

**Quarterly & Installation Meeting  
Utah State Firefighters' Association  
Bryce Canyon, Utah  
July 8, 2017**

The quarterly and installation meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at the Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel in Bryce Canyon, Utah on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

The Installation Meeting was called to order by President Lance Nay at 12:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Brandon Baugh

**Invocation:** Moyle Johnson

President Nay gave a quick exit speech expressing his appreciation to his family and his department while he was President. He has developed great friendships and he indicated what a great organization we have.

President Nay swore in Michael Ahlstrom as the new President.

President Mike Ahlstrom officially took over the meeting as the new President.

Mike called up Eldon Farnsworth and swore him in as the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Mike called up Brady George and swore him in as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Mike called up Austin Knight and swore him in as the new 5-year Trustee.

Mike called up Moyle Johnson and swore him in as the new Sergeant-at-Arms

Mike called up Brandon Baugh and swore him in as the new Chaplin.

Mike took a few minutes and talked about taking over as the new President.

**Officers Present:**

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President - Mike Ahlstrom	Chaplain – Brandon Baugh
1st Vice President – Eldon Farnsworth	Sergeant-At-Arms -- Moyle Johnson
2nd Vice President – Brady George	Historian/Photographer – Trisha Thomas
Secretary - Gina Bell	L & L Committee Chairman - Ryan Mellor
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 - David Gillette	Rep UT Standards and Training – Jason Winn (not present)
Trustee - Coty Chadburn	Rep UT Fire Museum - David Hammond (excused)
Trustee - Eddie Hales	Rep's National Volunteer Fire Council - R. Wendell Robison/Brent K. Marshall
Trustee - Andy McBride (Excused)	2018 Convention Chairman - Lance Nay
Trustee – Austin Knight	State Fire Marshal – Coy Porter (excused)

**Past Presidents Present/Excused:**

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R. Wendell Robison - Fillmore City	Ryan Mellor - Salt Lake City	Harold Chadwick - Grantsville City
J. Merlin Baker - St. George	Brent K. Marshall - Grantsville City	Drew Rasmussen-Fillmore City (excused)
Leonard Miller - Price	Robert Harrison - Spanish Fork (excused)	David Howell – Cedar City
	Jeff Norton - St. George (excused)	Lance Nay – Richfield

**Past Trustees Present:**

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R. Wendell Robison - Fillmore City	Leonard Miller - Price	Harold Chadwick - Grantsville City
J. Merlin Baker - St. George	Ryan Mellor - Salt Lake City	Mike Ahlstrom - Tropic City
Brent Marshall - Grantsville City	Robert Harrison - Spanish Fork City (excused)	Drew Rasmussen - Fillmore City (excused)
Ron Harris – Tropic (excused)	Lance Nay - Richfield City	Jeff Norton - St. George (excused)

**Past Secretaries Present:**

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David Howell – Cedar City

**Past Treasurers Present:**

Rowe Harrison – Tooele (excused)

**Past Law & Legislative Committee Chairman Present:**

**Past Historian/Photographers Present:**

Leon Hadley - Grantsville City                      Errol Dearden - Fillmore City

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion to accept:        Leon Hadley  
   2nd: Ryan Mellor

Motion passes.

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Brent Marshall handed out a report to everyone present. He indicated that our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter we did better than our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We are getting ready to go into our audit. We deposited \$35,329.00 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and we spent \$13,810.04 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter which is down from the \$14,271.27 that was spent during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We paid \$32,429.92 in license plate grants and have two left to be paid. They are both \$5,000 or less. The flower fund has \$827.68 and it will grow substantially after today. Brent indicated that the officers pay into it when they forget their badges (pins) by donating \$20.00 and the fund is used to buy flowers for past officers that pass away. We paid out \$2,500.00 in Death Benefits.

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BENEFIT FUND</u>
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		242,746.22
Balance - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter - 2016		242,691.96
Balance - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2016		244,587.81
Balance - 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2017		246,396.95
Balance - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2017		248,210.47

Motion to accept Report:        Leonard Miller  
   2nd: Wendel Robison

Motion passes.

**Report of the Secretary:**

Received a death benefit request from David Horman/South Salt Lake, Evan Adams/Layton and Vernon Lee Jensen/Salt Lake County. We paid for a marker benefit for B. Bolinder. Received a couple 20-year award requests from 2008 for members who indicated they never received the awards. Both Perry and Gina have hunted for their certificates and haven't found anything so new certificates were issued.

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

Motion passes.

**Report of the Membership Steward:**

Perry is stopping on his way home from Bryce Canyon to deliver the two 20-year awards that Gina mentioned. So far this year we have 530 lifetime members. In 2015 we had 346 and in 2016 we had 493. It has gone up quite a bit and that is partially due to the automatic lifetime membership at 50 years, but we have had a lot that have been purchased as well. We have 62 paid departments and we are up to 2176 members. We have 251 new members. We have had several departments that have been several years behind that have caught up on their dues. Some of those departments have

been as much as 5 years behind.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Brent Marshall

President Ahlstrom mentioned that the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Steward do a ton of work and he really appreciates them.

Ryan Mellor mentioned that it seems that our membership is climbing substantially with new members and old members catching up on their dues, but it seems that we are still lacking attendance at convention. President Ahlstrom indicated that it definitely has been that way and there still is a lot of growth in recruiting new members. Ryan indicated that we need to put the same effort into recruiting membership to attend convention as we have in getting our membership up, and Perry has done an amazing job getting that membership increased. Perry indicated that since 2015 we have increased new membership by 1,000 members so if we all get out there and encourage members to attend convention.

**Report of the Law & Legislative Committee:**

Ryan indicated that we need to make sure that our departments all have their current roster submitted as we would hate to have someone get hurt or worse only to find out they aren't on the list. There's not a lot going on this time of year with the legislature but Ryan has noticed a lot of names are changing with people who are running and those who aren't. Ryan asked if there were any questions and someone asked about anything coming out on the fireworks. Ryan indicated that the firework lobby is an extremely powerful lobby as we found out last time. The code says that a City can ban fireworks but it also requires the City to give a location where you can go light off fireworks. So that basically means you can't fully ban fireworks. We actually now have legislators saying something has to be done. It was asked "where does County fall under that?" Ryan indicated that any unincorporated area can be banned from fireworks. There were 15 fires in Salt Lake City due to fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Motion to accept: Coty Chadburn  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lance Nay

Motion passes.

**Report from State Fire Prevention Board:** Nothing.

**Report from the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy:** See below.

**Report from Standards and Training Council:**

UFRA report (Given by Brad Wardle): Right now we are working with the Fire Marshal's Office on the restricted account funding. Senate Bill 30 did not pass the Legislature this past session which was critical for both UFRA and the Fire Marshal's Office in funding our respective budgets. There are approximately 150 classes left to deliver between now and the end of June. That will push us up close to 600 classes this year that we have delivered. The CTC (command training center), OPS, and tactics curriculum is being rewritten and retooled. We are still pursuing land for the relocation of UFRA. It is our intent to partner with the Department of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and others. We will be working with Brian Cottam's office, and others, to finance infrastructure and design. The UFRA budget is tight. Last year's COLA was not funded and this year we anticipate a wage increase that won't be funded until the 2018 or 2019 fiscal budget. We continually look for ways to save money. Our only flexible area in the UFRA budget is in the training area where we are supporting classes. Most of the other areas have fixed costs. We know what it costs to run certification, we know what it costs to run logistics and transportation. We are looking very closely at what the true costs are for classes and how we are going to deliver them. We have a grant for a fifth fast prop.

There have been some discussions, and people have had some questions, as to how we sponsor different organizations. We will sponsor the Fire Marshal's Association of Utah, Salt Lake Valley Fire Alliance, the Utah Chapter of Arson Investigators, Utah State Fire Chief's Association, and Utah State Firefighters Association with up to \$5,000 for annual training. In the past, when we have done this, we have told them what the amounts were and then the organization would just send us an invoice saying please send us \$5,000. There was no real transparency as to what that money was spent on. The Fire Marshal's Association has asked what they can spend the money on. They weren't sure what was reimbursable and what was not. UFRA has developed a form to give clarity so that the various organizations will know what we're willing to reimburse (see attached form). Todd Smith asked if the Public Educators Association could also participate in this funding. Ted was to check and let UFRA and Todd know if this was allowed by statute.

The above report was submitted by Jason Winn via email and was added to the minutes after the quarterly meeting.

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

Wendell discussed the progression of the Association. In his last meeting with the NFPA 1971 Turnouts for Structural Firefighter, the expiration is 10 years for the gear. They are now considering 15 years with special consideration. Someone on the committee picked it up because of Wendell's interest. The two of them were the only 2 who voted for it. The rest of the committee voted it down. He indicated to the committee that volunteer fire service is out of compliance with the 10-year requirement. This is because this committee requires this but doesn't provide any money to help replace these turnouts. On the congressional front, Firefighter Cancer Act was introduced to the house (HR 931) and is now be considered in congress. Wendell turned over NVFC paperwork to Gina Bell for our records. Wendell appreciates having Brent on the council and Brent plays an important part. They split up to attend the meetings and they both have assignments for those meetings (Fall Conference will be in September in Nebraska). There is a problem with the national bylaws from an individual who stepped down from an important position. They didn't have anything in their bylaws regarding the replacement if someone steps down. Brent serves on a committee regarding response time. In the last meeting the discussed the separations that need to take place because response times for career vs volunteer are a big difference. Thanks to Wendell for mentoring him.

Motion to accept report: Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Mellor

Motion passed.

**Report of the Fire Marshal's Office:** Nothing to report.

**Report of the Trustee's:**

Senior Trustee Dave Gillette reported on the Board Meeting. He indicated that we are working on trying to get costs down. Looking at different ways to save money on the service award pins because the cost of gold is so high. We are working on recruitment of departments with the trustees going out to visit the departments. Working towards a memorial award that will be handed out to someone who does outstanding work for the fire service. The recipient could be someone in the legislature, a mayor or someone from the outside who has helped our Association. President Ahlstrom added: As most of you know, at convention in June we did not receive a bid for a host city for 2019. We received a letter from American Fork and Chief Aaron Brems. He read the letter expressing interest in American Fork hosting the 2019 Utah State Firefighters' Association Convention. The Trustees voted unanimously to accept this letter and American Fork's offer to host.

Motion to accept report: Ryan Mellor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Leon Hadley

Motion passes.

**Report of the Convention Chairman:**

Lance Nay indicated that he was turning the time over to Leonard Miller. Leonard indicated that they are working on putting together motel information that their Association President will be sending out and that they had a survey at convention to get input of the types of events members would like to see in 2018.

Motion to accept report: Brady George  
2nd – Ryan Mellor

Passed.

Old Business: None. President Ahlstrom asked Lance Nay if everything turned out ok in Richfield from them hosting convention in June. Mike told Lance it was a great convention

**New Business:** None.

President Ahlstrom asked if there was any other business for the good of the Association. The Quarterly Meeting was adjourned.

Thank you to Tropic Fire for hosting this meeting and putting together the dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gina M. Bell, Secretary