

**Arizona Fire District Association
General Membership Meeting
July 15, 2007**

An Arizona Fire District Association (AFDA) General Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, July 15, 2007 in accordance with the corporation's bylaws; Section 2.5 – Special Meetings. The meeting was held at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, AZ. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss/consider/and take any action deemed appropriate concerning the AFDA position on matters set forth in the meeting's agenda.

Item 1: Call to Order: President Rick Southey called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

Board Members Present:

Rick Southey, President	Bill Hamel, Area 4 Director
Tom Healy, Vice President	Mel Sorensen, Area 5 Director
Marilyn Price, Treasurer	Simon Davis, Area 6 Director
Mary Dalton, Secretary	Mike Van Dyke, Area 7 Director
Jan Hauk, Past President	Glenn Brown, Suburban Section Director
Tim Van Scoter, Area 1 Director	Joseph DeWolf, Non-CON Holder Director
Bill Miller, Area 2 Director	Rebecca Haro, CON Holder Director

Item 2: Affirmation of Quorum: Rick Southey affirmed a quorum of the general membership was present

Item 3: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 4: Invocation

Item 5: Introduction of Guests and Dignitaries: (roster attached to file copy)

- Thanked vendors for their support.

Item 6: Approval of General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the January 14, 2007 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

By: Carlos Parra Jr., Nogales Suburban FD **Seconded:** Jim Fisher, Flagstaff Ranch FD

Unanimous approval

Item 7: President's Report – Rick Southey, President, AFDA:

- The Board has gotten on a regular Board meeting schedule on the first Thursday of each month.
- In the next few months, the Board will have a reorganization meeting with the appointment of section directors

Item 8: Consideration of Association Governance Issues:

- Bylaw Change Vote Results – The results from the bylaw change ballots were announced and both issues passed
Item 1: Addition of Administrative Professional Section Director
Items 2: Addition of Wildland as a standing committee

Motion: To ratify the bylaw changes vote with both issues passing.

By: Katie Sayre, Green valley FD **Seconded:** Duane Brofer, Fry FD

Unanimous approval

Item 9: Consideration of Association Business Issues:

- Area 1: Tim Van Scoter reported that he is new to the position and is in the process of getting familiar with the districts in his area. The Northern Arizona training center just received a \$1M appropriation.
- Area 2: Bill Miller reported that there is a new district in the process of forming. And 2 districts are looking for chiefs.
- Area 3: Jim Pond reported for George Kleindienst that there is not much happening in the area they are just getting through the wildfire season.
- Area 4: Bill Hamel reported he has received a few calls about forming districts.
- Area 5: Mel Sorensen reported that there is a lot of growth in the area.
- Area 6: Simon Davis reported that the Northwest FD lawsuit went up to the Arizona Supreme Court and the judgment went against them. They are attempting to do some bridge building with the homebuilders.
- Area 7: Mike Van Dyke reported that Black Canyon FD passed a bond for a new station. Forming district Juniper Woods is looking for equipment.
- Rural Section: No report
- Suburban Section: Glenn Brown reported that with the new budgets for the year being determined, this will cause some district will fall into a different section (rural, suburban or urban).

- j. Urban: The position is vacant with the resignation of Dave Curtis upon his retirement from CYFD. Rick Southey asked anyone interest to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the AFDA office for Board consideration.
- k. CON Holder: Rebecca Hero reported that the first meeting was held yesterday and some good information was distributed. She asked for any suggestion for improvement of future meetings.
- l. Non-CON Holder: Joseph DeWolf reported that he will get a survey on within the next 30-60 days.

Item 10: Committee Reports:

Treasurer – As of May 31, 2007 the Balance Sheet shows:

Business Checking	\$ 18,219.17
CD Account 1	\$ 10,754.03
CD Account 2	\$ 35,000.00
Money Market	\$102,544.07
Other Assets	\$ 8,760.00
Total Assets	\$176,800.43

Membership: Fire districts: 140, Business/Other: 84, Forming districts: 4 for a total member of 228

Conference: Mike Flummer - reported attendees: 231, districts: 62, Lunch: 230-280, Exhibitors: 34.

EMS Council: Rebecca Hero reported that there are no current changes and she will have more information at the AAA meeting in August.

NVFC: No report

Statewide Communications Committee: Jan Hauk reported that there is nothing new on the table at this time and they are meeting monthly instead of quarterly.

AFSI: Glenn Brown reported that Public Safety Day at the Capitol went well and will become an annual event.

AFCA Subcommittee: Mike Van Dyke reported that the AFCA conference is at the end of the month.

Item 11: Consideration of Legislative Issues:

a. Tom Healy reported on possible issues to address for 2008:

- Sprinklers
- Kids in pick-up beds
- TPT
- Due dates for exempt status
- Getting properties on the tax roles sooner
- Limiting liabilities to \$1M

He asked anyone with other suggestions to please send them to him or their area director before September. The Board will set the agenda for the next session at the September Board meeting. Lee Miller reported that during the 2007 session, AFDA pursued facilities benefits and TPT. Facilities Benefit: will not pursue further until the Northwest lawsuit was decided. We will continue to work on the TPT. One issue that passed was the acceleration of the reduction of the property tax percent. Issues to watch: initiative focusing on levies and fixed tax values.

Item 12: Old Business:

None

Item 13: New Business:

- a. Billy Brushwacker program was endorsed by the Board at the July Board meeting.
- b. Computer Scholarship Program – Katie Sayre asked any districts interested in donating a computer or districts who need computers, to please complete a short questionnaire and return it to her, so the Board can determine the level of interest before proceeding with the program to refurbish donated computers and distribute them to districts that need them.
- c. Lion’s International – Simon Davis was contacted by Lion’s International in regards to placing a glasses donation box at each fire station as an additional location for the public to donate their old glasses. The membership was supportive if this and didn’t see it as a problem to have the small boxes in the fire station offices.

Item 14: Fundraising Raffle:

There was \$991 raised for district stipends.

Item 15: Adjourn:

There being no more business of the Arizona Fire District Association, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Hirth, AFDA Administrator