



**California Fire Chiefs Association
ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE SERVICES SECTION
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**Minutes
General Membership Meeting
December 05, 2008**

LOCATION: Rumsey Rancheria Fire Department
14170 Golf Course Drive
Brooks, CA 95606

HOSTED BY: Rumsey Rancheria Fire Department
AFSS Members: Susie Lopez and Crystal Smyth

ATTENDANCE:

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| Carol Abraham | Susan Barfoot |
| Tammy Barnett | Darlene Bennett |
| Darleen Beno | Linda Benson |
| Susan Beville | Betty Box |
| Fire Chief Dan Haverty | Shawn Crawford |
| Joyce Engler | Beverly Fuchs |
| Kathy Glick | Linda Harlow |
| Shari Holmstrom | Linda Hoover |
| Karen Kammerer | Suzy Kees |
| Lara Kelley | JoAnne Lewis |
| Melissa Vink | Sharon Luddy |
| Lisa MacCubbin | Jodi Martin |
| Debbie Miller | Helen Moreci |
| Annie Murphy Springer | Nancy Roberts |
| Sallie Ross | Barbara Safford |
| Gail Sharpsteen | Crystal Smyth |
| Kaaren Stasko | Susan Tuvell |
| Denise Wade | Sandy Sanders |
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- I. Call To Order:** President Engler called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Flag Salute:** President Engler led the membership in the flag salute.
- III. Welcome/Introductions/Guests/New Members**
35 attendees and guests were welcomed to Rumsey Rancheria Fire Department by Michael Chandler, Fire Chief, Rumsey Rancheria Fire Department.
- IV. Training Session:** "California Rescue Dogs Association" *By Derek Koonce and Belle*

Business Meeting

1. Additions to Agenda – none.
Jody Martin, Carol Abraham M/S/C to approve the agenda.
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Quarterly General Membership Minutes June 20, 2008.
 2. Quarterly General Membership Minutes September 19, 2008.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Correspondence Report
Susie Kees/Darlene Bennett M/S/C to approve the Consent Agenda.
3. California Fire Chiefs Association – Section Chief Report – Chief Haverty
Chief Haverty reported on the financial state of affairs in Public Administration and asked us to remember the following values: efficiency, effectiveness, economy, and the fourth value - optimism. Chief stated “things will turn around but be optimistic that our organizations do good work. The fire service is critical to our communities. Don’t let go of the hope for the future. Please retain that glimmer of hope and optimism that we will turn this economy around. In the interim, use our resources in the very best manner we can. As an Association it’s important for us to use our brotherhood & sisterhood.”
4. President's Report - President Joyce Engler.
President Engler reported it was wonderful to see the great turn out today and thanked everyone for attending.
5. Old Business
 - A. *AFSS Brochure – Donna Heymans/Susan Tuvell* –
Membership Chair is working with the Southern Division on a new AFSS brochure to be released around conference time.
 - B. *Updated Revised SOG’s – Joyce Engler* –
SOGs have been updated and will be presented at the January 30th Executive Board meeting.
 - C. *2007/08 Audit – Lara Kelley* –
Lara Kelley reported on the 2007/08 audit. Everything is in order. There were no questions from the membership.

Presentation Items

- A. *Division Participation Survey – Joyce Engler*
Looking for volunteers. Linda Harlow, Linda Benson, Suzie Kees volunteered. President Engler will contact them by phone.
- B. *Legislative Task Force Member – Joyce Engler*
This position is still vacant. This person attends legislative meetings and brings back information and works in conjunction with the Southern representative. Beverly Fuchs and Crystal Smyth volunteered.

- C. *Voting Results from E/T Request to fund Conference Speakers – Joyce Engler*
President Engler reported an on-line vote was held and passed by 97%. Education & Training has an extra \$5000 for the 2009 conference speakers.
- D. *Donations to Victims of Fires – Joyce Engler*
The Southern division does this and finds it successful. At their December meeting they collect items for donation to families and victims of fires. After collection the items are given to a service group that donates the items to those that are in need.
Discussion. Suggestion was made to form a committee to do further research. Kathy Glick and Sandy Sanders volunteered to serve on the committee. They will report back to the membership in March, 2009.
- E. *Nominations/Voting for Executive Board Positions – Shawn Crawford*
Terms begin in April 2009.
i. President: Joyce Engler was nominated and accepted the nomination.
ii. Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Sanders was nominated. She accepted upon approval from her Administrator.
iii. Treasurer: Jody Martin was nominated and accepted the nomination.
Shawn Crawford moved since there was only one nomination for each position and all nominees had accepted the nomination, a vote not take place and the three be appointed to their respective positions. Sue Beville 2nd. Passed.
- F. *Member Participation Drawing for Free Conference Registration – Sue Beville*
Guest Annie Murphy Springer drew a name from the envelope for a registration to the 2009 Conference. The winner is Sheila Wolcott, Cosumnes Fire Department.
Additional names were drawn in case Sheila cannot attend:
1st backup: Kim Stephens, UC Davis Fire Department.
2nd backup: Lisa Venturelli, Cosumnes Fire Department.
- G. *First Time Attendee Conference Registration Drawings – Sue Beville*
Debra Nelson, Healdsburg Fire Dept. #1.
1st backup: Crystal Smyth, Rumsey Rancheria Fire Department.
- H. *Five, ten, and Fifteen Year members – Susan Tuvell*
Five years = 2003:
Debbie Miller, Russian River, Bodega Bay Fire Protection Districts
Sandy Basso, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire
Christine Pokorny, Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Sharon Laner, San Mateo Fire Department
Leighton Nelson, South Coast Fire Protection District (Fire Chief)
Suzy Kees, Currently working for City of Folsom
Ten years = 1998:
Vanette St. John, Fort Bragg Fire
Kathi Hendricks, Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District
Sherry Mills, Olivehurst Fire Department

Linda Rosedahl, Pinole Fire Department
Carol Zandona, Tracy Fire Department
Fifteen years = 1993:
Deanna Johe, Alameda Fire Department
Selai Lseu, Marina Fire Department

I. Lifetime Members – Susan Tuvell

2009 Lifetime Member was awarded to Linda Benson.

Linda was nominated by AFSS Members for Lifetime Membership. Linda retired from Higgins Fire Department this year. She has been an instrumental and dedicated member in her tenure with AFSS. She worked tirelessly serving AFSS as the Northern Division Bylaws/SOG Coordinator and was instrumental in maintaining good relationships with the Southern Division Bylaws/SOG Coordinator. Congratulations Linda!

J. Member of the Year – Joyce Engler

This year's recipient of Member of the Year is Beverly Fuchs.

Bev was nominated by AFSS Members for the 2008 Member of the Year for her dedication to the organization. She has demonstrated her dedication in various roles that she has had in her tenure. She served on the Executive Board as Recording Secretary, on the 2007 Conference Committee, and currently co-chairs the Sunshine Committee. She has volunteered to help with registration at the Annual Cal Chiefs Conference. She is one of the first to offer help when a request is made. Earlier this meeting she also volunteered to co-ordinate our Legislative Task Force committee. Congratulations Bev!

VII. Good of the Order/Roundtable

Kathy Glick reported the historical files had been found.

Annie Murphy Springer brought her archived files and presented them to the Historical Committee to be added to AFSS archives.

Shari Holmstrom was wished a very happy birthday. Beverly Fuchs and Sallie Ross will take over as Ways & Means Committee until someone steps up to accept that position. This position will go on the March, 2009, agenda.

Annie Murphy Springer noted what a pleasure it is to see this AFSS group doing so well. Annie is retired Fire Chief from Bodega Volunteer Fire and was a speaker at the first two AFSS Conferences.

January 21-23 is the Cal Chiefs Annual Strategic Planning Meeting in Riverside. AFSS Northern Division will be represented.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2009 tentatively scheduled to be held at River Delta Fire.

Adjournment: Susan Beville/Beverly Fuchs M/S/C to adjourn at 2:00pm.

Submitted by Debbie Miller, Bodega Bay and Russian River Fire Protection Districts