

\$33,486.23. Of the \$30,315.66 checks written, a check for \$17,375.00 was a transfer to a new money market account set up for the License Plate grants so that money isn't running through the Association's bank account. The flower fund has a balance of \$802.68. In the new License Plate Grant account, there were \$4,875.00 in grants paid and a total of \$1.51 in interest earned. That balance of the License Plate Grant account has a balance of \$12,501.61. Death Benefits were paid for Ned Wilson, Richard Brent Weber, Jr. and Phillip M. Lawson. Marker Benefits were for Leland Nelson and Jack R. West. He asked the membership if there were any questions.

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BENEFIT FUND</u>
Balance - 1 st Quarter - 2015		
Balance - 2 nd Quarter - 2015		
Balance - 3 rd Quarter - 2015	32,187.42	235,701.33
Balance - 4 th Quarter - 2015		237,463.97
Balance - 1 st Quarter - 2016		239,220.34
Balance - 2 nd Quarter - 2016		242,746.22
Balance - 3 rd Quarter - 2016		242,691.96
Balance - 4 th Quarter - 2016		244,587.81

Motion to accept Report: Ryan Mellor
2nd: Joe Bona

Motion passes.

Report of the Secretary:

Gina Bell indicated that if the membership who was present noticed that the roll call has changed. It was discussed by the Board to only say past board members name once and it will be done at the current position a member holds or at the highest position that the board member held in the past. This removes the awkward repetitiveness of a member having to indicate that are in attendance as well as the silence when a member is absent. Gina received a death benefit request for Philip Lawson - Heber Valley Fire Department and a 20-year pin and certificate request for James Riddle - Iron County Fire Department. Both of these have been forwarded to Treasurer Brent Marshall to be distributed. Gina indicated that she purchased a new battery for the Secretary's laptop as well as a new recorder to record all the meetings. Both of these purchases were approved by the board in October. Gina is in the process of getting some insurance information which is a requirement listed in our bylaws and Senior Trustee Brady George will talk about that. Gina also created a pamphlet that lists information about the State Association including benefits and convention. She turned over 100 of them to Perry Skaug. He and Eldon will be at Winter Fire School next week to hand them out and try to get new members.

Motion to accept report: Leonard Miller
2nd: Leon Hadley

Motion passes.

Report of the Membership Steward:

Perry went over numbers for Lifetime, Department and Members. He indicated that he is going to give stats from the January meeting last year compared to this year. Lifetime members last year 490 compared to 497. Last year 41 departments compared to 55. Last year membership were at 1,591 compared to 1,915 this year giving us a 177 new members since last year. We still have checks going to Dave Howell when they should be going to Perry. Dave has now moved to Mesquite and that just delays the process of payment and cards and it has become a problem. Perry has invoices for departments for anyone who wants to pick up their department's invoice.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley
2nd: Brady George

Report of the Law & Legislative Committee: Ryan said that Coy couldn't be present, so he asked Ryan to include the Fire Marshal's Office report at the same time as the Law & Legislative Committee report. He indicated that the State Fire Prevention Board meeting was held at the South Salt Lake Council Chambers on January 10th. Legislature begins on Monday, January 23rd. Ryan went over the list of pre-filed bills that are coming up and Ryan handed out the list of those Bills (attached). Ryan indicated that there was a problem with the license plates but it has been worked out. The DMV had been sending letters that they were running out of stickers but the letters were going to Jay Westergard's. Blair found one and sent a copy of it to Ryan. The Museum has offered to step up and help us for this year and we will reimburse the Museum. We determined that the total to get more

stickers is about \$16,000.00. In the future, instead of waiting for the license plate stickers to run low and pay the bill in one lump sum, we will start taking the money out each year in a smaller amount so we don't run into this problem. The State Fire Marshal's meeting will be here in St. George on Tuesday-Wednesday with the State Fire Chiefs meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. Coy asked Ryan to mention that there are two open positions, one for Deputy State Fire Marshal and the other is the Fire Services Specialist. They've scheduled interviews for those positions.

Motion to accept: R. Wendell Robison
2nd Coty Chadburn

Motion passes.

Report from State Fire Prevention Board: Nothing.

Report from the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy: Gina read the report from Hugh Connor. It said: Probably the most important piece of information from the state fire Academy is reminding the board of winter fire school on the 20th and 21st in St. George. A lot of the classes are full and if the Chiefs want their fire fighters to attend they may want to get online and take a look at what classes are still available. I believe we are expecting around 800 firefighters this year. Thanks for spreading the word Gina. Gina also added that if you are going to be at Winter Fire School, sign up for Billy Goldfeder's class. He's an incredible speaker.

Motion to accept: Brady George
2nd Ryan Mellor

Motion passes.

Report from Standards and Training Council: Gina received a report from Jason Winn. She read the report to the membership. Brad Wardle reported for Hugh Connor that for the first time in memory, UFRA ended the 2015-2016 year without a roll over with the budget. The Aviation Tech Education Council (ATEC) have met with UFRA members twice and an agreement has been reached. An area has been cleared to use at the back of the UFRA property. UFRA is waiting on ATEC for further action. The Regional Fire School in Moab was well received and very successful. A request was made for a regional fire school to be held in Duchesne, in the north end of the state and possibly the Delta area. There is a Firefighter Mental Health Initiative and they are trying to get awareness out on this. The Unmanned Aircraft Systems Curriculum is being put in place. The goal of the UAS is to utilize the available technology in incident command, fire investigation, etc. The first Engine Company Inspector class is underway.

Motion to accept: Brady George
2nd Ryan Mellor

Motion passes.

Report From National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC): Wendell said that there haven't been any new turnouts donated. It's been about 6-8 months. He will be meeting for the NFPA 1971-1851 and this is the meeting where they ask Wendell if he has any use for display turnouts and he always says "yes, please send them". Globe, MSA, LN Cutis, Scot Air all have representatives on that committee and that is where Wendell is offered the gear. He will know more one way or the other after meeting with these individuals next month. The NFPA committee has assigned Wendell to a special task group to look at the retirement age for garments. He jumped at the chance. The first time it came around, they said what should use for the length of garments? Wendell said 20 years, they said 5 years, Wendell said 15, they said 8, so they met in the middle with 10. So now Wendell has another chance and by that decision he has used every avenue possible to voice his opposition to that determination. He was given every opportunity to voice his opposition and each time the vote was no. So this time, he will expend all his energy to work for the benefit of the volunteer firefighters. He feels it's for career firefighters as well. He's had multiple conference calls since they met last in preparation for their next meeting. He will be asking for studies and justification and go from there. He and Brent will be heading to D.C. in April/May. Brent mentioned that there have been a lot of personnel changes with NFPA committees that he has been involved in. They are getting ready to do another nation-wide study on response times from career and volunteer departments. He indicated that they won't be combined this time, from what they've been told. There will be two separate standards. They have finally been convinced that volunteer department don't stand a chance to provide the same response time as a manned station or a career station that is fully staffed.

Motion to accept report: Leonard Miller

2nd Leon Hadley

Motion passed.

Report of the Fire Marshals Office: Report included with Ryan Mellor's report.

Report of the Trustee's:

Brady George indicated that at our last meeting the Board looked at the bylaws requiring insurance bonds for the Treasurer and Secretary positions because we were out of compliance with that. So we tried to get pricing on that and found out that it's cheaper for us to get a much better policy that covers all the board members than getting surety bonds for just those two positions. We've identified a representative that can obtain pricing from various companies and we are working through the specific details on that. We will need to update the bylaws to reflect the change from a bond to a policy. Between now and the pre-convention meeting in April will work out the details and should have the language changes as well as cost and have that for the body to hear exactly what that is. It should be a more efficient way to do business eliminating the requirement to go in and change names every time. In our previous meeting we had motioned to allow the Treasurer \$600.00 to purchase a laptop and accounting software for Association so business use so we can track our business electronically and not just on paper. For the future, this should allow the transition from one Treasurer to another that much easier moving forward. Brent purchased a laptop and when it arrived he opened up to find that it was all scratched up and seemed to appear used. He returned it and has not been able to find something else within the limitations of the approved amount. The Board had to increase the amount from \$600.00 up to \$1,000.00 to make sure that we can get something that will last for several years. He is working with Gina on getting a new laptop. We discussed a procedural change on how we handle checks. Right now, if we have a check that never gets cashed it makes it difficult to balance the books. To help Brent out with this, we are instituting a policy that if a check goes 180 days uncashed we will issue a stop payment on it. If the beneficiary comes back requesting the money a second time, we will deduct the stop payment amount from their total and reissue a check for the balance. If it goes another 180 days uncashed, the process will be repeated. Right now that bylaws state that they have 365 days to clear the account and if they don't cash it by then, they actually have to come to the Board to request the funds. We are trying to move closer to the bylaws without allowing a check to sit for that long, allowing us to recoup some of those monies that are just floating 11:00 a.m. at the State Capitol in the Hall of Governor's. It's a great event, Brady mentioned that he has been involved with this event for many years, even before he was voted onto the Board. He said that he's not a political person, but to sit down and talk to some of the legislatures from different areas has been very eye opening to him to find out what some of their motivations are and how we can find a way to meet with their personal motivations to move our programs forward. So if you have the opportunity to come out and support that event, we would ask you to do that. It's a great way for us to move our name forward and move the causes of the fire service forward. Also, reminder that our next meeting will be our Pre-Convention meeting in Richfield on April 8th.

Motion to accept report: Harold Chadwick
2nd Coty Chadburn

Motion passes.

Report of the Convention Chairman:

Travis Graff asked Roger/Richfield Fire Department. Travis has been chatting with Roger and he's excited about the activities that they have planned to come up for the 109th convention. There will be a 7:00 am ATV ride, the Golf Tournament at 8:00 am and possibly a Motorcycle Ride at 2:30 pm. They are planning a Fire Truck Rodeo. Right now they have 16 vendors and another 9 or 10 to call and get them on board. The meetings will be held at the Event Center and the Ladies meeting will most likely also be at the Event Center. The cost this year will be \$90.00 in advance or \$100.00 for late registrations. The theme this year will be Fueled by Fire - Driven by Courage. Every event that you participate in, you will be fed. The hotel room information is on the website they have set up. The site is located at: <http://richfieldfiredepartment.weebly.com>. If you made hotel reservations early, please follow up and verify your reservations are still in place. They have had problems with one of the hotels.

Motion to accept report: Ryan Mellor
2nd - Harold Chadwick

Passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

President Nay asked if there was any other business for the good of the Association. Drew Rasmussen told a couple jokes.

The Quarterly Meeting was adjourned.

THE PRE-CONVENTION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, AT 4:00 P.M. DINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SEVIER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LOCATED AT 410 EAST 200 SOUTH IN RICHFIELD.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE BY APRIL 1ST, TO GINA BELL AT 801-580-2336 OR GINA.BELL@SLCGOV.COM

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Bell, Secretary