



## **Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**September 16, 2019 10:45am Pacific**

Clark County Fire Department Training Center  
4425 W. Tropicana Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103

1. There were 17 attendees: Dean Bloemke (WA), State Director David Burnett (OR), David Calhoun (MO), Vice President Bill Eckroth (WA), Roger Ellison (MO), State Director Gerry Gustafson (WA), Richard Hurley (OR), Individual Director at Large Mark Kreutzer (OR), Mike Lyons (WA), President Candy McCullough (WA), Terry Miller\*(WA), Executive Director Monte Olsen (MO), Secretary/Treasurer Barry Orth (WA), Ken Schmalbeck (MO), LJ Silverman (CA), Terry Sinkler\* (WA), Orlanda Smith (MO) (\*non-members). A quorum was established with 15 members being in attendance. Also in attendance was Administrative Assistant Jeanne Ernst.
2. President McCullough called the meeting to order at 11am, introduced herself, current officers and staff and thanked our sponsors for their support: AT&T First Net; Public Consulting Group; Washington Fire Commissioners Assoc.; TCA Architecture and King County Fire Commissioners.
3. [Minutes from September 18, 2018 Membership Meeting](#) were approved as presented.
4. The Financial Report was presented by Jeanne Ernst, Administrative Assistant.
5. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Bylaws, Chair Monte Olsen
    - i. Proposed Bylaws Changes: Monte stressed the importance that NAEFO Bylaws be a model for other organizations, that our Bylaws should protect NAEFO from being overtaken by a small number of members. Please read them carefully. Changes include our name change, addition of missing information, corrections, removal of duplications and contradictions.
    - ii. Reduce the quorum from 20 to 10% (of the total membership).
    - iii. In order to vote today, we needed to have sent the Bylaws with changes to the membership 14 days prior to this meeting. Not having done this, we will do the vote electronically and give the membership 14 days to respond.
    - iv. Our new membership billing system had the unforeseen impact of not knowing all the names and contact information of the new members. Jeanne will contact districts or members to get contact information to send the Bylaws and proceed with voting.

- b. Communication, Chair Bill Eckroth - He posted something to our Facebook page which did not appear. There is a problem with our page. It is not registering 'likes' and other posts. Ideally, we need someone to look at it daily. We may need to start a new page for our new name. We were able to change the logo, but not the new name.
  - c. Conference and Education Chair Mark Kreutzer- Many thanks for the good attendance at this meeting and special thanks to those who came from Missouri. In the future, for the Conference, he would like to clarify and organize with Candy and Monte the process for finding speakers. For the location, Las Vegas seems to have the lowest priced rooms and we have the Clark County Training Center at no cost. He's looked at other locations and the room cost is double our rate at The Orleans.
  - d. Legislative, Chair Barry Orth – No activity to report this year in Washington State except that some legislation will be re-introduced next session.
  - e. Membership, Candy McCullough "volunteered/nominated" Orlanda Smith who will think about being committee Chair. She thinks we can be more successful with some collaboration and discussion. There was a question about the cost of having a table at conferences, like FireShowsWest. Candy responded that it varies and that WFCAs offers us a table at their Fall conference. Monte suggested looking at the state associations on our website, which has links to events, dates, etc. He urged attendees to check out locations and see if it's possible to combine a conference with other travel.
  - f. Sponsorships, Chair Candy McCullough – Thanks again to our 2019 sponsors.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Strategic Plan: The Board of Directors adopted the Strategic Plan after input from members at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The Strategic Plan will need to be updated with the name change and the name of the new Individual Director at Large.
7. New Business
- a. Election of One Individual Director (Director at Large) to the Board of Directors: Mark Kreutzer has had this position for years (and merits all the applause he received). The new Director at Large will not have as much work as Mark did, because he was also very involved with organizing the Annual Conference. The position includes participating in quarterly meetings, 3 of which are in Olympia WA and can be done by phone. The 4<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Conference, Board Meeting. Candy nominated Orlanda Smith of Black Jack FPD and there were no other nominations. Orland Smith was elected Individual Director At Large
  - b. Election of Officers for 2020:
    - i. President: Candy McCullough was elected President—there were no other nominations.
    - ii. Vice President: Bill Eckroth was elected Vice President—there were no other nominations.
    - iii. Secretary/ Treasurer: Barry Orth was elected both Secretary and Treasurer—there were no other nominations for either office.
8. Announcements
- a. Installation of Individual Directors and Officers tomorrow at 3:30pm
9. Next Electronic Voting and Meeting

- a. Electronic Vote to Approve Proposed Bylaw changes, include changing the voting quorum percentage from 20 to 10%. Members will be notified by mid-October and will have until the end of the month to vote. We will need a quorum of at least 20% voting on these changes, so Candy encouraged everyone to vote as soon as you can. The point of these changes is to give us more time to work on important issues, rather than administrative procedure.
- b. Question about Bylaws terminology. What are the qualifications or the definition of an "Official"? Candy responded that it means having been a member of a governing Board, voted into office or appointed by a governing agency.
- a. 2020 Annual Meeting date to be announced by the Board of Directors at tomorrow's meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm