

# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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*John Charles Tedorski, Secretary*

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Lower Burrell, PA

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an annual convention was not held this year. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania placed restrictions on indoor gatherings to be no more than 25 people, and outdoor gatherings could have up to 100 people. Because of these restrictions, a one-day business meeting was held to conduct the annual elections and conduct essential business.

The meeting was held outdoors under the pavilion at the VFW in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Larry Abel. Opening prayer by Chaplain Tim Gorencic. Naming of Sergeant-at-Arms: Martin Wetmore and Gene Walker.

## Nomination of Officers

President Abel called for nominations for offices. The following nominations were made:

Tom Shank nominated Bruce Davis for President; James Eley nominated Jim Bungard for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Robert Patterson nominated Don Ferrante for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Larry Abel nominated James Eley for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Pete Barnhart nominated the following to the Executive Committee for a two-year term: Jim Norton, Sr., William Weber, William Cornell, Ruth E. Hereda, and Wilmer Shaner.

President Abel appointed the following to the election board: Tom Shank, Judge, Marty Wetmore, Richard Grove, Tim Gorencic, and Wayne Harris. The election will be held from noon to 1 p.m., as was advertised in the newsletter.

Officers roll call by Executive Director/Secretary Tedorski.

## Executive Director/Secretary's Report

Executive Director/Secretary Tedorski gave the following report:

2020-2021 Dues as of 8-1-20	2019-2020 Dues Paid After 8-1-19
Companies 299	Companies 20

Members @ \$6	<u>3,962</u>	Members @ \$6	<u>665</u>
	4,261		685

Total 2019-2020 Company Membership: 331 Individual Membership: 5,081

Investment Balances as of July 31, 2020

Benjamin F. Edwards

Jennison Utilities Fund Class A	\$ 107,489.75
Jennison Natural Resources Class A	39,043.71
Invesco American Franchise	95,947.24
Dow Target 10 8764	43,756.80
Dow Target 10 8285	37,368.38
Areospace and Defense Portfolio	7,911.80
Jennison Value	97,227.48
Franklin Income Fund	89,143.69
Franklin Rising Dividends	153,929.76
First Trust DSIP 8810	56,539.11
First Trust DSIP 8441	78,991.40
Prudential Global Real Estate (Dryden Global)	22,850.05
Jennison 20/20 Fund	39,473.58
Pacific Life Income Fund	76,686.54
Washington Mutual Investor Fund	275,732.52
Money Market	73,084.87
Jennison Money Market	<u>5,386.42</u>

\$1,300,563.10

PNC Checking

1,893.43

TOTAL

\$1,302,456.53

Motion by John Bem and Marty Wetmore that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Schaeffer read the Treasurer's Report from February through July. Motion by Jim Potlas and Marty Wetmore that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and referred to audit. Motion carried.

Reading of Bills

Executive Director/Secretary Tedorski read the following bills:

Bank Charge	-133.00
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Book Sales COGS	-4,642.75
Book Sales COGS:Shipping -- Books	-393.50
Other Book Sales COGS	-4,249.25
Copier Service Contract	-1,882.02
Other Copier Service Contract	-1,882.02
Credit Card Acct Fee	-57.29
Death Claims	-5,000.00
Double Payment -- PNC Credit Card	-658.18
Essay Banquet	-225.00
Essay Contest Prizes	-2,173.17
Insurance	-527.00
Other Insurance	-527.00
Internet Access	-1,559.59
Meeting Expense	-450.00
Office Rent	-3,750.00
Office Supplies	-274.79
Past Pres Gift	-300.00
Postage	-701.59
Postage:Postage - Newsletter	-135.69
Other Postage	-565.90
Scholarship Payment	-11,400.00
Secretary's Salary	-4,175.00
Trade Show Expenses	-95.00
Travel	-387.59
Other Travel	-387.59
Utilities	-532.47
Utilities:Telephone	-532.47
	-177.58

OVERALL TOTAL -38,924.44

Motion by Tim Gorencic and Marty Wetmore that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

#### Vice Presidents Reports

The vice presidents each gave reports of their activities.

#### Fire Prevention Committee

Chairman Martin Wetmore reported since the awards program and banquet were cancelled, the awards will be presented at the individual fire department that the winners are from. It was agreed that the Association will pay a reasonable amount for food and/or

refreshments to those individual departments who host the presentations. Chairman Wetmore said that the committee is considering not having the essay contest this coming year due to the virus. No definite decision has been made.

### Membership Committee

Tom Foster presented applications from 260 new members. Motion by Tom Foster and William Weber that these individuals be made members of the Western. Motion carried.

### Scholarship Committee

John Bem reported that the committee has been unable to meet. Applications were sent to the office and recipients will be notified.

### Memorial Committee

The board decided not to have the memorial service this year, but to combine two years next year. A moment of silence was observed for those members who passed away over the past year.

### Awards Committee

Tim Gorencic reported that there will be several awards presented this afternoon at 1 p.m.

### Finances

Executive Director/Secretary Tedorski presented a proposed budget for the coming year.

### Report of the Election Board

Judge of Elections Tom Shank reported the following results of the election:

President – Bruce Davis – 699 votes

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jim Bungard – 699 votes

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Donald Ferrante – 699 votes

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – James Eley – 699 votes

Executive Committee – Jim Norton, Sr. – 699 votes

William Weber – 699 votes

William Cornell – 699 votes

Ruth E. Hereda – 699 votes

Wilmer Shaner – 675 votes

Place of Convention 2021 – New Kensington – 696 votes

Motion by John Bem and Wayne Harris to accept the report of the election board and destroy the ballots. Motion carried. Motion by John Bem and Wayne Harris to authorize the necessary resolutions to change signatures on any necessary financial accounts. Motion carried.

### Awards Presentations

Tim Gorencic presented the following awards to several winners who were present. Other awards will be presented at smaller meetings when restrictions permit.

### President's Annual Address

President Larry Abel gave his address summarizing the past year. Newly-elected President Bruce Davis presented Larry Abel with his past-president card and gift from the Association.

### Installation of Officers

Executive Director/Secretary Tedorski installed all of the newly-elected officers.

### Good of the Association

Richard Grove reported that Rip Jenkins is not doing well.

Cheryl Ferrante reported that John Palcsey is not going well either and has been hospitalized for quite some time.

President Davis reported that John Bem has offered to take over and substitute for John Palcsey on the Scholarship Committee. President Davis named John Bem as Chairman Emeritus of this committee.

William Weber gave an update on the dissolving of the Camp Committee and their assets.

The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Tim Gorencic. Motion by Richard Grove and William Weber to adjourn sine die. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Following the regular meeting, President Bruce Davis conducted the annual reorganization meeting where committee and other appointments were made for the new year.

The October meeting will be at New Kensington No. 2.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Charles Tedorski  
Executive Director-Secretary