

Certification Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 22nd, 2018 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Texas A&M University - Reed Arena
730 Olsen Blvd College Station, TX 77843

I. Call to Order

9:01 am

II. Roll Call

Chairman/Zone 06 Gary Williams

Vice Chairman/Zone 03 Frankie Marcinkiewicz

Secretary/Zone 04 R. J. Thomas

Zone 01 Brian Scheffer

Zone 02 Edwin Baker

Zone 05 Ubaldo Perez

Zone 08 Patrick Dooley

Zone 09 Brad Hargrove

Zone 10 Nate Mara

Zone 11 Clay Deatherage

Zone 12 William Tidwell

Zone 13 Jeromy Dawson

Zone 14 Brent Allen

Zone 15 Chuck Garris Sr. for Scott Garris Jr

Zone 16 Josh Constancio

Zone 18/EMS Cmtc Liaison Andy Dexter

Zone 19 Curtis Brown

TEEX Representative Cary Roccaforte

TFS Representative Steven Carter

Exec Bd Representative Mike Richardson

Exec Bd Representative Richard Van Winkle

III. Acceptance of Minutes from June Meeting

Motion by Patrick Dooley. Second by Andy Dexter. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

IV. Communications

A. Executive Director/Board

Board members were introduced. Board made presentation to Chairman Williams for his years of service on the Certification Board.

B. SFFMA Staff

Kevin Creamer in the hospital. Should be out of the hospital soon, however we expect there will be more tests and procedures to follow. Chris Barron is stepping in. Reminder the Austin needs

the required 2 week notice before taking certification test. Gabi has tendered her resignation effective August 1st. Moving to Czech Republic to spend time with her aging parents. Looking for new event planner. Andy Dexter inquired as to how the Board Member may be able to help out. Chris noted that would be helpful for those who could spend a few days in Austin login to Kevin's computer help complete some applications and emails. Even dates that fall on a weekend could be helpful. Software is closer, need to clean some data. Roll out will be by Zone. Update has been sent to all Chiefs.

C. TEEX Staff

TEEX Rocky noted everyone is getting for start of Annual School tomorrow. Numbers are around 1,600. New HAZMAT training building. New ladder truck on the field. New rail car dome trainer.

V. Old Business

A. Review Committees

1. Volunteer Fire Chief – Scott Garris, R.J. Thomas, Ubaldo Perez, Patrick Dooley, Brent Allen, and Billy Tidwell
Nothing to add.

2. Testing – Board Chair and Executive Board Liaison. Please provide feedback to Chairman.
Will work through the issue of Keven Creamer's absents from the office.

3. NFPA/Skills Updates – Brian Scheffer, Mark Wobus, Edwin Baker, and Cary Roccaforte
Driver operator information has been sent out. Would like to implement that January 2019. This will take a conference call sometime in the fall. Changes to are coming to HAZMAT. NFPA 1001 not officially out at this time.

4. TEEX Course Breakdowns – Cary Roccaforte, RJ Thomas, and Brent Allen
Continue to operate.

5. Continuing Education – Clay Deatherage and Brent Allen

6. Fire Department Audit –Clay Deatherage, R.J. Thomas, Brad Hargrove
There have been no calls for service.

7. Approved Training Providers – Frankie Marcinkiewicz, Edwin Baker, and Scott Garris
Motion to add 4-day class for Fire Service Honor and Ceremony to Master Certification list of classes was made by Frankie Marcinkiewicz and seconded by Brad Hargrove. Passed on voice vote no negatives. Class has been offered by the Taylor Fire Department.

Chair recommended a review of the Master Firefighter Certification. A review committee was formed and includes:

Billy Tidwell, recommends a six person committee each assigned to a category of the certification.

Five were assigned for the Master Firefighter Academy. They are Andy Dexter, William Tidwell, Patrick Dooley, and Jeromy Dawson

8. Skill Examiner Credentials – Andy Dexter, RJ Thomas, and Brad Hargrove
Nothing new from the committee. Still waiting on new application.

B. EMS Instructor Certification Program – Andy Dexter
Still tracking with state agency

C. Discussion of License Plate Eligibility – Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Change laws in 2012. License plates you are supposed to present form and current SFFMA card so they can verify through the zone coordinator. This is done by third party vendor. People who have plates and it is known they are not eligible then notify Kevin Creamer and they will not be able to renew the plate. Plates can transfer as long as the are not expired.

D. Duties of the Certification Board. Presented by Chair. Andy Dexter motioned to accept duties and Curtis Brown Seconded. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

VI. Election of Officers (moved to end of the agenda after new business via a motion by RJ Thomas and Seconded by Clay Deatherage. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

Motion to open elections of new officer made by clay Deatherage and second by Andy Dexter. Passed voice vote no negatives.

Nominations for Chair

Frankie Marcinkiewicz by RJ Thomas

Brian Scheffer by Cary Roccaforte

Brian Scheffer elected via ballot voting.

Nominations for Vice Chair

Clay Deatherage William Tidwell

Andy Dexter By Nate Mara

Frankie Marcinkiewicz by RJ Thomas

Andy Dexter elected via ballot voting.

Nominations for Secretary

RJ Thomas By Frankie Marcinkiewicz

Elected by Acclamation

Nominations for Assistant Secretary

Nate Mara by Clay Deatherage

Nate Mara Elected by Acclamation

2018 – 2019 Officers

Chairman - Brian Scheffer

Vice Chairman – Andy Dexter

Secretary – RJ Thomas

Assistant Secretary - Nate Mara

Presentation of ceremonial gabble to new Chairmen.

VII. New Business

A. Master Application Approval

Zone 4 Ingleside VFD: Jacob Atcher

Zone 4 Ingleside VFD: Steven Loving

Zone 6 Pasadena VFD: Gary Williams

Zone 6 League City VFD: Patricia McIntosh

Zone 18 CyFair VFD: C. Scott Webb

Zone 18 CyFair VFD: Roger Ramon

Zone 18 CyFair VFD: David Padovan

Zone 18 CyFair VFD: Ronald Fangmann

Zone 18 CyFair VFD: Robert Rasa

Zone 18 Shiro VFD: Jason Harris

Motion to approve master applications made by Curtis Brown and seconded by Patrick Dooley. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

B. USFA/NWCG Online Training

Questions about verification of skill in an online class. Clay Deatherage proposed acceptance of this class as the classroom portion.

USFA NWCG can not track student who have taken the test. Completion of these online class will not qualify a person for a position. S130 and S190 are the recognized courses.

More information needed from the Texas A&M Forest Service. Tabled at this time pending further discussion with Texas A&M Forest Service.

C. Firefighter Training Network.

Still waiting additional information.

D. Chemical Safety Board. CSB recommendations after the West Texas Incident. Recommend develop and implement fertilizer certification. Motion to respond was made by Frankie Marcinkiewicz. We have been charged by the Executive Board and agree that we will follow NFPA standard for our programs since there is not one we recognize the TEEX Ember Program Course in our Master Program. Second by Clay Deatherage. Discussion – Mentioned is this is

covered under NFPA 472 training required in our curriculum. Development of curriculum is beyond the scope and duties of this Certification Board. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

Outgoing Chair receives top dog award, additional placate from his peers.

New agenda items must be submitted to kcreamer@sffma.org for inclusion on agenda prior to meeting

VIII. Announcements

A.

Next Meeting: October 2017 – Teleconference? January 26, 2019 – Longview, Texas

B. Other

IX. Adjourn 11:55