



Colorado State Fire Fighters Association 2023 State Fire College Meeting Minutes

June 21st, 2023
Gunnison, Colorado
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



The Annual Membership meeting of the Colorado State Fire Fighter's Association was called to order on June 21st 2023 at the Gunnison Fire Department -Address- by President Paul Acosta at 18:06.

Board members present were:

President Paul Acosta, Vice President Stephen Trujillo, Historian/Custodian David Agesen, Board member Kacia Westfahl, Board member Hunter Evans, and Board member Ryan Haynie, with Treasurer Ken Wettstein and Board member Ray Gonzales being Excused.

1. Appointment of Sargent at Arms
 - a. Dan Wiebers of Merino was appointed Sargent at Arms.
2. Executive Session.
 - a. Stephen Trujillo moved to go into Executive Session, Ryan Haynie seconded he motion, Motion Passed.
 - b. Meeting was in recess.
 - c. Motion to resume the regular meeting was made by Stephen Trujillo, seconded by Ryan Haynie, motion passed.
3. Credentials
 - a. Dan Wiebers and Secretary Chad Wettstein read the Credential forms
 - b. Departments present

Crested Butte Fire Department	Del Norte Fire Department
Gunnison Fire Department	Wages Fire Department
Southwest Washington County Fire Department	Yuma Fire Department
Merino Fire Department	Alamosa Fire Department
Paul Acosta – Individual member	Holyoke Fire Department
Josh Bobb – Individual member	San Louis Valley Hazmat
Hillrose/Snyder Fire Department	Brush Fire
	Eckley Fire
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. David Agesen of Yuma Fire made a motion to approve the agenda as corrected as follows;
 - i. Correct the number of Officer Elections (Section 13 b)
 - ii. Only needing Treasurer, Historian/Custodian, and District 2
 - iii. Districts 1, 4, and 6 are not up for reelection.Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
5. Guests
 - a. None
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Ryan Haynie of San Louis Valley Hazmat moved to accept the minutes as presented, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded the motion, no discussion, motion passed.
7. Secretary Report
 - a. Secretary Chad Wettstein announced that there are seventy five (75) department, twenty three (23) Individual members, one hundred and five (105) Lifetime members registered with the organization with an individual member count of three thousand eight hundred sixty nine (3,869).

8. Treasurer Report

- a. Ken Wettstein was absent due to an illness. Paul Acosta gave some background on the situation. Secretary Chad Wettstein read the Treasurers report.
- b. Account Balances
 - i. Checking Account - \$39,380.35
 - ii. Savings Account – 19,465.90
 - iii. Total Balance - \$58,846.25
- c. Motioned by Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by David Agesen or Yuma Fire, no discussion, Motion passed.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Fire Service Training / Outreach Committee
 - i. Stephen Trujillo reported that there are one hundred and twelve (112) registered to attend Fire College this year, eighty four (84) of those are registered for the County Fire Tactics class, twelve (12) registered for When Things Go Bad, seven (7) for Leadership 101, and six (6) for Death Scene.
 - ii. Hunter Evans gave a report on the vendor side of Fire College.
- b. Time and Place
 - i. Paul Acosta thanked the Host city. Paul announced that Brush Fire is interested in hosting Fire College in 2024.
- c. NVFC/NFPA
 - i. Paul Acosta gave a report on NFPA and NVFC.

10. Board Officer Reports

- a. District 3 – Hunter Evans
 - i. Hunter Evans gave a report on the District 3 area and difficulty of getting over in that area to talk with his area.
- b. District 5 – Kacia Westfahl
 - i. Kacia Westfahl didn’t have anything to report.
- c. District 7 - Ryan Haynie
 - i. Ryan Haynie stated that over half of district 7 are members of the association.
- d. District 6 / Vice President – Stephen Trujillo
 - i. Stephen Trujillo doesn’t have a lot to report. District 6 has the first ever Sheriff’s Department to be a member of the CSFFA.
- e. District 1 / President – Paul Acosta
 - i. Paul Acosta reported that the Northeast will be hosting races in September.

11. Old Business

- a. No old business

12. New Business

- a. Resolutions - All resolutions are attached.
 - i. 23-01 – Thank you to Gunnison
 1. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Josh Bobb from South Adams County Fire motioned to accept Resolution 23-01 as read, Dan Wiebers of Merino Fire seconded, discussion Stephen Trujillo made a notation that Gunnison Fire is the only department in the history to host Fire College six (6) times, Motion Passed.
 - ii. 23-02 – Article 12 & Article 13 Treasurer & Historian/Custodian Term of Service
 1. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire motioned to accept Resolution 23-03 as read, Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire Department seconded the motion, no discussion, motion passed.

2. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire Department motioned to cast white ballot, seconded by Chad Wettstein of Merino Fire, motion passed with white ballot.
- iii. 23-03 – Article 9, section 3 – Setting district priority of appointment.
 1. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Kacia Westfahl motioned to accept resolution 23-03 as read, Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire seconded the motion, discussion – Ryan Haynie gave a reasoning of why the changes are needed - Motion passed with white ballot.
 2. Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire moved to cast a white ballot, motion was seconded by Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire Department, Motion passed.
- iv. 23-04 – Article 9, section 5 – Add section for succession of board members
 1. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire motioned to accept resolution 23-04 as read, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded the motion, discussion – Ryan Haynie gave a reasoning behind the resolution, Motion Passed
 2. Josh Bobb made an amendment to the resolution. To add the following to the end of Article 9, section 2 “The secretary will send to the entire membership a notice of vacancy no later than March 1st of the year of the vacancy in question.” Kacia Marshall of Eckley Fire amended the motion to include the amendment, Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire amended his second, Motion passed by white ballot.
 3. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to cast white ballot, Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire seconded the motion, motion passed.
- v. 23-05 – Article 8, Section 2 – Definition of crime, impartial hearing, and validating charges.
 1. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire motioned to accept resolution 23-05 as read, Mike Rudnik of Southwest Washington County Fire seconded the motion, discussion – Ryan Haynie gave a reasoning behind the resolution, Motion passed
 2. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to cast white ballot, Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire seconded the motion, motion passed.
- vi. Emergency Resolutions
 1. Ryan Haynie presented an emergency resolution 23-06 – Removal of Proxy votes. Ryan Haynie read the resolution. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to vote for determination of “Emergency Resolution”, Dan Wiebers of Merino Fire seconded the motion, discussion – Stephen Trujillo asked if this needs to be sent to the lawyer as a legal matter about proxy votes. Bob Heldenbrand brought up should we remove proxy or just add the ability to do online voting?
 2. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to cast white ballot on the determination of the resolution, 2nd by Dan Wiebers of Merino Fire, motion passed
 3. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to accept Emergency Resolution 23-06 as presented, Nicholas Bundy of Alamosa seconded motion, discussion, Motion Passed
 4. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire moved to cast white ballot, Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire seconded motion, motion passed.
- b. Officer Elections
 - i. District 2
 1. Nichol Rudnik of Southwest Washington County Fire nominated by Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire, Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire seconded nomination.
 2. ? of Fire moved that nominations cease, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded, motion passed

3. Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire moved to cast white ballot, Mike Rudnik of Southwest Washington Fire seconded motion, motion passed.
4. Nichol Rudnik is elected to District 2 Board position.

ii. Treasurer

1. Josh Bobb of South Adams County Fire nominated by Ryan Haynie of Del Norte Fire, Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire seconded nomination.
2. Mike Rudnik of Southwest Washington County Fire nominated by Tina Wiebers of Merino fire, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded nomination.
3. Chad Wettstein of Merino Fire moved nomination cease, Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire seconded, motion passed.
4. Josh Bobb withdrew from running.
5. Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire moved to cast white ballot, Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire seconded motion, motion passed.
6. Mike Rudnik is elected Treasurer

iii. Historian/Custodian

1. David Aagesen of Yuma Fire nominated by Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded nomination.
2. Stephen Trujillo of Del Norte Fire moved nomination cease and cast a white ballot, Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire seconded, motion passed.
3. David Aagesen elected Historian/Custodian.

13. Announcements

- a. Fire College Attendees will need to be at the school before 8 am tomorrow. Entrance to school is on the north side.

14. For the Good of the Membership

- a. Nothing

15. Next Meeting

- a. To be determined

16. Adjournment

- a. Kacia Westfahl of Eckley Fire moved to adjourn, seconded by Baylor Struckmeyer of Wages Fire, motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 19:41.