Bylaw Change

July 2025

ARTICLE 9

REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1. The revenue of this Association shall be derived from the payment of an initiation fee of $10 and an annual dues of $15 and from such assessments as may be levied from time to time by order of the Board of Trustees or by the delegates in Annual Convention assembled, and from such other money as may come to the Association through the medium of gifts, bequests or otherwise.

Section 2. $3.00 of the Annual Dues paid by each member shall be set aside and designated as the Benefit Fund. This fund shall be used exclusively for the disbursement of death and/or service award benefits, as outlined in these bylaws. All other monies including those derived from initiation fees shall be placed into the Association's General Fund. The General and Benefit Funds shall be kept separate, with the Treasurer providing a detailed accounting of each. Any monies and/or property donated to the Association shall be accounted for in the fund specified by the donor. In the event a donor does not specify a fund, said donation shall be added to the Association's Benefit Fund.

Section 3. $2500.00 shall be apportioned from the General Fund each year for the sole purpose of conducting the Association's annual Convention. Said monies shall be paid to the Fire Department/Entity which hosts the Convention. Any Department/Entity hosting Convention is required to provide an insurance policy for Convention in the sum of $1 million. Should the hosting Department/Entity not provide proof of said policy by the first day of June, of the same year in which they are scheduled to host Convention, the Association shall purchase the necessary coverage using funds from the $2500.00 set aside herein. In the event an annual Convention is not/cannot be held, all such monies shall be returned to the General Fund.

Section 4. A maximum of $3.00 per member from the General Fund may be used to sponsor and promote various worthwhile causes, which will enhance the image of the Utah State Firefighters' Association.

Section 5. Upon the death of any member in good standing in the Association, the amount of $500 may be appropriated from the Association Benefit Fund to be used to help defray the burial expenses of the deceased member. Any duly qualified person, representing the department to which the deceased was attached, or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the deceased shall forward to the Secretary of the Association a properly certified copy of the death certificate and shall make request to the Association for payment to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the deceased, of the funeral benefits. The Chief or Assistant Chief may be instructed by the Secretary to secure from the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the deceased a properly signed receipt for the above stated benefit.

Section 6. If a lawful beneficiary does not appear with due proof of death within 365 days after death of the insured, the benefit will revert to the Association for the continued use of the Association's remaining members. Special circumstances which result in submission of the proof of death beyond the pre-appointed timeframe may be appealed before the Board of Trustees, whose decision shall be final and shall be entered into the written record of the Association.

Section 7. Any firefighter in the State of Utah who passes away due to a line of duty death will have Association dues waived and will be considered a member posthumous for the purpose of receiving the death benefit and being honored at the convention memorial.

Section 8. The cost of service awards, as described in Article 10 of this Constitution, shall be appropriated from the Benefit Fund.

Section 9. Should there not be sufficient funds in the Benefit Fund with which to pay the benefits as described above, the Trustees shall have the right to levy a pro-rata assessment on all the members sufficient to pay the benefits accruing and provided for by this constitution.