



2019 FFLA Board Meeting

Oneonta, Alabama

Conference Call

January 19, 2019

The 2019 FFLA conference call board meeting was called to order at 1003 CST on Saturday, January 19 originating from the Amelia Porter Center at Palisades Park, Oneonta, Alabama.

Board Members present

Chairman- Keith Argow, Secretary/NJ- Ray Grimes Jr., Treasurer/N.ID-MT- Gary Weber, AL Rep- Andrew Zerbe

Board Members on call

Deputy Chair (S)- Ron Stafford, Deputy Chair (W)- Sam Duffey, Webmaster/ME- Bill Cobb, CA (Pac)- Bill Ulmer, CA (Sierra/Nevada)- Bill Luedeke, CA (S)- Scott Mc Clintock, IN- Teena Ligman, NH- Chris Haartz, NY- Laurie Rankin, PA- Dan Bubnis, VT- Peter Hayes, WA (E)- Rod Fosback, WI- Tyler Bormann, Election Chair -Rob Hoeye, Historian (incoming)- Chad Kinzel

Approval of the 2018 Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the Jan 2018 board meeting minutes or the 2018 Packwood, WA minutes. There were none; the minutes were approved as distributed.

Election Results

Election Chair Rob Hoeye conducted the election for 2019 for Western Deputy Chair, Southern Deputy Chair, Historian, and Secretary. There were no write-ins; all candidates on the ballot were elected: Western Deputy- Sam Duffey, Southern Deputy- Ron Stafford, Historian- Chad Kinzel, Secretary- Ray Grimes

Review of Agenda Items

The Chairman asked if there were any additional topics for the agenda. Sam Duffey requested discussion on recruitment of chapter directors.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Argow listed four items that he would like to work on for the 2019 year, with committees needed for each:

1. National Marketing Plan
2. Inventory and History.

Chairman Argow advised that the new Historian would be involved

3. Define and expand the Role of the Chapters

4. Ways to approve NHLR and FFLOS

Chairman Argow asked if anyone on the call was interested in chairing any of the committees; no one stepped forward at this time, so he will be going out to all the directors later

Review of the Executive Committee actions for 2018

Executive committee actions during 2018 included:

- Approval of new Alberta Director
- Approval of new Illinois Rep
- Approval of the Friends of Blue Mountain Lookouts local chapter in Oregon
- Approval of four restoration grants and one emergency stabilization grant

Weber moved, seconded by Zerbe, to confirm the actions; no opposition, motion approved.

Treasurer/Membership Reports

Treasurer Weber had previously distributed the preliminary Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report (below). When the Treasurer Report is finalized, the combined report will be posted on the FFLA web page.

Account	Financial		
	1/1/18 Bal	12/31/18 Bal	2018 +/-
Arkansas	\$140.80	\$152.80	\$12.00
Arizona	\$825.28	\$852.28	\$27.00
Butler Mem	\$1,666.85	\$1,916.85	\$250.00
CA-Sierra/NV	\$1,847.61	\$1,915.61	\$68.00
CA-North	\$2,554.83	\$2,622.83	\$68.00
CA-Pacific	\$179.75	\$211.09	\$31.34
CA-South	\$2,080.58	\$2,086.58	\$6.00
Colorado	\$1,734.04	\$1,766.04	\$32.00
Florida	\$153.66	\$175.66	\$22.00
Georgia-South Carolina	\$136.00	\$168.00	\$32.00
ID-North/MT	\$5,968.38	\$5,817.88	-\$150.50
ID-South	\$728.83	\$778.83	\$50.00
Indiana	\$80.00	\$112.00	\$32.00
Kentucky	\$340.60	\$352.60	\$12.00
Louisiana	\$55.00	\$57.00	\$2.00
MA (S.NE)	\$372.80	\$384.14	\$11.34
Maryland	\$54.31	\$58.31	\$4.00
Maine	\$508.33	\$541.01	\$32.68
Minnesota	\$90.81	\$89.98	-\$0.83
New Hampshire	\$385.34	\$406.85	\$21.51
New Jersey	\$347.63	\$384.97	\$37.34
New Mexico	\$462.61	\$484.61	\$22.00
New York	\$500.04	\$571.13	\$71.09
North Carolina	\$1,132.06	\$1,142.76	\$10.70
Ohio	\$166.80	\$176.80	\$10.00
Oregon	\$578.19	\$780.19	\$202.00
OR Restoration	\$3,648.14	\$3,648.14	\$0.00
Pennsylvania	\$682.64	\$733.14	\$50.50
S.E. US	\$244.06	\$284.06	\$40.00
Tennessee	\$190.79	\$212.79	\$22.00
Virginia	\$285.72	\$307.72	\$22.00

Vermont	\$62.22	\$59.58	-\$2.64
WA-Eastern	\$1,756.60	\$2,034.90	\$278.30
WA-Western	\$1,887.48	\$2,798.62	\$911.14
Wisconsin	\$90.81	\$126.81	\$36.00
Wyoming	\$400.03	\$436.03	\$36.00
National	\$22,936.26	\$21,968.41	-\$967.85
Western Conf	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

Chapter	Membership								
	1/1/18		12/31/18		2018 change			+/-	
	Paid	Comp	Paid	Comp	New	Drop	Tx**		
Arkansas	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	
Arizona	19	0	19	0	1	1	0	0	
CA-Sierra/NV	39	0	45	0	7	2	1	6	
CA-North	34	0	39	0	4	1	2	5	
CA-Pacific	27	1	23	1	6	9	-1	-4	
CA-South	130	0	106	0	15	38	-1	-24	
Colorado	41	0	36	0	1	5	-1	-5	
Florida	12	3	11	3	1	2	0	-1	
Georgia-So. Carolina	15	0	18	0	5	1	-1	3	
ID-North/Montana	162	50	165	51	14	12	1	3	
ID-South	19	2	23	1	6	2	0	4	
Indiana	6	0	15	0	7	0	2	9	
Kentucky	10	0	8	0	0	2	0	-2	
Louisiana	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
MA (S.NE)	17	2	17	2	1	1	0	0	
Maryland	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	
Maine	35	2	37	2	5	3	0	2	
Minnesota	14	1	14	1	2	0	-2	0	
New Hampshire	20	2	21	2	5	4	0	1	
New Jersey	31	1	27	1	1	0	0	-4	
New Mexico	12	0	12	0	2	6	0	0	
New York	65	1	77	1	1	1	0	12	
North Carolina	28	7	29	5	17	6	1	1	
Ohio	9	0	8	0	1	2	0	-1	
Oregon	110	0	104	0	12	18	0	-6	
Pennsylvania	19	0	20	0	3	2	0	1	
S.E. US	23	0	22	0	4	5	0	-1	
Tennessee	11	1	11	0	2	2	0	0	
Virginia	17	0	16	0	0	1	0	-1	
Vermont	11	5	10	5	1	1	-1	-1	
WA-Eastern	59	22	61	21	7	5	0	2	
WA-Western	82	8	97	7	21	6	0	15	
Wisconsin	16	0	16	0	2	3	1	0	
Wyoming	13	0	10	0	1	3	-1	-3	
National	19	57	21	57	4	2	0	2	
Total	1135	166	1149	160	160	146	0	1149	+14 (paid members)
		1301		1309				*	

** Tx includes chapter splits, membership transfers.

Magazine

Gary said he is still working on getting caught up on the magazine, but no real issues other than time. Chad offered to help out as that is what he did for a living.

Webmaster

Bill Cobb gave a brief report about the web site; his full report is posted at <http://www.firelookout.org/uploads/3/4/3/2/34327758/cr-webmaster-2018.pdf>

Committee Reports

SHPO – posted at <http://www.firelookout.org/uploads/3/4/3/2/34327758/cr-shpo-2018.pdf>

Restoration Fund Grants – posted at

<http://www.firelookout.org/uploads/3/4/3/2/34327758/cr-restoration-2018.pdf>

Answerman – Howard Verschoor and Ron Stafford have been answering any questions about lookouts; Howard handles the west and Ron has been handling the east

Face book – Sam advised they been posting jobs on the site reaching out to 4,000 with 2,904 followers as of today

Insurance – Gary advised the policy is back in effect and has been renewed on a calendar year basis; he has been working with the agent on our policy

NHLR/FFLOS – Keith reported that both are coming along

OLD BUSINESS

None brought forward

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster help – as noted in Bill Cobb’s Webmaster Report, and recognized for some time, help is needed for routine posting to the website, as well as for an overall website upgrade. Bill would remain the webmaster with overall control, but directors were asked to assist in finding the right person(s) to help.

The Matt Walter Fund – Keith advised a few years ago Mr. Walter donated funds to the FFLA to use for tower projects, preferably in the northeast, and noted that there could likely be more for other appropriate projects. Gary will put together the criteria for applying for grants from the fund. This is totally separate from the FFLA Restoration Grant program.

Conference Guide – Sam Duffey is working on a guide for putting on a conference, with the goal of making it a less onerous task and increasing the willingness of directors and others to host one. She is soliciting input from past and current conference hosts.

Conferences – Laurie Rankin announced that she will be hosting a Northeastern Conference June 8-9 in the Catskills of New York. Scott McClintock announced that the Southern California chapter will be hosting the Western Conference October 11-13 in Escondido, California.

Recruitment of Directors – Sam brought up recruitment of directors and what their job entails. Keith noted that he had relied on outgoing directors to advise the incoming director of the job

duties. Sam asked for anyone with ideas on new director recruitment to email her with those ideas

2019 Budget

Treasurer Weber went over the proposed 2019 budget that had been previously distributed (below)

2019 FFLA Budget			
	Proposed	Approved 1/19/2018	
<i>Income</i>			
Balance Forward	\$9,990.76	\$9,990.76	
Dues	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	
Donations	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Chapter Grants/Donations (Pass-Through)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Merchandise Sales	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Interest	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Total	\$38,505.76		\$38,505.76
<i>Expenses</i>			
Publication	-\$12,500.00	-\$12,500.00	
Chapter Distributions	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	
Brochure Cost	-\$200.00	-\$200.00	
Restoration Grants	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	
Emergency Stabilization Grants	-\$300.00	-\$300.00	
Chapter Grants/Donations (Pass-Through)	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	
Insurance	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	
Merchandise Cost	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	
Operations	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	
History/Archive/Preservation Fund	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	
Website Upgrade	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	
Total	-\$34,500.00		-\$34,500.00
Year-end Balance	\$4,005.76		\$4,005.76

With no further suggestions or proposals, Gary moved, seconded by Ray Grimes, that the budget be approved; with no opposition, the budget was approved as presented.

Keith advised that the investment fund he manages had been a little over \$17,000, but right now is over \$18,000.

CHAPTER REPORTS

The directors on the call gave brief summaries of their chapter reports; 2018 chapter reports are posted at <http://www.firelookout.org/chapter-reports.html>

2020 Board Meeting

It was proposed that the 2020 board meeting be a total conference call without a physical location (other than wherever the Chairman initiates the call from) and the usual associated fire tower touring be put off until later in the spring in areas further north, such as Missouri or Tennessee. The 2020 board meeting will still be the Saturday of MLK weekend, January 18.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 CST.

Ray Grimes, Secretary.