



# LEBANON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Lebanon County Career/Technology Center – 15 June 2019

The business meeting of the 97th Annual Convention of the Lebanon County Firefighters Association was called to order at 0900 hours with President Carl Bachman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the first verse of America. The Invocation was offered by Association Chaplain pastor Chris Light.

President Bachman appointed Dave Hull and Barry Batz as Sergeants At Arms. The Address of Welcome was provided by convention committee chairman Frank Ceresini III and the Response offered by fire training chairman Jay Rhoads.

A roll call of officers and delegates was followed by the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting which was approved as read.

Our guest speaker, Congressman Dan Meuser spoke briefly about his work in congress and legislation pertaining to the fire/ems service. A short question/answer period followed and then he had to depart for another appointment.

## Officer's Reports

- President: Carl thanked all committee members for their service this past year.
- Vice Presidents:
  - 1st VP: Lee Spencer thanked the Convention Committee for putting this convention together.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: vacant
- Recording Secretary: No Report
- Financial Secretary: Randy reported membership for the year June 2018 to May 2019 at 129 Beneficial, 30 Non-Beneficial and 258 life members for a total of 434. He also reported in the year there were 15 new members and 7 recorded deaths of members. He also reported 41 members have non-payment status. His written report was submitted for these minutes.
- Treasurer Larry Helmuth read his monthly report for May, submitting the same for these minutes. On a motion by Ed Treat and a second by Randy Lebo the report given by the Treasurer shall be accepted subject to audit.
- Trustees: The Trustee reported they had met and reviewed the items in the safe. They read the list of items in the safe and submitted that list for these minutes.
- Fire Marshal: Trooper Janssen Herb's report included 4 investigations with one pending arrest. His report was submitted for these minutes.

## Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: No report
- Auditing: The Auditing Committee met with the Treasurer on June 12th and reviewed his financial records. They reported finding all records in order and submitted a written report for these minutes.
- Publicity: No Report
- Memorial: The Memorial Committee reported that the service the previous evening has gone well.
- Membership: There were one membership applications to consider.



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- Entertainment: The Entertainment Committee presented \$63.00 to the treasury from the 50/50 drawing of the day and made 3 cash prize drawings.
- Chiefs: No report
- Fire Training, Facilities & Equipment: Jay Rhoads reported all essential classes are completed.
- Awards: Chairman David Hull and President Carl Bachman presented the following awards:
  1. Frank G. Ceresini, Sr. Distinguished Fire Service Award sponsored by the Chemical Engine & Insurance Patrol Co. No.1 was presented to Harvey "Butch" Rittle for his many years of service to this organization and his home company.
  2. Executive Citations was presented to Randy Lebo in recognition of his years of service to his home fire company and this organization and to Karen Baxter (retired) Met-Ed for her assistance to this organization.
  3. Emergency Services Award was presented to Randy Simmon of Neptune Fire Company of Richland.
  4. The Attendance Award was presented to the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Myerstown.
  5. Russell Aulenbach Award was presented to Chuck Killian of the Rescue Hose Company of Lebanon.
- Nominating: No report

## Special Committee reports

- Smokies: The Smokies are meeting again in October at the Independent social club.
- Foam: No report
- Website: No report
- Honor Guard: Honor Guard presented the Colors for the Memorial Service
- By-Laws Committee: No report
- Convention Committee: lunch will be served after the meeting and dedication at the fire training grounds to follow this afternoon. Also static display of equipment and various vendors will be in the side parking lot.
- County Department of Emergency Services: New CAD system is up and running

## Delegate's Reports

- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania: Steve Shenk and Ken Beam spoke about upcoming state convention to be held this September in Rehrersburg, Berks County.
- Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute: next meeting in July



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## Unfinished Business

State Representative Frank Ryan presided over the Installation of Officers for the 2019-2020 term. They are as follows:

President	Lee Spencer	Ebenezer Fire Company
1st Vice President	Kenneth J. Rhoads, Jr	Fredericksburg Fire Company
2nd Vice President	William Kale	Union Fire Company, Lebanon
Recording Secretary	Barry L. Batz	Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
Asst. Recording Secretary	Randy Lebo	Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Lebanon
Financial Secretary	Randy Simmon	Neptune Fire Company, Richland
Asst. Financial Secretary	Arthur Wealand	Newmanstown Vol. Fire Company
Treasurer	Larry Helmuth	Chemical Fire Company, Lebanon
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant	
Chaplain	Pastor Chris Light	Ebenezer Fire Company
Asst. Chaplain	Ronald Miller	Ebenezer Fire Company
Trustee, 5 yr. term	Eric Dulac	Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
Trustee, 1 yr. term	Edward Treat	Chemical Fire Company, Lebanon

## New Business

Newly installed President Lee Spencer's first order was to call on past president Carl Bachman and present him with his past presidents pin.

Correspondence was received from Lebanon County Commissioners and Pa Governor Tom Wolfe acknowledging our convention.

On a motion by Randy Simmons, seconded by David Hull, the death benefit for Allen Rhine was approved.

On a motion by Robert Meyers, seconded by Dave hull, the membership applicant was accepted.

On a motion by Jay Rhoads, seconded by Larry Stohler, the Association voted purchase 2 rescue training manikins for use at the fire school for the quoted price of \$1,990.00 with freight not to exceed \$300.00 from Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA. Motion approved.

On a motion by Larry Helmuth, seconded by Leroy Leach, The Association voted hire a CPA to assist the treasurer with taxes. Motion approved

On a motion by Larry Helmuth, seconded by Randy Lebo the Association voted to make a payment of \$7,000.00 to the contractor on the restroom/shower project. Motion approved



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On a motion by Carl Bachman and a second by Randy Lebo the following bills shall be paid:

Little Mountain Printing	1,566.68	Convention Book Printing
Ensinger Printing Service	380.00	Constitution Books
Randy Simmon	140.00	Convention Notices Postage
David Hull	10.00	Postage for Awards Letters
Lowes	601.57	Firegrounds Equipment and Supplies
Schaedler Yesco	102.49	Fireground Lighting Improvements
Tillett Toilets	72.08	Porta-Potty Fire Grounds
U.S. Postal Service	106.00	PO Box - 1 Year
Witmer Public Service	138.33	Fireground Supplies
Deluxe	123.99	Check Printing
Major League	1,781.00	Convention T-Shirts
B G Markets	51.00	Donuts for convention
Mel Hemperly	40.00	Memorial Service Bugler
Jeremy Buss	85.00	Memorial Service Bag Piper

## **Roll Call of Companies & Past Presidents**

A roll call of companies resulted in 35 members and 9 past presidents representing 18 companies in attendance.

## **Announcement of Next Meeting Place**

The next regular meeting will be at Bunker Hill Fire Company July 16, 2019 at 19:30 hours.

## **Good of the Association**

County Commissioners Bob Philips and JoEllen Litz and Representative Frank Ryan all thanked the volunteer fire service for everything they do for their communities.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Carl Bachman, seconded by Ken Beam the meeting was adjourned until the 16th of July, 2019.

**Benediction:** Chaplain Chris Light led in the benediction as well as giving thanks for the upcoming meal.

## **Rising Vote of Thanks to the Host Company**

The members stood in a vote of appreciation to the convention committee for putting this convention together in such a short time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry L. Batz,  
Recording Secretary