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COMMUNICATION # 1-2009 01-26-09 WFRA Meeting Minutes

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President J.K. Tabler called the regular meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association to order at 7:00 P.M. at Fire Station #1 with 21 members present.

Roll call by registration.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Relief Fund bills were approved as presented on a motion by R.L. Wolfe, second A.J. Heard, motion passed with no opposition. Relief Fund balances were read to the body.

Welfare Fund bills were approved as presented on a motion by R.L. Wolfe, second by M.J. Misek, motion passed with no opposition. Welfare Fund balances was read to the body.

Communications: Association party will be January 30th, and 31st. Communication sent out earlier in the month.

New Business:

From the Boards of Directors: 1 item

1. The Board of Directors and Supervisory committee recommend purchasing parting gifts for Ernie Schuler and Jim Wilson, for their dedicated service. The recommendation is not to exceed \$200.00 for Schuler and \$50.00 for Wilson.

Motion to concur was made by R.L. Wolfe and second by M.J. Reibenspies. After some discussion the motion carried unopposed.

From the Floor: None

Unfinished Business:

From the Board of Directors: None

From the floor: None

Good and Welfare:

From the Board of Directors: 3 items

1. Jason, Roger and Kerry went to Salina to attend the secretary-treasurer school this month. Jason reported to the body that the Deputy Insurance Commissioner (Bob Tomilson) addressed the body and stated their office would like for our State Association to vote to open up the Relief Act in 2010. This would require a vote at our conference in April of this year by all of the present Associations across the state. Their office stated several problems that need resolved: 1. The Association at the State level carries a Life

insurance policy on all of the members. Due to bad history the face amount of the policy is down to 35,000.00. The amount they can spend for premium is set by the law. They would like to increase the amount that can be spent on the premium. 2. The ability to figure distribution of the money is based upon a formula that is very out dated. The Insurance Commissioner's office would like to clean the formula up. 3. Smaller Associations are allowed to pay an annuity to their members. There has been some abuse by insurance agents in how they administer the annuities, which ultimately costs the Associations using them excessively. Kerry, Jason and Roger feel like with the State being in a tight budget situation for possibly the next couple of years, it is unlikely the body would vote to open the act. Mr. Tomilson expressly stated that their office would not support opening the law if the State Association Body support the idea. We were also introduced to John Boyd who will be our new liaison to the insurance commissioner's office. He has a history of working in the fire service and is already making some positive changes.

2. Chris Lubbers our agent for our Provident Policy contacted the office and told us that Provident was tightening up their time frames on filing a claim. We will have sixty days from the date of injury to file a claim. Jason advised the body if you have an injury please remember to contact the office for possible benefits.
3. We received "thank-you" cards from the Sawyer and Carr families for flowers sent to their loved ones funeral.

From the Floor:

1. A member asked the officers if there were any provisions in the Constitution or By-laws for the membership to vote out a member whom has committed fraud or somehow tarnished the reputation of our Association? *President Tabler commented that he did not believe that we have any such provision in place but would check and report back next meeting.*

With no further business to consider a motion to adjourn was made by R.J. Longar, second by T.J. Heard.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

*Jason Jones,
Secretary-Treasurer*