

DVFA Executive Meeting Minutes
June 13, 1999

President Michael Vincent called the June 13, 1999 DVFA Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Art Titus offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Past President J. Allen Metheny. Roll call of officers by Secretary Jamie Turner revealed that all officers were present with the exception of Kent County President, Marvin Sharp.

Approval of March 14, 1999 minutes: It was regularly moved Turner, and seconded, that the minutes of the March 14, 1999 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

President Emeritus Norman Tate introduced the following associates from Mellon Bank: Jack Riddle, Marvin Jones, Don Morris, Jeff Buckworth and Andy Klingler, who presented a check to the Association in the amount of \$10,000.

Vice President Austin introduced Boone Gardner of Firehouse Emergency Services Exposition. He announced that the Expo will be held July 22-24 and that the fee would be waived for exhibitors.

Report of Officers

President Vincent: I hereby submit for your review my quarterly report as President. I have attended 54 functions representing the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. I have spent 345 hours and traveled 5951 miles in performing these duties. A copy of my travel itinerary has been provided to the Secretary

First Vice President Austin reported that he attended 36 activities representing the DVFA while traveling 9,207 miles. It has been a privilege to serve the DVFA during this very busy quarter under the leadership of President Vincent. We have been implementing the provisions of Vision 2000, our plans for the future. You have seen the result of our aggressive public relations efforts through Metten and Associates. NFPA representation is a reality with our President elected to the Fire Service Section Board of Directors, Ed Klima is waiting for an appointment to the Motor Racing committee and Ken McMahon is serving on the Volunteer Fire Department Deployment Committee. We have an aggressive federal legislative agenda supported by the excellent turnout you gave to Senator Roth and the DVFA at the CFSI dinner. Our challenges lie ahead as several important issues must be resolved in Legislative Hall prior to the recess of the current session. A copy of my travel itinerary has been provided to the Secretary

Second Vice President Cabbage reported that he had attended 33 functions requiring 170.5 miles while travelling 9,359 miles representing this Association. He provided the members with an overview of the Concord, AL Fire Station Dedication activities held on April 10, 1999 and a report on the Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Day held at Legislative Hall on Wednesday, May 5, 1999. A copy of my travel itinerary, complete reports on the Alabama trip and Legislative Day have been provided to the Secretary for Association records.

Treasurer Metheny reported that with the approval of the Officers, \$10,000.00 was transferred from the Conference Account to the Operations Account. He anticipates an additional transfer to cover expenses through June 30, 1999. Following the receipt of FY 2000 dues, the funds will be returned to the Conference accounts. The Treasurer will be working with the Budget Committee, our Auditors and the Officers prior to Conference to insure that the books are audited and a new budget developed for the members approval

Treasurer Metheny reported the following balances in Association accounts:

DVFA Checking	1,140.78
DVFA Credit	4,131.44
DVFA Pension	162.06
DVFA Savings	3,561.40
Merrill Lynch	76.17
Conference 96 Surplus	47,344.00
Conference Investment	36,000.00
Conference Checking	15,443.45
Money Market Account	551.66

Secretary Turner: Minutes of the March Executive Meeting have been printed and distributed. Treasurer Metheny obtained a copy of DVFA Charter, copies were distributed to Chairman of By-Laws Committee, the Parliamentarians and the Secretary. Conference 1998 Proceedings are being printed and will be distributed at the Conference. A motion by Jamie Turner, seconded by Jasper Lakey, that the reports of the officers be accepted. Motion carried.

President Vincent announced that the 800 MHz is an ongoing problem but hopes there will be a solution by June 30. It isn't only a fire problem; it's also a public safety problem. They will be meeting with Bill Metten in order to respond to the Ron Williams article, which appeared in the News Journal.

Committee Reports

1. Advisory To Mutual Relief - Harry E. Warner, Jr.: life insurance with mutual relief (term life insurance). The cost is approximately \$56,000; Warner recommended that it be done on a company-by-company basis; and that it be reviewed by the member Companies.
2. Advisory To State Fire Prevention Commission for Ambulance Service – Dr. E. David Bailey: Report by the Improvement Committee is out; any comments should be sent to the Ambulance Advisory committee. EMS Protocol: copies have been submitted to the Ambulance Assoc. Please send comments to the above. Reciprocity: transporting firefighters, Auxiliary members and their families while not billing firefighters for use of ambulance; or not charged if out of their district. Lyme disease: will be discussing this with the Division of Public Health and will be looking at other rural areas. Following up on Hepatitis B inoculations. EMT-B Training: 450 people have been trained (little over half completed the course), need to develop ways to help people who are having difficulty passing the EMT-B test.
3. Advisory to the State Fire Marshal – Dan Kiley: Dale McGee will be replacing Dick Ward as the Sussex Deputy Fire Marshal; September 12: will be the dedication of the New Castle Office building. DFIRS is still on hold.
4. Advisory to the State Fire School – Joe Murabito: The vendor for the new computer system is Blackbaud Co. with a cost of \$279,700; hope to start implementation by July 1, 1999; hired Jerry Brennan as Staff Training & Development officer; will be using a new format for the Memorial Service; Joe Murabito has been reappointed to the NFPA 1035 Committee on Fire & Life Safety Educator; Fire Officer I will be in place this fall; Bethany Beach completed the First Responder Course; DSFS hosted a *Delaware Safe Kids* training program; annual Instructor's seminar was conducted on February 28, 1999 with 106 in attendance.
5. Archives – Charles Emerson: Two new cabinets have been installed; preserving pictures; have talked to Hagley, Winterthur about preserving papers; must have pictures of the officers; will induct Hall of Fame members at the Conference.
6. Civilian Recognition - Barry Beck: will have awards for civilian recognition from Magnolia, Newark and Laurel at the Conference.

Newsletter Advisory: There is a problem with delivery to the women in New Castle County. This has been addressed and steps have been taken to avoid this oversight. He reminded everyone of the Firefighters Night at the Blue Rocks and the Pumper Pull.

7. Constitution & By-Laws – Warren F. Jones: The constitution change regarding fees needs to be read in order to be acted upon at the Conference
8. Critical Incident Stress Management - Kevin L. Wilson: National Fallen Firefighters presentation by Don Hale on stress management, educational seminars (a program for the elderly); an Oregon paramedic and possibly a man from Pittsburgh who will give a presentation on a fatal fire at the Conference. Delaware will be the first state to have a *Face-to-Face* Program.
9. 1999 DVFA Conference – Norman L. Tate: Mellon Bank will be sponsoring the ladies and mens luncheons; forms must be in by July 15; golf tournament at Maple Dale at 9:00 a.m.; would like to have sponsorships for "T's"; the ferry ride will be four tickets for each company for men and for women (10 buses have been rented from the Sheraton). There is some concern on how the ferry tickets are being distributed (only 900 are allowed on the boat): they are as follows; 150 past presidents; 480 individual fire companies; 201 DVFA & LADVFA officers, fire commissioners, county officers, which totals 831, which leaves 69 for workers.
10. Finance & Auditing – Ray Stevens: reports are due July 31, 1999.
11. Fire Prevention – Sandra Young: Any big ticket items must be sent to the committee by June 30.
12. Fireman of the Year – Carlton E. Carey, Sr.: All applications must be submitted by June 30.
13. Out-of-State Coordinators – Stephen P. Austin; Maryland State Firemens Assoc., June 14; Forms for commemorative plaques from Emmitsburg (NFFA) will be sent to individual companies (money goes toward the revitalization of the monument); have had a tremendous group of volunteers. He then presented Dale Calloway and Past President Ike Guessford with golf shirts for volunteers.
14. Permanent Memorial – Kenneth E. Clendaniel: Most of the work is completed; re-dedication will be held on June 13.

15. Recruitment & Retention – Ken Pyle: Had a request from the ladies auxiliary to prepare a program for the Conference, which has been completed; need help at the DE State Fair; there will be a presentation on Wednesday of Conference on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
11. Scholarship - George I. Kerr, Jr.: Florence Legates, President, Kent Co. Ladies Auxiliary, and Saralee Stevens, President, Sussex County Ladies Auxiliary presented checks to the Scholarship Committee. A check has also been received from CIBA Corp. Ten winners will be presented with scholarships, totaling \$19,715.
11. Law & Legislative – Bruce Ennis: Gave update on the following legislation: SB 41; SB 110; SB 50; HB 59; HB 64; HB 121; HB 181; HB 220; HB 221.
11. Y2K - Michael Hojnicky: New Castle County adopted the plan on May 25; the surveys are due; DEMA will be drafting a plan on the best business practice; will be providing updates.
17. State Fire Prevention Commission – Carlton E. Carey, Sr., Chairman: Joint Finance Comm. approved funding for the bridge course for the EMT training; addressed HCFA concerns about being reimbursed for billing for medication for patients; 110 new EMT-B's have come on board since June, '98; EMS protocol is being reviewed by EMT-B's; would like to start a pilot program in each county. An inventory list will be going out from the Fire School asking that upgrades be made of all apparatus and equipment. The new computer program is to be on-line in August; all ambulance attendants emergency care technicians who have not taken the bridge course by January 2001 will become first responders. There will be a public hearing on June 22 on proposed changes to the fire prevention regulations.
18. Recognition of Past Presidents:
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| [] John V. Ryan, 20, 1961 | [x] Clarence Schwatka, 26, 1964 |
| [] William T. Lowe, 82, 1966 | [] Emanuel J. Harkins, 14, 1967 |
| [x] Roland Neeman, 48, 1968 | [] Arthur L. Jones, 78, 1969 |
| [x] Arthur I. Guessford, 24, 1973 | [] William Paskey, Jr., 48, 1974 |
| [x] Morris W. King, 51, 1977 | [x] E. James Monihan, 82, 1978 |
| [x] Raymond H. McCall, 36 & 12, 1979 | [x] Richard E. Ennis, 44, 1980 |
| [] John E. Bare, Sr., 76, 1981 | [x] William G. Walton, Sr., 16, 1982 |
| [] Richard C. Mitchell, 86, 1984 | [x] Lawrence Mergenthaler, 21, 1985 |
| [] Thomas V Baker, Sr., 57, 1986 | [] Robert G. Sweetman, 78 & 9, 1988 |
| [x] M. Frank King, 51, 1989 | [] Walton A. Johnson, Jr., 76, 1990 |

[] Edwin S. Barlow, 20, 1991
[x] Elmer B. Steele, 81, 1993
[x] J. Allen Metheny, 51, 1995
[x] Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 1997

[x] George A. Diamond, 55, 1992
[x] Harry E. Warner, Jr., 25, 1994
[x] Lynn J. Rogers, 85, 1996
[x] Donald W. Knight, 1998

President Emeritus:

[x] Louis J. Amabili, 19
[] Rev. James B. Doughten, 78
[] Harvey H. Ryan, 20
[x] Bruce C. Ennis, 44

[] Fr. Paul E. Burke, 20
[] C. Bryan Bennett, 87
[] J. Benjamin Roy, Jr., 43
[x] Norman L. Tate, 87

Affiliated Organizations/Agency Representatives

Ladies' Auxiliary, Bonnie Workman, President: introduced officers, Past Presidents, and County Presidents. She asked for volunteers at the State Fair booth.

State Fire Chiefs, Elmer B. Steele, President: Next meeting is June 24 with Maj. Donald Lewis of the MD State Police as the speaker. It will also be the election of officers. Forms for the Conference are due on July 15. Heroic Fireman of the Year nominations are due the first week of August.

State Fire Police, Joseph Brugleria, President: Had 100,000 cards on bicycle safety printed, which have been distributed to schools, police departments, motels, rental agencies and all company functions. They now have qualified instructors in each of the counties to teach a 6-hour fire police course.

State Ambulance Association, Charles White, President: Meeting to be held on June 13; the participation is very low at these meetings.

State Emergency Response Commission, Bruce C. Ennis: Approved budgets for the local emergency planning committees.

National Volunteer Fire Council, E. James Monihan: Oct. 3, Memorial Service at Emmitsburg, MD; arson grant will be repeated; Paskrell bill has been moved; will be following 2 bills on 911 (SB 911 – Medicare funding); 2 bills on finance (selling bonds for EMS equipment); rules accepted from the CA Volunteer Fire Assoc. for tobacco settlement; Consumer Protection Safety Commission recommends restoring regulations for sleepwear; resolution to recognize firefighters; negotiate a billing system with HCFA; large brown test building that has been put out of service – urging that it be restored; incentives for R&R Programs; NFPA 1583 which would prescribe a fitness program; NFPA 1584 is a standard for fitness; 1-800-FIRELINE is available in 20 states.

Mutual Relief, Ann Emerson: Providence approved an extension to the current policy. There is no extra cost.

Communications

The following Communications were received and are summarized by the Secretary.

- NVFC Certificate of Membership & Membership information - 3/15/99
- NCCVFA & Government Report on Emergency Medical Services - 4/1/99
- Mutual Relief Association minutes - 3/99
- LADVFA letter inviting Association Officers to 5/3/99 LADVFA Executive Committee meeting
- Recruitment & Retention Meeting minutes 3/29/99
- Letter from Governor Carper acknowledging receipt of DVFA letter concerning funding for EMT Training
- Letter of invitation from Chemical Industrial Council to their Risk Management Planning Seminars in Elsmere on 5/12/99 or in Milford on 5/19/99.
- Mutual Relief Association minutes April meeting minutes including a letter requesting to all Companies informing them of a workshop at 3:00 P. M. on Thursday, September 16, 1999 to discuss form requirements, necessary documentation, procedures and formula for determining reimbursements for the member in the event that the insurance is used.
- Minutes of the April meeting of the Recruitment & Retention Committee.
- Minutes of the May Mutual Relief Association Meeting
- Letter from State Fire Chiefs Association concerning the Conference 99 Chiefs meeting.
- Delaware Emergency Medical Service Improvement Committee Report
- Report form Keith Bowman on Hepatitis B Immunization Program for DVFA Members

- Communications from William Metten Associates on newspaper articles from the period of March 14 to June 12, 1999
- Delegate and Alternate Registration forms from: Five Points, Clayton, Marydel, Delmar and Indian River
- Decease member notifications from: Delmar and Indian River

The Secretary issued the following communications:

- Letter to Governor Carper, Senator Cook and Representative DePinto voicing the Association's support for funding for EMT-B training.
- Letter to Delaware Congressional delegation outlining the Association's position on Federal legislation based upon action taken at the last Executive Committee meeting.
- Letter to Fire Company Presidents requesting a company representative to attend a special workshop addressing potential Year 2000 equipment or system failures.
- Letter to All State and County Associations Officers requesting their attendance at a special planning workshop to address Year 2000 problems.
- Letter to William S. Montgomery, Delaware Legislative Council Division of Research requesting that the evening of March 22, 2000 be placed on the Legislative calendar as the annual DVFA Law and Legislative night.
- Letter to Fred Allison, NVFC supporting the nomination of J. Allen Metheny as Treasurer of the NVFC.
- Letter to Betsy Wheeler, Healthcare Management Services, supporting the efforts of Division of Public Health's efforts to secure a grant from the Center of Disease Control for preparing and responding to known or suspected terrorist biological incidents.
- Memo to Fire Company Presidents requesting their financial support for the Oklahoma Fire fighters and specifically Assistant Chief Jon Hanson following the damage to their homes due to tornado activity.
- Memo to DVFA and LADVFA Officers and selected Committee Chairs announcing the date for the next Officers meeting.
- Hand delivered Memo to Fire Companies, DVFA Officers, all County Association Presidents concerning a notice on an Oxygen regulator failure

and recall information with a copy of the findings and recommendation of the Governor's Emergency Medical Services Improvement Committee report and a request to submit any written comments to President Vincent no later than June 13, 1999.

- Letter dated April 28 and received today from Sussex County supporting the Forestry department in receiving funding from the Legislature for equipment required for fighting forest fires.
- Letter dated April 28 and received today from Sussex County requesting that the DVFA make the 800 MHz radio Tower problem a priority in this year's legislative session.
- Letter dated May 27 and received today from Sussex County supporting Dale A. Callaway as Second Vice President of the DVFA.
- Letter dated May 27 and received today from Sussex County supporting James W. King to fill the unexpired term of 3 year Director of the DVFA.
- Letter dated May 27 and received today from Sussex County supporting Sussex County Council's efforts to increase the number of paramedic units to six and an additional supervisor position per shift in the current session of the Delaware Legislature.

It was regularly moved by Jamie Turner, seconded by Jasper Lakey, that the communications be received and spread upon the minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Vice President Austin announced that appointments to the Scholarship Committee will remain the same, with the exception of Ralph Jefferson (deceased), who will be replaced by Past President Lynn Rogers. He also announced the following would serve on the Conference Site Selection Committee commencing in year 2001: Mike Vincent (Chair); Ike Guessford; J. William Bell; Norman Tate; Marvin Sharp; Frank King; Barbara Metheny; Pat McCall and Florence Legates.

Warren F. Jones, Chair, Constitution and By-Laws Committee read two changes to the Constitution. It was regularly moved by Warren F. Jones and seconded by Alan F. Robinson, Jr., that this constitute the first reading of the proposed change to the Constitution. Motion carried.

The changes to the Constitution are as follows:

Article VI, Section 1, Reads Now:

This constitution may be amended or revised an any Annual Conference by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, provided the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted the executive committee at least thirty days prior to the first session of the Conference. The Secretary shall mail copies to all companies fifteen days previous to the Conference.

Change to:

The constitution may be amended or revised at any executive meeting or the Annual Conference by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, providing the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted to the executive committee at least thirty days prior. The secretary shall mail copies to all companies fifteen days previous to the meeting.

Article III, Section 2; Change to read:

Each member Volunteer Company or Department shall pay the secretary after July 1st of each year, but payable prior to August 15th the sum of \$4000.00 as annual dues, \$1000.00 of which will be forwarded to the host of the Annual Association Conference.

President Vincent urged that the DVFA support H.B. 88 (primary seat belt legislation). It was regularly moved by First Vice President Austin, and seconded by Second Vice President Cabbage, that the DVFA urge the legislature to support H.B. 88. After discussion by Jim Roy, who was concerned with points on a person's record and Ike Guessford, who was concerned that the current law is not being enforced, the motion carried.

A motion by Bill Betts, seconded by Jasper Lakey, to instruct the Law & Legislative Committee to obtain additional funding in Grants-in-Aid for aerals for Millville Fire Dept. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Treasurer Metheny read the following bills:

Jackie Guzzo	Picture Reimb.	(\$9.99)
Janice Yerkes Secretary	Secretary	(\$100.00)
Dale Callaway	Fdic Refresh.	(\$125.00)

Charles L. Emerson	St. Fair Space/Tickets	(\$793.00)
Rogers Signs	Invitations	(\$135.10)
Sussex Co CISD	Reimbursement	(\$201.12)
Visa Card	Postage	(\$161.24)
Sheraton Hotel	Leg. Nite	(\$5,971.27)
Transfer Money		\$24,000.00
Congressional Fire Service	Registrations	(\$50,000.00)
Selective Insurance	Liability Ins.	(\$497.00)
Rogers Signs	CFSI Invitations	(\$65.00)
Delaware State Fire School	Printing	(\$39.00)
Visa Card	Postage	(\$2,667.08)
Delaware Fire Service News	Ad. Apr/May	(\$1,200.00)
Bethany Beach Fire	Reimb.	(\$413.69)
Blades Vol. Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,280.72)
Bridgeville Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,221.93)
Del. State Fire Chiefs	Reimb.	(\$150.00)
Ladies Aux. Of DVFA	Reimb.	(\$634.09)
Ellendale Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,517.87)
Frankford Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$626.17)
Greenwood Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$830.83)
Indian River Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$619.50)
Laurel Fire Dept.	Reimb.	(\$1,192.21)
Lewes Fire Dept.	Reimb.	(\$975.60)
Millsboro Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$6,866.07)
Millsboro Ladies Aux.	Reimb.	(\$930.00)
Millville Vol. Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$682.85)
Milton Fire Dept.	Reimb.	(\$1,899.71)
Rehoboth Beach Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$4,885.51)
Roxana Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$629.50)
Seaford Vol. Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$872.42)
Selbyville Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$758.15)
Sussex Cty. Fire Chiefs	Reimb.	(\$484.95)
Sussex Cty. Assn.	Reimb.	(\$2,099.05)
Transfer Money		\$45,000.00
Arthur I. Guessford	Cfsi Hosp.	(\$524.35)
Kevin L. Wilson	Reimb. Exp.	(\$1,227.14)
Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co.	Reimb.	(\$2,095.35)
Brandywine Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$4,809.79)
Claymont Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$2,255.04)
Delaware City Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$3,514.44)
Elsmere Fire Co#1	Reimb.	(\$1,619.32)
Five Points Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$723.89)
Goodwill Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$4,483.91)
Hockessin Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$739.96)
Millcreek Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$725.75)

Minquadale Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$430.83)
Minquas Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,182.58)
New Castle Cty. Assn.	Reimb.	(\$2,234.60)
Odessa Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,652.21)
Townsend Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,712.27)
Volunteer Hose Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,557.54)
Wilmington Manor Vol. Fire Co	Reimb.	(\$2,500.00)
Citizens Hose Co.#1	Reimb.	(\$871.93)
Clayton Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$2,179.19)
Clayton Ladies Aux.	Reimb.	(\$310.37)
Felton Community Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$533.82)
Frederica Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$784.48)
Hartly Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,745.30)
Houston Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$314.50)
Kent Cty Firemen's Assn.	Reimb.	(\$1,367.69)
Little Creek Fire Co.	Reimb.	(\$725.76)
Magnolia Vol. Fire C	Reimb.	(\$357.19)
Robbins Hose Co.	Reimb.	(\$1,050.70)
M & M Trophies	Plaques	(\$113.02)
Jackie Guzzo	Reimb. Supplies	(\$29.17)
Delaware State Fire School	Printing	(\$151.20)
Lloyd Memorials	Engrave Names	(\$180.00)
E. James Monihan	Mtg. Reimb.	(\$470.89)
J. Allen Metheny	Reimb. Exp.	(\$46.39)
Visa Card	Postage	(\$2,248.67)
Delaware State Fire School	Printing	(\$160.00)
Display Arts	Table Display	(\$925.00)
Janice Yerkes	Secretary	(\$100.00)
James E. Turner, Iii	Sect. Supplies	(\$89.10)
Shane's Quality Press	Printing Cards	(\$26.00)
RWM Promotional Advertising	DVFA Shirts	(\$427.00)
Michael Vincent	Off. Expense	(\$2,500.00)
Steve Austin	Off. Expense	(\$1,200.00)
James L. Cubbage, Jr.	Off. Expense	(\$1,200.00)
James E. Turner, Iii	Off. Expense	(\$1,500.00)
J. Allen Metheny, Sr.	Off. Expense	(\$1,200.00)
Rev. David Paul	Off. Expense	(\$250.00)
John L. Mitchell, Sr.	Legislative Liaison	(\$328.23)
Cameras Etc.	O/H Projector/Screen	(328.23)
City Of Dover - Electric Department	Monument - Lights	(1750.80)
City Of Dover - Electric Department	Monument - Labor	(4314.23)

Past President James Monihan moved, and seconded by Jasper H. Lakey, that the bills of the Association be paid. Motion carried.

Good of the Association

Carleton Carey announced that the Governor's Fire Safety Conference will be held on October 1 at the Dover Sheraton Inn. Information is due by August 27.

Past President Ike Guessford announced that he would like to move forward with Millennium Conference 2000.

Louis Amabili offered the following comments/concerns on the EMS Committee report: what needs to be done in the "real world" response time; is concerned with the time frame; no consideration given to travel distance, traffic conditions, weather conditions, etc. How do you evaluate ambulance response? During discussions, nobody wanted to talk about money. The legislation is on a fast track; be careful on how you approach this legislation.

Chuck Snyder added that this report needs to be read thoroughly and comments should be submitted to the President as soon as possible.

Bruce Ennis commented on the Paramedic Overview Standards Act. The paramedics are being backed; the hours are there; There were attempts to remove the State Fire School Director, EMS Chairman and several medical positions including the State paramedic Advisory Council and State Paramedic Administrator, State Fire Prevention Commission's authority to de-certify Ambulances and AED's are being mandated. There is no commitment from the Governor's office to fund.

Jim Monihan had serious concerns about legislation being passed by June 30. 1st Vice President Austin agreed with the comments. Past President Larry Mergenthaler was concerned that it was going to be "jammed down our throats".

A question was raised concerning the Association supporting legislation without Association approval, specifically the EMS legislation. Parliamentarian Guessford advised the membership that this precedent had already occurred. He advised that the Officers in consultation with the Directors had acted upon legislation that had the best interest of the Fire Service at heart.

Adjournment

It was regularly moved by Past President, Ike Guessford and seconded that the June 13, 1999 Executive Committee meeting be adjourned. Motion

carried. Art Titus offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JANICE S. YERKES
Janice S. Yerkes
Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Committee meeting held on June 13, 1999.

Attest:

JAMES E. TURNER, III
James E. Turner, III
Secretary