Proceedings of the Annual Meeting  
Fire Museum Network  
November 4, 2017  
Tampa, FL

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM with 20 member museums present out of 101. With 10 memberships required for a quorum, it was ruled a proper meeting per the Bylaws.

Board members present: Bill Hall, Robert Vallero, Tom McDonald, Curt Peters, Bob Heckman, David Lewis. Jane Rogers, John Zangerle and Damon Campagna were absent.

S/T Vallero presented the membership report along with minutes of the last annual meeting and financial reports. Current membership is 101, mostly museums, with 8 private (self paying, either in addition to their museum’s affiliation or not affiliated with an active museum) members.

The minutes of the 2016 meeting in San Antonio were read and approved unanimously. Members who donated an additional amount with their dues were acknowledged.

President Hall then called on the Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Vallero, who reported that there were three terms expiring in 2017: Jane Rogers, Tom McDonald and David Lewis. A slate of three candidates was presented, Tom McDonald, David Lewis and Debby Davis. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was approved unanimously, to serve a three year term.

The President then reported on the election of officers of the corporation, which was conducted at the Board meeting previous is conducted by the Executive Board to serve a one year term. The officers elected are Bill Hall, President, Robert Vallero Secretary-Treasurer and John Zangerle, Vice President.

President Hall called upon Tom McDonald and thanked him for a successful seminar. He also acknowledged and thanked Bill Wade and the staff of the Tampa museum for their help and graciousness, especially in light of the recent hurricane leaving great doubt that Tampa would still be there. He spoke briefly as to the requirements for hosting a seminar, and requested interested museums to submit a proposal or contact him for more information.

A brief report on the website, and the secure members’ only area followed. The presentations from the seminar will be in the secure area when provided.

A short tribute to Keith Franz, founding member of the Fire Museum Network was read, followed by a moment of silence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Recorded and submitted by Robert Vallero