



AFSS North E-Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

Host Agency: West Sacramento Fire Department
Conference Call

09:00

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
Meeting called to order by President, Lynda Vargas

Roll Call – in Attendance

Lynda Vargas, President
Sallie Ross, 2nd Vice President
Clara Turner, Treasurer
Marisela Suarez, Recording Secretary
Valerie Erwin, Corresponding Secretary
Dominique Maurer, Member-at-Large
Joyce Engler, Co-Conference Chair

2. Agenda Adjustments / Approval of Agenda
Moved to approve by Lynda V., Second by Marisela S., all approved.
3. Approval of 07.12.2019 E-Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of Minutes by Sallie, second by Dominique, approved unanimously
4. President's Report
Lynda and Sallie attended the CalChiefs Strategic Planning Session. The Governor's budget this year included \$25 million for pre-positioning local government fire engines to support the state's critical mutual aid system. So far \$17 million has been spent in 2019. That money may be ongoing, but there is no guarantee for funding every year. CalOES will be auditing six departments each year beginning in 2020 (one per region). Behavioral health and PTSD in first responders was another interesting discussion. Peer support programs are critical resources – last year there were more firefighters lost to suicide than line-of-duty deaths. Sallie enjoyed attending and learning more about how the CalChiefs board operates. She noted a discussion of how technology is used as an effective tool in evacuations and tracking wildfires. The 2020 CalChiefs Conference will be held September 9-11 at the Marriott Santa Clara.
5. Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's Report for December was distributed.
6. Correspondence Report
No Report
7. Old Business
 - a. AFSS Conference 2020
Joyce and Valerie connected and have been busily working on conference. Registration will go out today. They are working with

SkillPath on a training program and will have details by the end of week. The Conference Committee is holding phone calls on Mondays weekly/bi-weekly. Joyce will send out the donation letter to Meghan.

b. Strategic Plan.

Sallie is still working on a 1-page AFSS fact sheet to send to Northern California Chiefs and members and is working on further building the website committee.

8. New Business

a. 2020/21 Board Elections & Committee Assignments

Sallie will be moving up to President and looking for a 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. Christina Burroughs is considering those opportunities. Valerie will be stepping down as Corresponding Secretary and the Member-at-Large may also be vacant. Discussions with interested members are ongoing.

b. SOG revisions/assignments

Lynda is still working on assignments for review and updating.

c. Potential New Meeting Format

It has been suggested that the quarterly meeting focus more on the training and handle the business side of things at the E-Board level. Items requiring a vote could be handled first thing before the training and provide a written report for members of the Executive Board's actions.

d. Meeting Calendar – review upcoming dates:

March 6, 2020 - Santa Cruz

June 18, 2020 – Turlock

September 17, 2020 – Woodland

December 3, 2020 – West Sacramento Fire Museum

March 2021 – Cosumnes Fire

June 2021 – South Lake Tahoe

9. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws – Jodi Martin

No Report

b. Communications – vacant (Lynda Vargas)

Will be discussing use of Wild Apricot soon

c. Education & Training – Christina Burroughs

Looking for mentorship and ideas for valuable training

d. Historical – Sallie Ross

If you have any historical or event photos, please send to Sallie

e. Legislative –Meghan Scannell

No Report

f. Membership – Valerie Erwin

No Report

g. Meeting Host Coordinator – Joyce Engler

Send out documents for the Meeting Host guidelines

h. Sunshine – Aleta Cook

In need of stamps and birthday cards; Lynda will send to Aleta

i. Ways and Means – Lori Kickinger

No Report

10. Identification of items for next meeting

The Joint E-Board Meeting will be held on February 12, 2020.
Next E-Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2020.

11. Good of the Order

Sallie emailed Nicole Long regarding participating on the Website Committee and she would like to participate. We currently have a paid account through Wix and would like someone from the South on the committee as well.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisela Suarez

Corresponding Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS

Joint E-Board February 12, 2020 / 1330-1530 hrs – Conference Call
General March 19, 2020 / 09:00-15:00 hrs – Santa Cruz
E-Board April 10, 2020 / 09:00-12:00 hrs – Conference Call
Joint E-Board March 31, 2020 / Time TBD (at Conference), Napa
Educational Forum/Conference March 31 – April 3 / Embassy Suites, Napa