

Newsletter



Southern California Association of Foresters & Fire Wardens

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2021-2022

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We, the members of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens, do band together for the purpose of strengthening inter-agency cooperation, fire safety coordination, and fellowship.

**An Association dedicated to the
Training and Safety of Southern
California Wildland Firefighters
for 90 years.**



Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of the Southern
California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens

April 1, 2022,

Solvang, California



2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS

The board of directors will begin working on the programs and speakers for the **90TH Annual Wildland Fire Training and Safety Conference** that will be held on **May 5-6, 2022** at **Camp Pilgrim Pines** in beautiful Oak Glen, California. This promises to be another exciting and informative conference and we look forward to seeing you back at Pilgrim Pines.



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CAL FIRE C-130 Airtanker preparing for fire season 2022 at McClellan Air Tanker Base.



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS
90 TH ANNUAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE.**

May 5-6, 2022

Check our web site for further information www.scaffw.org

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 1, 2022, Solvang, CA**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Ernst at 0900 hours at The Vetrans Hall in Solvang, California on April 1, 2022. A round of introductions were made. President Ernst thanked Garrett Huff for making the arrangements for the meeting and dinner. Santa Barbara County Fire Department Chief Hartwig welcomed the group.

Officers and Directors Present:

Tim Ernst – President- Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Curt Schwarm – First Vice President- Los Padres National Forest
Dave Fowler – Second Vice President- CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority (Ret)
Tim Chavez – Secretary, CAL FIRE – HQ
Doug Lannon – CAL FIRE Retired Arrangements Chair
Nick Ferrari- Publicity Chairman- Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Chris Childers – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept
Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison
Tim Dunfee – Angeles National Forest
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region (attended virtually)
Dan Snow – Liaison Chairman
Garrett Huff- Member- Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
Matt Ahearn- San Bernardino National Forest
Jason McDermott – CAL FIRE Riverside County

Officers and Directors Absent:

Don Forsyth – OCFA Retired Safety Chair
Andrew Kennison- Kern County Fire Dept.
Kevin Johnson – Los Angeles County Fire Dept
Rusty McCulley – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County
Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative
Bryan Gaines – Sequoia National Forest
Trevor Johnson – Ventura County Fire Dept.
Kevin Fetterman- Orange County Fire Authority
Vacant- Cleveland National Forest

Guests:

Erik Scott LAFD

Minutes: President Ernst presented the minutes of the February 4, 2022 meeting. Motion by Director Whitman, seconded by Director Childers, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Johnson presented his report covering February 4 to April 1, 2022.

Bank Account Balance as of (last meeting Feb 4 2022) \$ 45,653.75

Receipts:

\$ 5,688.08
7-Feb Membership \$ 5.00
\$5,693.08

Disbursements:

28-Feb \$1,276.67 (taco truck)
17-Mar \$391.90 (tent)

Total Disbursements: \$1,668.57

Bank Account Balance on hand: \$ 44,382.08

Last year at this time: \$ 40,653.75

Motion by Director Schwarm, second by Chairman Lannon to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Johnson also advised that he had opened an account with a Bill Pay and a Credit Card option to make purchases easier.

Old Business:

Erik Scott gave us a presentation and some direction on the use of social media to publicize the association. Content is key. The web site should be like a hub with the spikes being the social media accounts (twitter, facebook, Instagram etc.) New and updated info is constantly needed. Most of our accounts are dormant right now. We need personal stories of how the conference helps firefighters, affects operations. We need to leverage our senior leadership of our departments, which we did with some videos before the last conference. Maybe offer a way to check off some task book items, or some certificate or continuing education credits. Spend money on an Instagram or facebook ad. Megan Currier from LA County Fire has agreed to help us out with our accounts.

Directors, please get names for the bell ceremony to us soon, so we can compile a list for the conference.

Committee Reports:

Arrangements:

Arrangements Chairman Lannon reported that the Projector screen has been installed. Several trees were damaged from winter storms and have been removed. Lannon and Snow helped out with the tree removal. Including the large oak tree in the middle of the courtyard. The ABC permit application is ready to send. All the buildings have been inspected. Leadership room has some water damage. Taco truck for lunch first day is ready to go. Chairman Lannon asked for a motion to spend money for the remote mics. Motion made by Director Fowler to spend up to \$500 for 2 remote mics and 2 lapel mics. Seconded by Fowler, motion passed. Directors Dinner Wednesday night will be at the Oak Glen Stakehouse. It will be a buffet for \$40. All members are invited if you are arriving Wednesday night. Medics from Yucaipa need to be contacted for stand-by. Gordon Graham will need a document camera. Need to confirm the crew from LA County Fire for the conference. And the vans from Ventura County.

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Exhibits and Demonstrations:

NO report, Trevor Johnson and Ed Shabro both absent

Registration and Membership:

44 registrations so far. 6 vendors have registered. Does anyone have any new equipment that could be displayed? Any ideas for demonstrations are welcome. Several members have signed up for the 5\$ membership fee in the past two years. Should we do away with the stand-alone membership fee? It is included in the conference registration. Motion by Treasurer Johnson to abolish the 5\$ membership fee option. Motion died for lack of second. A bylaws change will be proposed at the conference written by President Ernst.

Entertainment and Raffle:

Director Trevor Johnson, although not able to attend, advised that all is ready but need the \$2500 expenditure authority for the raffle prizes as we have done in the past conferences. This leads to better quality raffle prizes. Motion by Director Childers, second by Treasurer Johnson to spend the funds. Motion passed. President Ernst advised that a donation letter is available if anyone has a large donation from a vendor for a prize.

Publicity:

Covered in Old Business

Historian:

Nothing to report

Safety:

Safety Chairman Forsyth is on a cross country trip and will not be available for the conference. Dan Snow will substitute. President Ernst suggested strongly not to invite the CHP for the annual safety talk.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report

Program:

See newsletter

Life Membership Recommendations:

No new recommendations made.

Gary Helming Award Nominations:

A motion was made by Chairman Lannon and seconded by Director Fowler that the years when the Gary Helming Scholarship is not awarded that a donation be made to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. Motion passed.

New Business:

Need a flyer update now that the program is more solid



discussion was had about out-of-pocket costs for Board Members, such as extra lodging/meal costs for Wednesday night etc. A motion was made by Director Whitman and seconded by Chairman Ferrari to cover Wednesday night costs for Board Members. Motion passed.

Need to decide on speaker gifts. Chairman Snow advised he would work on coffee tumblers and T-shirts for the conference, Motion by Snow and second by Lannon to spend \$2000 on T-shirts with a 90th Conference logo. Motion passed.

It was noted that the \$5000 grant from Edison was received by the Association again. Thanks to Edison.

Second VP Fowler advised that he would set up a google docs site where the Director's handbook and the Bylaws would live to eliminate printing these materials. A link will be sent out to all the Directors when it is ready.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held at Camp Pilgrim Pines in Oak Glen, CA on May 4 at 1600.

The meeting was adjourned at 1230.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Chavez,
Association Secretary

Tentative Program for 90th Conference



Thursday May 5th, 2022

0900-Opening of the 90th Annual Conference (30)

Welcome: President Tim Ernst, Assistant Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department

Presentation of Colors - Orange County Fire Authority

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation- Fire Chaplin's Association

Bell Ceremony

Safety

Bylaws

Intro of Program, Master of Ceremonies - Vaughan Miller

0930-Keynote Address (45) TBA

1015-Team of Teams (60) Mike Ryan

1115-Break (15)

1130-Team Awareness Kit (30) Andreas Johansen

1200-Lunch (45) TACOS!!

1245-Raffle (15)

1300-The 5 Concurrent Themes for Success: (120) Gordon Graham

1500-Break (15)

1515-Route Fire 2021 (45) Tom Guzman and Abel Martinez

1600-Go Down Swinging (60) Nathan Espinoza

1700-Vendor Introductions/Social hour

1800-Dinner

1900-Entertainment

Friday May 6th, 2022

0700-Breakfast

0800-2022 Fire Season Outlook (30)

Tom Rolinski and Drew Smith

0830-Gaining the Advantage w/ WFA & Fire-response on the Fireline (30)

Joaquin Ramirez

0900-Behavior of the El Dorado Fire September 17, 2020 (60)

Mark Finney

1000-Break (15)

1015- Working with IHCs (Interagency Hotshot Crews) (45)

Brian Anderson

1100-Raffle (15)

1115- Wildland Mayday (30)

Damian Giuliani

1145-Presentation to Outgoing President, Closing business, Gary Helming, Knothead Award

1200-End of Conference/Lunch



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