

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Utah State Firefighters' Association**  
**Utah State Firefighters Museum**  
**October 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at the Utah State Firefighters Museum in Grantsville, Utah on Saturday, October 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Lance Nay at 12:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Brent Prisbrey – Sergeant-At-Arms

**Invocation:** Russ Cowley - Chaplain

**President Lance Nay:** President Nay indicated that at our last meeting, Eldon Farnsworth had just had surgery so he wanted to take a minute to have Eldon sworn in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Officers Present:**

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President - Lance Nay	Chaplain – Russ Cowley
1st Vice President – Mike Ahlstrom	Sergeant-At-Arms – Brent Prisbrey
2nd Vice President – Eldon Farnsworth	Historian/Photographer – Trisha Thomas
Secretary - Gina Bell	L & L Committee Chairman - Ryan Mellor (excused)
Treasurer – Brent Marshall	Rep State Fire Prevention Board – Mike Phillips (not present)
Membership Steward – Perry Skaug	Rep UT Fire and Rescue Academy – Hugh Connor (not present)
Trustee - Brady George	Rep UT Standards and Training – Jason Winn (no present)
Trustee - David Gillette	Rep UT Fire Museum - David Hammond
Trustee - Coty Chadburn (excused)	Rep's National Volunteer Fire Council - R. Wendell Robison/Brent K. Marshall
Trustee - Eddie Hales (excused)	2015 Convention Chairman - Travis Graff (excused)
Trustee – Andy McBride	State Fire Marshal – Coy Porter (not present)

**Past Presidents Present/Excused:**

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R. Wendell Robison - Fillmore City	Drew Rasmussen – Fillmore (excused)	Leonard Miller – Price
Andrew Glad – (excused)	Steven H. Demas -Sandy City	Robert Harrison - Spanish For City
Wayne Dow – (excused)	Ron Harris – Tropic City (excused)	Ryan Mellor - Salt Lake City (excused)
Joe Bona – Payson City	Janet Atkinson – (excused)	Harold Chadwick - Grantsville City
Lynn Jones - Spanish Fork (excused)	Brent K. Marshall - Grantsville City	Travis Graff – St. George (excused)

**Past Trustees Present/Excused:**

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R. Wendell Robison - Fillmore City	R. Wendell Robison - Fillmore City	Harold Chadwick - Grantsville City (excused)
Joe Bona – Payson City	Ryan Mellor - Salt Lake City (excused)	Lance Nay - Richfield City
Lynn Jones – Spanish Fork (excused)	Robert Harrison - Spanish For City	Mike Ahlstrom - Tropic City
Brent Marshall - Grantsville City	Steven H. Demas – Sandy City	Drew Rasmussen - Fillmore City (excused)
Ron Harris – Tropic City (excused)		

**Past Secretaries Present/Excused:**

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Dave Howell - Cedar City

**Past Treasurers Present/Excused:**

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Rowe Harrison - Tooele City	Steven H. Demas – Sandy City
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**Past Law & Legislative Committee Chairman Present:**

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**Past Historian/Photographers Present:**

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Leon Hadley - Grantsville City	Errol Dearden – Fillmore City
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**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion to accept: Dave Hammond  
2nd: Leon Hadley

Motion passes.

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Brent indicated that he appreciates Rowe and his addressing some of the questions that Brent had. We went to the Tooele bank and made all the changes with Rowe, Gina and Brent. Because of Eldon’s surgery, he went to a branch in the Salt Lake Valley to sign his card. All signature cares have been taken care of. Rowe and Brent met with the Financial Advisor Greg Rudd who was planning on being at our meeting today but had to cancel. He did want everyone to know that the issues that have been in the news regarding Wells Fargo do not affect the Utah Wells Fargo’s. Rowe and Brent met with Freshmans because there are a few of the officer who need badges (or pins). We have paid out \$2,500.00 in death benefits this last quarter. An audit of the books was completed with no issues. There were \$8,762.00 in deposits in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and \$34,344.38 in checks written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with \$21,875.00 of that for Grants paid. Our investment balance is \$24,792.03 and we have \$1,802.25 for this quarter on our investments with \$5,328.06 for the year. There is still \$12,500.00 in unclaimed grant money. We have a flower fund that has a balance of \$792.68. The fund is used to pay for flowers sent to funerals of past presidents. The money comes from the Association Board. Brent has hats, buckles, lapel pins and Association decals for sale if anyone is interested.

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BENEFIT FUND</u>
Balance - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter - 2014		\$228,836.18
Balance - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2014		\$230,547.48
Balance - 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2015		
Balance - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015		
Balance - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter - 2015	32,187.42	235,701.33
Balance - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2015		237,463.97
Balance - 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2016		239,220.34
Balance - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2016		242,746.28
Balance – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 2016		242,792.03

Motion to accept Report: Steven H. Demas  
 2nd: Joe Bona

Motion passes.

**Report of the Secretary:**

Gina indicated that she sent death benefit payment requests to Rowe and Brent for Norman Barker, Vincent Miola, Harold Nielson, Bevan Hales and Dennis Brunson. Since that time she has had one additional death benefit request and one marker request come in and will be sending letters and request for payment over to Brent. Gina had one request for a 60-year pin that she sent over to Brent and has a 60-year certificate that was signed today by the President that she will mail out. She was able to get an address for one memorial plaque that was unclaimed at convention and she has mailed that plaque out. Gina has the pamphlet that has been created to be handed out at Winter Fire School promoting the Association. She will be making copies of the pamphlet for Perry to take down to St. George. If anyone is not receiving an email for the quarterly minutes and would like to, please see Gina after the meeting. She also is bringing a few extra copies to the quarterly meetings for anyone who wants a hard copy.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley  
 2nd: Wendell Robison

Motion passes.

**Report of the Membership Steward:**

Perry indicated that he wants to give a comparison regarding the membership we have now versus our last October meeting. Last year we had 346 Lifetime Members and because of the changes in the bylaws, now we have 495. We have had a few that have paid for their lifetime memberships. Last year there were 38 departments who were paid up and this year there are 54. Last year our membership was at 1,438 and this year we have 1,854. Of that total, 153 of the members are new members. Last year there were 23 departments that were 1 year behind and now we are down to 6. In 2014, there 5 departments who were 2 years behind in dues and that hasn’t changed. In 2013 there were 8 departments who were 3 years behind and we are down to 3.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley  
 2nd: Harold Chadwick

**Report of the Law & Legislative Committee**

No report.

**Report of the State Fire Prevention Board:** No report.

**Report of the Standards and Training Council:** No report.

**Report of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC):**

Wendell indicated he and Brent were in Charleston, SC last month and they had a wonderful experience with the National Volunteer Fire Council there. In our last meeting Brent touched on cancer and how much it's effecting this fire service. Every time someone is exposed from toxins, smoke, or hazardous materials, it has a cumulative affect and it's almost like "ok your time is coming" and this is very concerning. There are 2 states who have now passed legislation for their volunteers that protects them from cancer. Maryland and New York are the two states. New York indicated that their Council fought against it, so the volunteers went back and did their homework and came back to the Council and showed that they had saved the State of New York over 2 billion dollars. The Council then approved to cover them. Wendell believes it will just be a matter of time before we will be on top of it and everyone will be aware of what's going on. We have the Oath that we just administered and Wendell looked up two words from it; without Equivocation and Evasion. Without Equivocation means to stand fast; never wavering and without Evasion also mean's to hit things head-on. He found something every interesting as well. Our oath is almost copies word for word out of the US Constitution. The President of the United States and Congress have that same oath and ours has just been altered to reflect the Utah State Firefighters' Association. Brent indicated that we have had issues in our own State with suicides and addictions with either prescription or non-prescription drugs. Brent talked about a story that they were able to hear from a guy named Scott Gieselhart and how he beat PTSD that included an addiction and suicide attempts. Brent knows that we've had some of these issues in our own State where firefighters have gotten addicted to pain killers and the bottom line to his story is that he got help and he's a completely different person. He is still a firefighter and he talked about being a firefighter contributing to some of the things that had pushed him over the edge. There is a help line for those who are struggling and need someone to talk to. The line is open 24 hours a day and he encourages everyone to let their members know about the help line and encourage them to get help when they need it.

Motion to accept report: Dave Hammond  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Bona

Motion passed.

**Report of the Fire Marshal's Office:** No report.

**Report of the Trustee's:**

Senior Trustee Brady George thanked the members for coming out and joining the board for the quarterly meeting as well as the memorial services that will follow immediately after the meeting. At our Trustee's meeting we discussed several issues. First, the badges that we hand out to the Board Members has fallen out of favor in the jeweling industry so it has become harder to come by compared to what we were accustomed to in the past. In the past, where we were able to buy them one at a time, we now have to buy a sheet of that metal to maintain that process. By buying the sheet we can reduce the cost of the metal but the bad news is that we need to buy a large bulk of them totaling approximately \$2,700.00. That will drop the price of the pins from about \$300.00 per pin to approximately \$150.00 per pin. So the Trustees evaluated several options and in the end they decided to make that purchase and it should carry us for about 8-10 years before we need to address the issue again. We also discussed accepting a new member from Thompson Springs, Utah who has requested to be a member on his own. We have decided to go ahead and fellowship him from that department in hopes of helping to bring more members on board from his area. We also discussed our representation on the License Plate Committee. Leonard Miller has served for us in that position for a while and he's done a phenomenal job. His term is up and we've asked if would consider continuing to represent us on that committee and he has accepted. We also wanted to remind you that we've created a new Facebook page under Utah State Firefighters' Association and you can go in and like us on that page so you can receive information as well as see things that are going on amongst our members over the course of the year and not just at convention each year. We also discussed that the secretary's computer has become a little antiquated and needs a few repairs that we are going to get taken care of. It's a battery and some anti-virus software so it should be relatively inexpensive. Also, we are in need of a laptop and software for the Treasurer's position.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Harrison

Motion passes.

**Update on the Convention:**

Travis asked to be excused for the General Meeting, but Brent Prisbrey gave an updated on behalf of Richfield. Convention will be June 8-10, 2017. On Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> they are planning an ATV ride, a 4-man scramble golf tournament as well as some type of motorcycle ride. There will also be a dinner for everybody who is there on Wednesday at the park. After the Memorial on Thursday, they are planning an apparatus rodeo. The rodeo will be after the Memorial and the Parade and there will also be a dinner after the rodeo on Thursday.

**New Business:**

It was asked if we have a table cover representing the Association and if not, would we be interested in purchasing one.

A few items have been donated to the museum.

Rowe asked that Past President Wayne Dow be excused. He suffered a stroke and has been going through rehab. He's home now and things are looking better.

Dave Hammond asked if anyone has the original window sticker (square one). It's the original one. Brent thinks he may have one. Dave will come and look at it. Also, the Museum is short a few trucks. In June Provo City asked for their truck for a firefighter who has passed away. They have decided to keep it in Provo. Logan has taken theirs and has also decided to keep theirs. There are some display stands that were donated by BYU. There are also four water color pictures that were commissioned back in year 2000s. Also, thanks to Ryan Perkins for volunteering to set up for the meeting.

Lance also wanted to thank Ryan Perkins who has been at the Museum all day setting up.

Mike Ahlstrom indicated that in July if we have a swearing in, you need to get hotel reservations now. It gets extremely busy that time of year. The date is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike will get information to Gina regarding rooms as soon as possible.

The Quarterly Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Bell, Secretary

**REMINDER: NEXT MEETING WILL BE 4:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 14TH IN ST. GEORGE AT ST. GEORGE STATION 8 LOCATED AT 1096 W. BLUEGRASS WAY (OUT BY SUN RIVER).**