

Executive committee Meeting, Spring Work Session  
June 2 -4, 2009  
Greenville, South Carolina

Tuesday June 2, 2009

In Attendance: President John Bowers, Morris Russell, Alvin Payne, Ken Kerber, Doug Eggiman, Scott Loftis, Billy Gibson, Will Vaigneur, Mike Sonefeld, Butch Womack, Jonathan Jones, Wendell Wilburn, Joe Palmer, Zorrina Harmon, Ashley Boltin, Marcia Greer, Gerald Mishoe, Amanda Custer, Sarah Brazwell, Chris Wells ( Support Group Clinicians),

Meeting is called to order by President John Bowers at 1:30 pm. President Bowers welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming.

Gerald Mishoe gives an update on the Charleston Counseling Program and introduces the Clinicians that came with him. Gerald said they are starting preparations for the June 18 ceremony. Each one of the Clinicians takes a few moments to speak and give their overview of the program.

Break 2:45 pm

Meeting resumes 3:00 pm.

**Motion made by Ken Kerber to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Morris Russell; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

Doug Eggiman gives an update on the Safety and Health Committee. There are two new committee members, Mitch Trammel and Rick Dangerfield.

Will Vaigneur gives and update on Member Benefits. Zorrina Harmon goes over the figures in the report.

Mike Sonefeld gives an update on the Supervisory Committee.

Jonathan Jones gives an update on the Training and Education.

Alvin Payne gives an update on the Legislative issues. Alvin said the web page has been updated on issues.

**Motion made by Will Vaigneur to recess until June 3, 2009. Seconded by Ken Kerber; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

Recess 4:00 pm

Wednesday June 3, 2009

In Attendance; President John Bowers, Morris Russell, Alvin Payne, Ken Kerber, Doug Eggiman, Scott Loftis, Will Vaigneur, Mike Sonefeld, Billy Gibson, Butch Womack, Jonathan Jones, Wendell Wilburn, Joe Palmer, Zorrina Harmon, Ashley Boltin, Marcia Greer, Tim Cobb, Gary Dobson (Prime Benefits, Inc.), Tim Hanbury (Prime Benefits, Inc.) Steve Riley (Emerald Ink and Stitches), Dale Wectell (OOBE Representative)

**8:30 am Motion made by Doug Eggiman to reconvene. Seconded by Scott Loftis; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

**Old Business;** Scott Loftis goes over financial reports. Joe speaks to Executive Committee about choice of new Legal Representation due to the retirement of Ray Chandler.

**New Business;** It is discussed that the Association needs to implement a late fee for all unpaid invoices after a certain time period.

**Motion made by Scott Loftis for the association to implement a policy that the association will send a letter for any unpaid invoice 120 days old with a 10 day window to make payment options or turn invoice over to a collections agency. Also to incur a 1 ½ percent late fee for invoices over 45 days compounded monthly. After 120 days send a letter out with a 15 day window to make payment arrangements with the Executive Director or the invoice will be turned over to a collection agency. Seconded by Ken Kerber; accepted by eight, opposed by one.**

**Motion made by Alvin Payne to rescind the previous motion in order to clarify some points. Seconded by Jonathan Jones; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

Joe mentions discussion between him, Joel Stoudemire and Ray Chandler about an issue with one percent monies and the County Treasurers in reference to the 'Fee in Lieu of' property taxation.

**Motion made by Ken Kerber to endorse recommendation of Association Legal Council to notify the County Treasurers in reference to the Fee in Lieu of Tax Assessments on commercial properties. Seconded by Alvin Payne; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

Joe gives a brief discussion on the OOBE Representation and their relationship with Steve Riley with Emerald Ink and Stitches, Inc.

**Break 11:30 am**

### **Meeting Resumes 11:45 am**

Steve Riley with Emerald Ink and Stitches and Dale Wechtell with OOBIE are introduced. They give a quick talk about the lines they are producing.

### **Lunch 12:00 pm**

### **Meeting Resumes 1:15 pm**

Meeting continues with a discussion about planning and goals for the association.

**Motion made by Alvin Payne to recess until June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seconded by Billy Gibson; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

### **Thursday June 4, 2009**

In Attendance; President John Bowers, Morris Russell, Alvin Payne, Ken Kerber, Doug Eggiman, Scott Loftis, Will Vaigneur, Mike Sonefeld, Billy Gibson, Butch Womack, Jonathan Jones, Wendell Wilburn, Joe Palmer, Zorrina Harmon, Ashley Boltin, Marcia Greer, Charles Turner (Greenville Fitness), Tim Rankin (Greenville Fitness)

**8:30 am Motion made by Jonathan Jones to reconvene. Seconded by Doug Eggiman; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

Joe introduces Charles Turner from Greenville Fitness. Charles gives a brief introduction on the relationship Greenville Fitness has with SC Firefighters. Charles goes over the importance of physicals for firefighters and feels there should be a standard set up for the health and safety of all SC Firefighters.

Doug Eggiman leaves at 9:00 am.

Joe goes over conference updates with the group. It is decided to change the out of state attendee fee from \$250.00 per person to \$150.00 per person due to the economy and there will be a \$10.00 fee for non members to visit Exhibit Hall. There will be 6 voting machines at conference this year to make the process smoother. The roast for Ray Chandler needs to be changed to read 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### **Break 10:30 am**

### **Meeting resumes 10:40 am**

Larry Finney from Greene, Finney, and Horton is introduced. Larry speaks about the one percent money and how little knowledge some of the departments have about law. Larry also touches on the process of auditing departments.

John asks the Executive Committee to review the list of departments seeking membership with the association this year and give comments.

**Motion made by Ken Kerber that the departments that have applied for membership with the association and that have met the requirements be recommended for membership to be voted in at the July conference. Seconded by Mike Sonefeld; accepted by all, opposed by none.**

The Executive Committee also would like to bring to the attention of the membership at the conference the subject of forms requested by the association each year and what the consequences should be for those departments that do not comply.

**Motion made at 11:15 am by Ken Kerber to adjourn. Seconded by Alvin Payne; accepted by all, opposed by none.**