

Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC

Metro-Dade Fire Fighters

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Treasurer

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Executive Board Minutes (B-shift)

October 7, 2019

0830

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

President Omar Blanco(absent)
1st Vice Pres. Brian Lynch(present)
2nd Vice Pres. Michelle Steele(absent)0840
Secretary Gabe Nemeth(present)
Treasurer Paul Blake(present))

2019
Ralph Fernandez(absent)0901
Lisa Bullard(present)
Christian Chuck(present)
Andre Cruzeta(absent)0903
Dan Cuoco(present))
Nick Digiacoimo(present).
Billy McAllister(present)

2020
Richard Andrews(present)
Bridget Keating(absent)
Rocky McAllister(present)
John O'Brien(absent)0945
Lazaro Pereda(present)
Tim Porter(absent)
Rick Ramirez(present)

Executive Assistants: Chris Fink(present), Felipe Lay

Benefits Officer: Claudine Buzzo

Trustees: John Askham, Randy Brown, Jeff Hackman

Meeting called to order at 0837: Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence

Member/Guest:

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Motion by Bullard to approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes. Second by Pereda, motion passes with noted correction.

Correspondence: None

Reports of Officers:

Omar Blanco: President report – none

Brian Lynch: 1st VP Report –

- Reported on a decision made reference a complaint filed about a member's nomination being accepted after the deadline. Requested proof that the nomination was made prior to the deadline. 3 members provided email proof and the nomination was permitted.
- Upcoming grievances discussed, and assignments given
- Re-opener Downtown 10/23

Paul Blake: Treasurer Report – No report, waiting on financial audit report

Gabe Nemeth: Secretary Report – Recruit Class 140 on Friday here at the hall; Continue with database program program

Michelle Steele: 2nd VP Report – Numerous discipline and arbitrations last week with a numerous scheduled for the upcoming weeks

Report of Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws:

Motion by By-Laws committee to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 4, Section 1. Second by Cruzeta, motion fails. Vote For: 2; Against: 10

E-Board disagrees with committee to adopt changes.

Motion by By-Laws committee not to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 4, Section 2. Second by Cruzeta, motion passes. Vote For: 11; Against: 1

E-Board agrees with committee not to adopt changes.

Motion by By-Laws committee to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 5, Section 6. Second by Cruzeta, motion passes. Vote For: 13; Against: 0

E-Board agrees with committee to adopt changes.

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Motion by By-Laws committee to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 5, Section 11. Second by Cruzeta, motion passes. Vote For: 8; Against: 7

E-Board agrees with committee to adopt changes.

Motion by By-Laws committee to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 6, Section 5. Second by Cruzeta, motion passes. Vote For: 15; Against: 0

E-Board agrees with committee to adopt changes.

Motion by By-Laws committee to recommend adoption of amendments to Article 13, Section 1. Second by Cruzeta, motion passes. Vote For: 15; Against: 0

E-Board agrees with committee to adopt changes.

Health and Safety – Below under new business

Election Committee – Update

- Jumpline – 22 submissions for the Jumpline, 4 candidates did not turn in an campaign ad. Original discussion by committee was to mail Jumpline together with ballots in a larger envelope to save on postage. The committee was advised that it would not be possible since it was campaigning material. Jumpline will be mailed earlier than ballots.

Special OPS –

- Units responding as municipal assets being pulled while outside of corresponding territories and not being available for their specialty calls. Discussed previously at Labor/Management need data in order to present the argument. Managements position is they are an asset and will be utilized – Possible solution is to dispatch a second unit similar to P59 outside the airport

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

B.McAllister – Discussion on station conditions and mold – Health & Safety(Pereda) discussed the issues still being faced

- Committee wanted E-Board awareness that Facilities does not have the infrastructure in place to handle the reporting of problems when encountered at the stations.
- SCAR's will continue to be turned in on issues
- Question on what to do with EMS equipment that has been possibly contaminated
- Request to have a monthly meeting (Safety)
- Update on gear exchange – Lt. Rodriguez is working solely on the project

Motion by Blake that the treasurer be included in communications(emails, etc) when dealing with expenditures. Second by Digiacomio, motion passes.

Motion by Blake that until a PAC policy is adopted all PAC expenditures and endorsements go to Executive Board for approval. Second by Bullard.

Motion to table by Andrews. Second by Pereda, motion to table fails.

Numerous amendment brought up and withdrawn.

Motion fails.

Motion by Bullard to have 2 Executive Board Meetings a month. Second by Digiacomio, motion passes.

Motion by Chuck to request the president step down as the PAC chair. Second by Bullard. Amendment to have 1st VP Lynch assigned as temporary PAC chair during the president's run for congress. Motion passes.

Motion by O'Brien to purchase a table at the Lincoln Day Dinner Gala and The Blue Dinner Gala at a cost of up to \$5000 each from PAC money and that attendees be requested from the Executive Board first. Second by Ramirez, motion passes.

Good and Welfare:

Steele - Great job and thank you to those that helped with the poker Tournament.

Motion by Cruzeta to adjourn at 1135. Second by Ramirez, motion passes.

In Unity,

**Gabe Nemeth, Secretary
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