

79th Mississippi Firefighter's Conference
Natchez, MS

Called to order by John Pope at 910
Opened with prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Addresses

- Stan Owens
- Mike Lazarus

Motion to adopt minutes of 78th Annual Conference

- Bruce Burkeen
- Second – Eddie Ray
- Motion passed

Motion to suspend roll call – Stan Owens

- Second – Bruce Burkeen
- Motion passed

Time of Recognition

- Dignitaries
- State and Local Offices
- Past Officers
- Current Officers
- Lifetime Members
- Ladies Auxiliary
- First Time Attendees

Motion to adopt Agenda and amend as needed – Bruce Burkeen

- Second- Ronnie McGilberry
- Motion passed

Agenda amended to allow for vendor time due speaker having to cancel

Representative Tom Miles spoke on legislative issues over the past year

Presentation of new CVFF patches – Steven Ashby

Joint Memorial Service – MS Fire Academy Honor Guard and Natchez Fire Honor Guard

Recess for a break

Reconvened at 1105

Presentation of certificates by President Pope to current Executive Board members, MSFA, and Insurance Commissioner

Nomination of Officers – Reggie Bell

- President
 - o John Pope – nominated by Henry Outlaw
 - o Jason Watkins – nominated by Scott Berry
- 1st Vice President
 - o Mark Whiteside – nominated by Steve Coker
 - o Steve Ashby – nominated by Tommy Malone
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - o Jennifer Williams – nominated by Terry Tucker
- Northeast VP
 - o Terry Tucker – nominated by Bruce Burkeen
- Northwest VP
 - o Kenneth Givens – nominated by Linville
- Northwest Central VP
 - o Henry Outlaw – nominated by Andy Petro
- West Central VP
 - o Jim Palmer - Nominated by Billy Talley
- East Central VP
 - o Richard Stampley nominated by Jubal Ryan
- Southwest VP
 - o Stan Owens – nominated by Eddie Ray
 - o Cole Robbins – Ryan Luethje
- Southeast VP
 - o Mike Watts nominated by George Stevens
 - o Ronnie McGilberry nominated by Donnie Barnes
- South VP
 - o Steve Seal – nominated by Keith Brown

Elections for contested races President, 1st Vice President, Southwest VP, and Southeast VP will be held tomorrow, June 5, during New Business after Committee Reports

Motion by Terry Wages to suspend rules to vote this afternoon

- Second - Kendall Golden
- 42 ayes; more than 42 nays
- Motion failed

Recessed for lunch and afternoon training sessions. Will reconvene on June 5 at 9:30

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New Business

- Committee Reports
 - o Finance Report presented by Tommy MacDermont
 - Motion to accept financials – Terry Tucker;
 - Second - Wayne Yeatman
 - Motion carries
 - o Burn Camp Updates – Tammy Moore
 - Aug 1 – 4 Twin Lakes Conference Center; Florence, MS

- Wed, Aug 3, Birthday party day
 - Working on a website
 - Amanda Fontaine – MS Burn Foundation
 - Update on what things they are working on
 - Burn Survivor Family home should be completed by next May
 - Currently hosting 10 families now in hotels
 - 450 – 500 pts a month
 - Shannon Sandridge replaced Daniel Cross on the board; Kelly Elliott also serves
 - Conference updates
 - 331 Attendees registered
 - \$31,000 – Vendor sponsors
 - \$23,000 – is approximate what we owe
 - Cost free in Vicksburg if registered and membership dues are paid by April 1
 - Alec Griffin – Armed Forces Benefit Association
 - Lifetime Memberships
 - Reggie Bell, MSFA Director
 - Motion – Tommy MacDermont
 - Second – Eddie Ray
 - Motion carries
- Elections
 - Speeches by Candidates
 - Southeast
 - Mike Watts
 - Ronnie McGilberry
 - Southwest
 - Cole Robbins
 - Stan Owens
 - 1st VP
 - Steven Ashby
 - Mark Whiteside
 - President
 - Jason Watkins
 - John Pope
 - Voting Results
 - Southeast
 - Mike Watts
 - Southwest
 - Stan Owens
 - 1st VP
 - Mark Whiteside
 - President
 - John Pope
 - Motion to destroy the ballots – Terry Tucker
 - Second – Tommy MacDermont
- New Item of business
 - Discussion of salary for Secretary/Treasurer

- Reduced salary from 18K to 12K when in Vicksburg in 2011
 - Motion to increase back to 18K (\$1500) – Eddie Ray
 - Second – Terry Tucker
 - Motion carries
- 81st Conference City Requests
 - Gulfport
 - Greenville
 - Executive Board to decide – Joe Honea
 - Second- Eddie Ray
 - Motion passed

Motion to adjourn – Brad Smith

- Second – Eddie Ray
- Motion passed