2019 Montana Fireman’s Association

SUBJECT: Montana State Firemen’s Association Vice President’s position

RESOLUTION #:2019-006

WHEREAS: The MSFA strives to best represent its members through consistency in involvement via fiscal and action driven accountability, and

WHEREAS: The MSFA has become a more efficiently run organization utilizing trained and committed members of the MSCOPFF executive board in dual role capacities where appropriate. So therefore be it

RESOLVED: that immediately following the elections of the executive and advisory board members that the duly elected E-board shall meet and elect one executive board member to the position of Vice President of the Association. This member will be responsible for both positions that he/she will hold. Let it be further

RESOLVED: that the advisory member selected as Vice President shall only exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence, death, recall or resignation of the President. And let it further be

RESOLVED: That the Vice President shall have the authority to appoint an Honor Guard Director/Chairman, within 30 days of election, to oversee the overall performance and needs of the MSFA Honor Guard.

SUBMITTED BY: Billings Firefighters Local 521

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ASSIGNED DESIGNATION
SUBJECT: Change Annual MSCOPFF / MSFA convention date to Spring

RESOLUTION # 2019-005

WHEREAS: It has become apparent that attendance and participation in MSCOPFF/MSFA convention could be increased.

WHEREAS: Lack of participation may result from the convention date being mandated July 15th – August 15th.

WHEREAS: Montana has a short Summer season, containing what some argue as the best time of the year to be outside with family and friends. This often results in numerous recreational and family obligations being scheduled during the peak of Summer.

WHEREAS: MSCOPFF conducted a survey of the MT locals asking how to increase participation. Approximately 50% of respondents suggested a Spring convention date, 20% suggested Summer date, and the remaining 30% suggesting Late Spring, Fall or Winter.

RESOLVED: That Conventions of the Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters and Montana State Firemen’s Association be held annually every year between April 1st and June 15th, be it further,

RESOLVED: This will take effect after the 2020 Livingston Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: IAFF Local 271

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ASSIGNED DESIGNATION:
2019 Montana State Firemen's Association

Subject: Update to the MSFA Honor Guard Bylaws

Resolution # 2019-4

WHEREAS: The MSFA Honor Guard Bylaws have not been updated since 2003 convention,

WHEREAS: We have no language allowing retirees to serve on the honor guard,

WHEREAS: MSFA Honor Guard Bylaws need to represent how we currently operate, let it be

RESOLVED:

APPENDIX D

MSFA HONOR GUARD

- All honor guard participants will be asked to commit to representing their respective departments for a minimum of two (2) calendar years with a letter of recommendation from their respective department, and appointment by MSFA Vice President or his/her designee.

- MSFA Honor Guard protocols shall be developed for all activities.

- All MSFA locals and other fire agencies shall be notified of the Honor Guard's availability for service at funerals, memorial dedications and any other appropriate ceremonies. All MSFA locals and fire agencies will be notified by MSFA District VP's, or MSFA VP.

- MSFA Honor Guard members shall have the costs of their involvement reimbursed by the Association (mileage, per diem, lodging and other incidental expenses), as per the in-state rate in the MSFA bylaws for all activities in the state, and for activities out of state, they shall be reimbursed per the MSFA Bylaws for out of state travel.
• At least one appointed member of the MSFA Honor Guard shall make report of the Honor Guard's activities at the annual MSFA Convention. If possible, representatives of the Honor Guard will also attend official MSFA Memorial Committee report and ceremony at the annual MSFA Convention banquet.

• The MSFA Honor Guard will conduct the “Opening Ceremonies” at the start of the Annual State Firemen's Convention.

• A Retired member from the Firefighter's Unified Retirement System and the MSFA may be allowed to hold a position on the MSFA Honor Guard.

SUBMITTED BY MSFA E-Board (May 24th, 2019)

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SUBJECT: MSFA Future Investments

RESOLUTION # 2019-042

WHEREAS: MSFA has historically not invested their money outside of a traditional Certificate of Deposit and,

WHEREAS: A large amount of money had sat in a low-interest earning money market account that would earn about $30.00 per year and,

WHEREAS: The membership voted in 2018 to invest $250,000 with Scott Wealth Management/ Wells Fargo and,

WHEREAS: The account has grown exponentially ($5,000 in 4 months), be it

RESOLVED: The MSFA continues to strive to grow our assets by diversified investments with our monies, and be it further

RESOLVED: The MSFA Executive Board has the authority to invest up to $25,000 annually in a strategic investment firm as decided upon by the Executive Board.

SUBMITTED BY Secretary/ Treasurer Blaine Cowan

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ASSIGNED DESIGNATION:
2019 Montana State Firemen's Association

SUBJECT: Retired Members to Hold Office
RESOLUTION # 2019-001

WHEREAS: It is widely recognized the increasing workload amongst the MSFA Executive Board Officers and,
WHEREAS: It is becoming increasingly difficult for active members to engage at a level expected by membership due to constraints of work and time off issues and,
WHEREAS: Retirees are not normally restricted with time off issues and,
WHEREAS: Many retirees have both a strong desire and organizational familiarity to serve our members at a high level, let it be

RESOLVED: That a retired member from the Firefighter’s Unified Retirement System and Montana State Firemen’s Association be eligible to hold office within the MSFA under normal voting rules found in the MSFA Constitution and Bylaws, and be it further,

RESOLVED: The retiree seeking election shall be nominated by a seated delegate at that year’s convention.

SUBMITTED BY MSFA E-Board (May 17, 2019)

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SUBJECT: MSFA In State Per Diem Increase
RESOLUTION # 2019-003

WHEREAS: MSFA has an in-state per diem rate of $45 per day for members since at least 2004, and
WHEREAS: The consumer price index has increased annually at an average rate of 1.673% since 2004, and
WHEREAS: The total increase in the CPI since 2004 in Montana has been 25.1%, be it
RESOLVED: The MSFA shall maintain its per diem in line with the current Government Services Administration Standard Rate for Meals and Incidentals.

SUBMITTED BY Secretary/Treasurer Blaine Cowan

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