are working on the three funding issues we spoke about before (Statewide Fire Safety Education, Grant in Aid, and the Revolving Loan Fund). These three things plus the Cancer presumption legislation will need all of your assistance to get it completed. If you want to meet with your legislators, we have talking points you can use. If you want us to set up a meeting and attend one let us know. If you want to come to Legislative Hall to visit them, let us know as well.

**PIP (Personal Injury Protection) Issue:** There is another issue involving the Insurance Department and changing the PIP payment structure. We just found out about this on Wednesday. It was a draft bill which was supposed to be filed Friday. The intent of the bill was to lower the automobile insurance rates by adopting the workman's comp rates for Ambulance for all PIP injuries. Restricting us to only bill at those rates. After our contact with the Insurance Department about our displeasure with the bill, I don't think it was filed. We told them that we want nothing less than the amount we are allowed to bill under the structure that was passed in SB207 in 2014. Right now the Insurance Department is trying to come with a solution to satisfy us so we don't oppose the bill.

**Smoke Detector Program:** Chairman Paul Eichler is not available today and asked me to give a report on the Smoke Detector Program. As you know we received, \$200,000 from the Attorney General's Office for a smoke detector program targeting low income areas of the state. Paul has receive those area's from DHSS. He has receive a map of every fire district. He has overlaid the two maps. We have made contact made Kidde to open an account to see if we can buy the smoke detectors directly from them. They sounded receptive to the idea but we have not receive their final answer. Once that happens Paul will order the smoke detectors. If we are successful in the direct purchase we may be able to add

our own smoke detectors to the purchase. We will have to wait and see on that for now. Paul stays in touch with the AG's office with periodic reports. They are satisfied with the plan and the reports.

**First Net/A T & T:** To give you some brief history, in 2010 the DVFA under the leadership of President Bill Tobin traveled to Washington D. C. to attend a Senate Hearing, with Governor Markell, on the proposal to set aside a block of broadband for public safety. The block was known as "D" Block. Eventually D Block was set aside for public safety. This was the start of a nationwide public safety broadband network. In order to start the network and to operate it First Net was formed. Ground work was laid by First Net up to the point where they had to acquire a vendor to operate the system. RFP's were sent out and the eventually low bidder was A T & T. Governor Carney had the option of Opting in to First Net, Opting out or staying neutral. If they opted out they would have to build their own system. The Governor chose to opt in. So Delaware became a part of First Net/A T & T.

First Net is designed to give all first responders priority access to the internet for their MDT's, Cell phones and other internet devices. On a large scale incident, on the First Net A T & T system, the first responder devices to have priority over all other A T & T customers. While other cell phone and internet devices will be shut off or limited ours will continue with access. It is our suggestion that at least your Ambulance, Fire Apparatus and Command MDT's and Chief Officer's cell phones be on this system. All firefighter's personnel cell phones are allowed on the system.

Thank you and have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## **Committee Reports**

### **State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson (copied from written report)**

- We still need all fire companies to get DFIRS in on time. The Fire Marshall is still working with some companies that are many months behind.
- The BLS Medical Director reported that the state-wide NARCAN distribution has started in Kent and Sussex counties for both BLS and Police; both the ALS and BLS Standing Order Committees have met.
- The boundary for the City of Wilmington and the Elsmere Fire Company has been reset, per an agreement between the two.
- There were no public comments for Ambulance Regulation 710: Sec. 14.2 and 14.3 clarifying that Delaware certified EMT's are required to obtain & maintain National Registry certification and provides a path for recertification for out-of-state EMT's; the written comment period was opened for 15 days, during which time public comments will be received, with the Commission reconvening after the second written period to deliberate on the proposed regulation. There will be time at the next meeting for public comments.
- The Commission voted to dismiss a grievance between a fire company member and the fire company for membership reinstatement for its lack of merit.
- A committee to review ambulance regulations was appointed. Three members of the Commission (Dave Roberts as chair, Ron Marvel and Myself) will work with the state's EMS associations and a representative from the private ambulance companies.
- The next meeting is March 20, 2018 at 9am at the Fire School.
- Commissioners in attendance, Chairman Alan Robinson, Dave Roberts, Tom DiCristofaro, Ted Walius

### **Advisory to State Fire Marshal – Grover Ingle (copied and pasted from written report)**

- Fire Fatality – Currently, there is one (1) fire fatality for 2018. On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 around 12 noon Georgetown Fire Co. responded to a structure fire on the unit block of Teabury Lane. On arrival smoke conditions were present and the Firefighter's encountered two (2) severely burned victims. Both



victims were treated, stabilized and transported to Beebe Hospital by ALS and BLS. Once stabilized at Beebe both victims were transferred to Crozier in serious condition with severe burns. The following morning one of the victims passed away from thermal burns. The second victim is still in Crozier listed as critical. Incident is still under investigation, there were working smoke alarms in the residence.

- Retired K9 Spark's passed away on February 19. Please Keep Deputy Fire Marshal III Brian Schad and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Larry Feeheley, a former Part Time Inspector with the OSFM, passed away on March 7. Please keep the Feeheley family in your thoughts and prayers.
- FY 2019 Budget – The Joint Finance Committee hearing was held on February 12 and went well. Additional funding to maintain licenses for our Computer program through Salesforce and replacement for computer, hardware, software nearing the end of life cycle has been requested.
- DFIRS reports we continue to work with each Company on their submittals and cleaning up the data.
- The Office of the State Fire Marshal continues to work and participate with the Delaware Fire Sprinkler Coalition and DVFA sprinkler Committee. I have discussed the request you will hear about today from Chief Kelly with him previously and it was discussed this morning with the Advisory Board member's.

#### **Advisory to DSFS – Robert P. Newnam (copied and pasted from written report)**

1. Officers Seminar went well in January – 74 in attendance
2. Instructor's Seminar in February – 127 Instructors in attendance
3. EMT re-cert status – now processed through the SFPC Office Staff
  - a. Currently 1611 Delaware EMT's
4. Delaware EMT recertification recommendation
  - a. SFPC is considering update to the Ambulance Regulations that NREMT to be a requirement for Delaware EMT re-certification along with certification.
  - b. Currently of the 1611 Delaware EMT's 27 do not indicate National Registry
  - c. Those 27 will be provided a path to obtain National Registry
5. Bond Bill Hearing scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Rescue Tools (*Recommended*) 14 for 105k
  - b. Rest Room construction – 859K (*not recommended*)
6. Budget Hearing held on February 12 – went well
7. Student numbers for the Winter Programs (*no significant changes from fall numbers*)
8. Requests for in-service programs (*are up – your support for training is commendable*)
9. Industrial programs (*slight increase for in-service programs*)
10. Fire/EMS in the Warm Zone (active shooter) on-line or in your station
11. HVAC replacement project Dover Center is underway –12-15 months
  - a. SFPC Office temporarily relocated to the Fire Marshal's Office
  - b. SFPC Monthly meeting will be held at the Dover Center in a classroom (6)
12. Office re-modeling – relocation of Staff Offices, addition of Computer Lab, SFPC Offices

#### **Constitution & By-Laws – Joe Zeroles**

- Proposed change to Article II: Section 2 Change the name from “AUDITING COMMITTEE TO FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE and change the word “AUDIT TO REVIEW in two places. Will bring up under new business for 1<sup>st</sup> reading

#### **DVFA Conference– Charles Frampton**

- Next meeting is Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Dover Downs
- Looking for someone to chair the men's golf tournament
- Reported on the site selection committee bids. Will make a motion under new business

**Life Safety – Guy Hudson**

- Awards program was held in Cheswold in January
- Poor response from the companies regarding their expenses for fire prevention
- Hoping to get matching funds back this year

**Recruitment & Retention – Richard J. Perillo**

- Discussed some things that need to be put in place and will continue to develop these changes for review

**Revolving Loan – Richard T. Perillo (copied from written report)**

- Last meeting was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> in Dover
- 8 members were in attendance including; State Treasurer Ken Simpler and Dept. of Finance Stephanie Scola
- We approved 1 application to re-chassis an ambulance; previous lending limit was \$35,000 but we increased the funding to \$70,000
- A question was brought before the committee – “Would we finance a company-owned fire police vehicle??
- After debating this issue, we AGREED to include “Fire Police Vehicles” among the “LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES” Lending limits are \$90,000 or 50% (whichever is less)

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| • Fund balance on January 31 <sup>st</sup> | \$159,712.08        |
| Loan approved                              | <u>(-70,000.00)</u> |
| New Balance                                | 89,712.08           |
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| Expected payments, June 1 <sup>st</sup>    | <u>\$146,091.15</u> |
| New Balance, June 1 <sup>st</sup>          | \$235,803.23        |

**Scholarship – Bob Powell**

- Thanked the ladies for their donations
- Application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Health & Safety – Jack Wilson**

- Talked about cancer
- Talked about cleaning of turn-out gear
- Discussed suicide stats

**Recognition of Past Presidents – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Betts**

16 Past Presidents and 2 President Emeritus in attendance

President Perillo asked that all current company President’s and current company Fire Chief’s stand for recognition.

**Affiliated Organizations/Agency Representatives**

**Ladies’ Auxiliary President Lynn Warner:**

- Introduced the ladies that were in attendance from the State and the Counties
- Gave an up-date on her recent medical condition
- Thanks to everyone for the cards, prayers and phone calls

**State Fire Chiefs President Andy Hall:**

- Next State Chief's meeting is March 22 at Sta. 89 Memorial Fire Co. Social at 6:00 dinner at 6:45
- Speaker will be Battalion Chief Robert Howarth from Anne Arundel County speaking on the 2 mansion fires resulting in a 40 million dollar loss and the loss of 6 lives.
- Cardio kinetics program is still going on
- Gun raffle is still going on
- Introduced the officers in attendance

**State Fire Police President Cheryl Kelly:**

- Thanks for the recognition

**State EMS Secretary Mike McMichaels: (copied from written report)**

- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at DSFS Dover
- Working with DSFS to broadcast meetings on Facebook.
- Discussed AED recalls
- Discussed DEMERS up-grades
- Talked about BLS protocols, revisions and progress
- Stated that there are FREE bariatric SKEDS available from OEMS
- Reported of the flu in Delaware. 6,674 reported cases resulting in 28 deaths

**Mutual Relief – Bill Tobin**

- They are still available to go to fire houses and make their presentation

**NVFC – Ken McMahon:**

- Thanked the Association for allowing him to attend the NVFC meetings
- He has officially retired as our NVFC Delegate
- President Perillo stated that the new delegates to NVFC will be Terry Jester and Ted Walius

**Del-Mar-Va Association – Elmer Steele: (copied from written report)**

Greetings from the Officers and members of the Del-Mar-Va Vol. Firemen's Association.

Our annual convention and queen contest and parade will be held on April 12, 13, 14, 2018 in Greenwood this year.

We are trying something new this year by combining the queen contest and the convention on the same weekend. Something that has been talked about in the past, but never tried.

The events start at 6:00 PM on Thursday night with a Meet Your Host at the Greenwood Fire Hall. 8:00 AM on Friday morning is the opening ceremonies and the general business meeting session and election of new Officers. The Past President's luncheon is at noon at a local restaurant in Greenwood, followed by the Memorial program at 2:00 PM. The awards banquet and installation of Officers will take place on Friday night at the Bridgeville Fire Hall at 5:45 PM. 8:00 AM on Saturday morning is the final business session, followed by the queen contest at 9:30 AM and the parade at 2:00 PM

We encourage the member companies to participate in the events this year and have an enjoyable time in Greenwood. We would also encourage all Delaware companies to participate and become involved in the Association.

## **Communications:**

The following communications were received and were summarized by Secretary Steele

- Letters from the following companies regarding changes to their delegate/alternate list; Memorial, Harrington, Farmington, Five Points, Citizens Hose, Ellendale, Volunteer Hose, Hartly, Marydel, Townsend, Belvedere and Elsmere
- Letter from Roxana Fire Co. reference to change in their Fire Chief

*Motion by Bryan Jackson and second by Jasper Lakey to accept the communications that were presented.  
Motion carried*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion by Joe Zeroles and second by Jasper Lakey to accept the proposed by-law change to Article II, Section 2 as the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. (see change above in committee report) Motion carried*

*Motion by Charlie Frampton and second by Stephen "Redman" Maichle to accept the site selection committee recommendation and sign a 3 year contract with a 2 year option with Dover Downs Motion carried*

*Motion by Bryan Jackson and second by Curt Clifton to adopt the policies that were presented. Question was raised regarding some of the verbiage and language. Vote was taken on adopting the polices. (see list of the policies above in the Presidents report) Motion carried*

*Motion by Mike Lowe and second by Ernie Layfield that the DVFA will ask the Fire Commission to direct the Fire Marshal's Office to review the Residential Sprinkler Code pertaining to licensing. Question was raised by Fire Marshal Ingle as to what the intent of the motion is. Vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried*

*Motion by Tom DiCristofaro and second by Jasper Lakey to disperse funds in the pension checking account equally among the participating companies. Approximately \$50.00 per company. Motion carried*

*Motion by Guy Hudson and second by Jon Townley that from this point on, the \$100.00 per day late penalty fine on pension will go into the DVFA general operation account. Motion carried*

*Motion by Guy Hudson and second by Dan Carrier that the DVFA support the First Net AT&T plan. Motion carried*

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Assistant Treasurer Whitham highlighted the bills to be paid.  
Total amount is \$2,252,611.06

11:22 PM  
03/01/18  
Accrual Basis

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
Expenses by Vendor Summary  
December 10, 2017 through March 10, 2018

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|                                      | <u>Dec 10, '17 – Mar 10, '18</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AT&T                                 | 39.19                            |
| CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES. INC.      | 893.46                           |
| CHAMPION TROPHIES                    | 414.40                           |
| CHIEF TECHNOLOGIES                   | 420.00                           |
| COMCAST BUSINESS                     | 619.49                           |
| DOVER DOWNS                          | 25,000.00                        |
| DVFA OPERATIONS ACCOUNT              | 0.00                             |
| GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P. C.             | 927.50                           |
| GUY HUDSON                           | 2,425.00                         |
| HTK                                  | 21.75                            |
| JOHN PAPPAS                          | 500.00                           |
| LLOYD MEMORIALS                      | 27,000.00                        |
| M&T BANK/CARDMEMBER SERVICE          | 3,551.83                         |
| MICHAEL LOWE                         | 77.20                            |
| NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL      | 500.00                           |
| NORTHERN TRUST CO                    | 2,161,260.00                     |
| QuickBooks Payroll Service           | 1.37                             |
| ROGER'S SIGN CO., INC.               | 215.00                           |
| RON MARVEL                           | 67.35                            |
| SCOTT WISE, SCULPTOR                 | 20,000.00                        |
| SELECTIVE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA   | 40.00                            |
| STATE OF DELAWARE                    | 25.00                            |
| STEVEN AUSTIN                        | 174.30                           |
| THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC            | 8.49                             |
| U.S. POSTAL SERVICE                  | 140.00                           |
| U.S. TREASURY                        | 899.90                           |
| VERIZON                              | 138.83                           |
| VERNON INGRAM                        | 2,055.00                         |
| VOID                                 | 0.00                             |
| YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP | <u>5,193.00</u>                  |
| TOTAL                                | 2,252,611.06                     |

*Motion by Guy Hudson and second by Ray Stevens to pay the bills as presented.  
Motion carried.*

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved by Guy Hudson and seconded by Jasper Lakey that the March Executive Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**  
*Elmer B. Steele*  
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**Corporate Secretary**

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Meeting held on March 11, 2018.

**Attest: Warren F. Jones**  
**Executive Manager**

**Richard T. Perillo**  
**President**