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# 2019 convention award winners



*Mr. IVFA - Brent Bush  
District 11-B*



*Lois Boaz Award / Angel Award  
Leona Uryga - District 3*



*Ivan Nevil Award  
Steve Anderson  
District 15*



*Miriam Schaekel Award  
Martha Thomas  
District 1*



*President's Award  
Eric Johnson  
Supporting Heroes*



*Junior Firefighter Award  
Jacquylenn Noel Ryan  
District 11-B*

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## From The President

Paul Holcomb



I hope you all have had a great summer spending time with your families, friends and loved ones. I know it has been a very busy one for me without a doubt.

With another convention behind us I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped for all of your hard work! Without those of you that stepped up, our convention would have not been a success.

I would also like to congratulate all of this year's award winners and our 2020 state officers and thank them again for their dedication and service to our association and the fire service. I wish you all the best of luck in your new positions and look forward to working with you all!

As always I would like to say thank you to you all for your continued support and I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can as I travel the state during my last three months in this office! And if you should need anything

please feel free to contact me at any time.  
Paul Holcomb  
President, IVFA



Another convention in the records and I want to thank everyone who attended our convention.

A big "thank you" to our vendors for your sponsorship to our convention. Without you we couldn't keep the cost of registration down.

To our committee, a huge 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK'; you made the convention a success, with very little help.

Amazing how so few can do so much!

A new meaning to COME AND PLAY, WE'LL LIGHT THE WAY.

BEST WISHES TO CONVENTION 2020!

Co-chairmen  
Bob Uryga and  
Diane Stapleton

**November deadline:  
October 5, 2019**

## From the State House to the Fire House



by  
Larry  
Coul

July 2019

Greetings: fellow firefighters, emergency service responders, EMTs, paramedics and all membership of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Another quarter has passed since our last newspaper 'State House' chat, so I just want to briefly bring you up to speed as where we have been and what has happened since our last update.

First, the 2019 session has come to a close as of April of this year. Although we did see several bills pertaining to the fire service get passed (see the full bill update on the IVFA website), our major bill that we were watching and lobbying heavily for HB1064 IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. (FRYER) Establishes the Ivy Tech Community College public safety officer scholarship program. Provides that a public safety officer may be eligible for a scholarship for educational costs of completing a certificate program or associate did not pass the Senate and therefore becomes a dead bill.

This does not mean we are finished, we have just been delayed in our attempt to get such a piece of legislation supporting our recruitment and retention for public safety membership.

Having shared that, I am excited to share the other result of this

proposed bill... IVY TECH has stepped up and made an offer that we have graciously accepted.

They have granted the IVFA a two year offer that will allow us to begin a "Volunteer Firefighter Scholarship program" beginning as early as possible January 2020.

Yes, we are going to be able to solicit, recruit and promote to those who are interested and become or are currently an "active" member of a Volunteer Department, an opportunity to apply for free tuition and fees degree in most ANY SUBJECT that is taught at IVYTECH.

IVY TECH has secured funding for up to \$250,000 each year for two years for those who wish to obtain a degree through IVY TECH College.

We, (IVFA) are currently working through the logistics with IVY TECH to establish the rules of engagement which will include as a minimum each applicant meet Ivy Tech enrollment requirements; must file a FASA; must maintain a 2.0 GPA; and provide proof of "active participation" from within a Volunteer Fire Service agency.

We are currently in the process of developing a one pager of frequently asked Q & A as well as providing as much guidance as possible for a department to use as a much needed "RECRUITMENT" tool.

You might ask, what is the benefit of all of this and I would

reply very simply this could and will be our Golden Ticket to recruiting new members. What and when have we ever been able to offer such an opportunity to someone who is willing to join our ranks and provide a service to their community, never in my 50 years of serving have we had such an opportunity.

As a department you will need to reach out to members of your community, members of your family, friends and neighbors to let them know this is available. We (the IVFA) will be presenting this program to as many as humanly possible through County Chief's Meetings, IVFADistrict Meetings, and even department meetings (upon request), but you as a department will need to do the personal marketing.

We are going to provide you with all the tools and information that we can to assist, but without each of you becoming a "recruitment officer" for your own department this offer will not get into the hands of those we need, new young recruits. We hope you get as excited and fired up (no pun intended) about this offer as the IVFA is. When have you ever had something to give back for the services provided, just saying.

Our #1 goal is to take full advantage of the offering by utilizing as much and hopefully all of the funds offered which should

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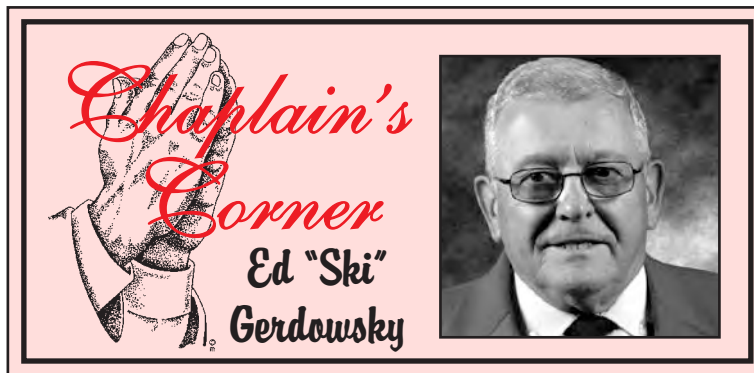
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Hope by the time you read this there will be much more sunshine to see. Would be nice but God is still in charge so we will take what He gives us.

Had a great time at the IVFA Convention in Michigan City with great accommodations, good food, meeting rooms, very helpful employees and time to see our fellow firefighters, wives and families to enjoy some fun time together. It is always a wonderful time of year to get together.

Thank you for re-electing me as your State Chaplain. I will do my best to be there for all of you when needed. I also want to thank my associate chaplains who do a great job when called upon because it saves on travels for the IVFA when someone is closer and knows the people from their area. I will be happy to go wherever and whenever called but know there are times it doesn't work out, so God gives us associates to fill in and they do a great job in representing our Chaplain team. The Memorial service was so beautiful thanks to many hands who helped Brent Bush put the Memorial Cross together, those who read, George Buck, Ralph (Pete) Taylor, IVFAA Chaplain Beth Caudill and Miss Flames who put roses around, honor guard, District 8A ringing of the bell, John "Bull" Smith bagpiper, Dave Elick for filling Charlie Baker's shoes in reading the names, and organist Barbara Brandon. They all did a great job making this a most impressive ceremony in honoring our lost loved members.

Congratulations to all the winners this year for awards given, elections and Miss Flames who represent their districts very well.

If you need anything at all or have questions please don't hesitate to call me. God bless each and every one of you!

Want to leave you with this beautiful Firefighters pledge:

*"A Firefighter's Pledge"*

I promise concern for others  
Willingness for all those in need  
I promise courage - courage to face and conquer my fears  
Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me  
I promise strength - strength of heart to bear whatever burdens  
Might be placed upon me

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**Public Relations Director Southwest**  
*Steve Nolan*



Greetings,  
Convention 2019 is in the books; looking forward to 2020 in Evansville. Want to thank Bob Uryga and his committee for hosting and doing a good job. Since last newsletter I have attended district meetings, 50 year pin (Bob Barber) and a fundraiser. Summer is upon us and we need to use COMMON SENSE when we are driving and working outside. As firefighters we need to stay hydrated and to be rehabbed often.  
Stay Safe this Summer.

Steve Nolan,  
Public Relations  
Director Southwest

**November 2019  
deadline:  
October 5, 2019**

**Public Relations Director Northeast**  
*Jean Smith*



Hello Everyone,  
I just returned from the 2019 IVFA Convention at Blue Chip Casino and Resort, Michigan City. This year we had some excellent training seminars. Nipsco Village Training, EMS (Laporte Co.) Training, REMC Kankakee Training. Congratulations to this year's award winners. Mr. IVFA - Brent Bush, Lois Boaz - Leona Uryga, Miriam Schaeckel - Martha Thomas. Angel Award - Leona Uryga;  
2019 Miss Flame Chloe Perkins - District 3, 2019 Miss Flame Runner-up Shelby Butler - District 21, Miss Congeniality Sydney Moon - District 9A.  
Mary Mackin Essay Award winners: Shelby Butler - District 21, Jordon Miller - District 15.  
I would like to congratulate those girls that represented the

districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates.

Rose Adams - District #4, Madyson Schumaker - District #5, Bailey Sheley - District #6. Thank you, girls.

Our new IVFA President for 2020 is David Israel. Our new IVFA Vice President for 2020 is Jerry Liston. All of the other State Officers stayed the same.

I would like to thank those that supported me on my re-election as Public Relations Northeast.

I am looking forward to meeting you at your district meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me, your Public Relations Representative.

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

## - Chaplain

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Strength of body to deliver safety

All those placed within my care I promise the wisdom to lead, the compassion to comfort

And the love to serve unselfishly whenever I am called

-unknown author

## Nominations for Miriam Schaeckel Award

It is not too early to begin writing your letters for some deserving lady for this award that honors an outstanding lady who gave much to our organization.

Nomination letters must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2020 to each member of the committee.

The letters must be hand written or typed for the nominee.

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equate to about 500 students (or in our case, hopefully new members) each year.

Our #2 goal is once we have the data to show that this offer has had a huge impact on our membership numbers that we can take it back to the State House and have a bill reintroduced such as HB 1064 but with much different results, a bill passed and signed into law.

I suggest we first take a look within our own families to see if a current member has a family member that is getting ready to or has recently graduated High School and would like to step into the shoes of his / her family member and become a Volunteer and have an offer of a degree in any subject taught at IVY TECH to help build a career opportunity, while they serve as a volunteer as well. We might find we have hundreds of family members interested in such an offer, now is the time and here is the opportunity.

As we continue to sort out the details, design and develop the materials we will keep everyone updated via social media, print media, word of mouth, but if you have questions, need additional information, need to ask, please reach out to myself or any officer of the IVFA and we will attempt to help as much as we can. I will start by saying may as well as all the IVFA Leader's contact information is readily available in this newspaper or on our website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org)

By the way, as you read the aforementioned information, yes I did say in my 50 years of service. During this year's state convention I was surprised and honored to have been presented with my lifetime membership (Gold card) by our President, Paul Holcomb; thanks Mr. President, I guess I have now become a member of that honorable elite group known to most as "lifetime" and yes, that does come with a price, getting older, or as I like to say a more seasoned veteran of the fire service.

I actually began my volunteer career in October 1969, the same year I graduated high school, got married, and was drafted to serve in the US Army; what a life changing year and I have never looked back "it's all good" and the marriage part has been great.

Speaking of good and great we just recently saw another State Convention go into the history book and I personally want to thank IVFA District #3 for all their hard work, effort, time and energy as I am very clear on the commitment it takes to hosting such an event, thanks District #3.

Let's not fail with the offer on the table, is way too valuable for us to not make it a success... recruit with a plan, recruit with an offer.

Thanks, stay safe, and get prepared - for the summer is here as we transition from the long winter to what we hope is an even longer summer.

Feel free to contact me with any legislative issues, questions or concerns and I look forward to visiting with everyone at your district meetings. To find the date and location, visit the IVFA website calendar for a listing of all district meetings.

Larry

Larry Curl  
IVFA Member & Lobbyist

## I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT 5 REPORT



*John Grolich - Chairman*

I.V.F.A. 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting  
May 9, 2019  
North Manchester  
Fire Department  
North Manchester, IN.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith, PRNE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1935 hours. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 7 firefighters representing 5 departments in attendance.

March minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Jean passed out handouts and remarked on several legislative bills.

H.B.1063 School safety equipment was signed into law on April 18 by the Governor.

H.B.1064 has died for this year

however, Ivy Tech and IVFA are working on a pilot program.

2019 I.V.F.A. convention in Michigan City at the Blue Chip June 12 thru 15.

Chief's Day at the Indy track on May 15.

Chairman Grolich discussed many training opportunities.

Chairman Grolich awarded 10 year and 25 year pins to area firefighters.

North Manchester F.D. having a sausage and pancake breakfast August 3.

Next meeting at Mentone FD July 11.

Meeting adjourned at 2039 hours.

Paul Martin  
District 5 Secretary

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



*Jerry Sprague - Chairman*

Greetings from District 6,

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## - District 6

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Greetings everyone. Hello to all from up here in the northeast. Summer is here and is hot. Hope everyone has had a good summer so far.

Need to thank the Salem Center VFD for hosting our meeting in May. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Was a little disappointed in the turnout. We didn't have a quorum, so we couldn't officially have a meeting, but those present had a good information sharing session. Thanks to Terry Bradner and 800 Board Up.

I also want to thank our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley for representing our District at the IVFA Convention at the Blue Chip in Michigan City. Great job, Bailey! A fun time was had by all in attendance. The convention committee pulled off a great convention! I even managed to leave a little cash at the casino!

The next meeting as of this publication will be on September 24th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. It will be

held in Steuben County. As of this publication, we do not have a specific location. Have been busy attending fundraisers in the district and looking forward to the summer fundraisers at several departments.

Again, it would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's email address to [spralawn@ligtel.com](mailto:spralawn@ligtel.com).

Our next meeting as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on September 24th. Please visit the IVFA website ([ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org)) as I am hoping the meetings for District 6

will be posted.

E.G.H.  
Jerry Sprague (Spook),  
District 6 Chairman

### DISTRICT 7 REPORT



**Sam Bisel - Chairman**

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's  
Association  
District 7  
May 20, 2019  
Markle Volunteer Fire  
Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 31 members representing 8

departments.

March Minutes R/A.  
Guests: Jean Smith – PRNE,  
Terry Bradner – 1-800-Board-Up.

Chairman Bisel invited Terry Bradner to address the body. Terry wanted to thank the body for being able to attend the meeting. Please give him a call if he or 1-800-Board-Up can be of assistance to you.

Chairman Bisel – Had one death in the district since last meeting, Fredrick Bieberich, a 50 year member of Preble VFD.

Had quarterly meeting in Indianapolis.

Make sure to fill out attendance cards. Attendance prizes went to District 4 and District 6.

Dues packets have been sent out. Double check that all members are listed that are supposed to and that names, addresses and beneficiaries are correct including spelling.

Currently 14,740 IVFA members.

The number of applications for Bridgeport Scholarship were up this year.

The 2019 Convention is coming up June 12-14 at Blue Chip Casino

in Michigan City.

The IVFA is still getting email updates from IDHS Director Langly.

New laws concerning open burning have come into effect. Contact Brock Jones at IDEM for open burning questions and concerns.

Trying to get a District 7 Facebook page up and running. Looking for a volunteer to head this up or at least help.

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education – Review of changes proposed, looking at Driver Operator to allow non-firefighters to perform as driver/operator. Nepotism rule is to go into effect. It states that a person is not allowed to instruct or evaluate anyone they are related to.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Legislative session is over. Handout was provided of bills that passed into law. Also a few bills that will be pursued further.

“Voice of the Customer” survey was handed out. It was compiled from surveys that were sent out to fire departments across the state.

Provided travel stats for the year as PRNE.

Chairman Bisel – 58 50 year members this year. 23 attended recognition ceremony at the State House.

Chairman Bisel presented 50 year Gold card to Jim Mossburg of Markle.

Also presented 10 year pins for Neil Brooks and Jason Cocklin, present, and Kevin James.

Dale Gray presented a family chief's tie clip to Markle VFD Chief Jon Gray. Chief Gray is a fourth-generation firefighter and fourth generation fire chief!

Chairman Bisel recognized Duane Brumbaugh for his years of service.

Robert Gonser, Markle VFD President, presented Duane Brumbaugh with a personalized Henry Golden Repeating Rifle for his 42 years of service including 22 years as Chief.

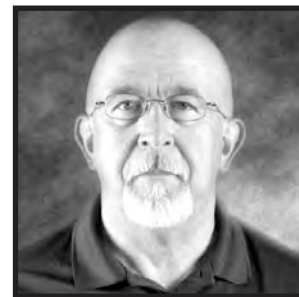
Next district meeting will be at Monroe July 15. It will be election of district officers.

Second roll call answered by 31 members representing 8 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Sorg  
District 7 Secretary

### DISTRICT 8A REPORT



**Jerry Liston - Chairman**

Greetings from District 8A!

As I sat down and started to compose this district report I soon realized this would be my last article that I write for the paper as your District 8A Chairman. If you do not already know I became Vice President-Elect at the State Convention in June. This is a huge

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# BOB POYNTER

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## - District 8-A

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commitment and undertaking, but I look forward to the challenge and opportunity this new position brings to myself and my family. It truly has been an honor serving as your District Chairman these past 5 years. Not in my wildest dreams would I have thought or even imagined I would be elected Vice President when I attended that first IVFA State Convention with my father, John, in 1977. I truly look forward to traveling around the State as your Vice President to the different departments and events representing the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. I will have a little time to prepare for the transition as I do not officially take office until January 1, 2020.

So, in the meantime, the 38 departments in District 8A will be electing a new District Chairman at the July meeting. I know whomever succeeds me as District Chairman that he or she will have the full support of the departments in District 8A as I did.

I want to thank Chief Roy Eib and members of the Gas City Rescue Squad for hosting the District 8A meeting in May. There were 13 members and 3 guests in attendance. There were 5 departments represented and a total of 317 Fire and EMS runs reported. I also want to say a thank you to James Harless of the Anderson Fire Department who spoke to the members about his department's Peer Support Program. Part of his message that evening was, as Emergency First Responders we all deal with stress and we all do it in different ways. If you are having issues with a particular incident or run, make sure you reach out for help or assistance.

The 2019 IVFA State Convention was in Michigan City at the Blue-Chip Casino in June. I want to thank Chairman Bob Uryga and his small but dedicated committee for their hospitality and hard work in putting on the Convention in Michigan City.

The new 2019 IVFA Miss Flame is Chloe Perkins from the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department in District 3. The runner-up is Shelby Butler from the Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in District 21. If your Department has an event or function and would like to have either young lady present, contact your District Chairman. Congratulations to both young ladies.

Just a reminder all District 8A meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the stated month and begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise on the meeting notice mailed out to all departments in the district prior to the meeting.

The remaining 2019 dates and meeting locations are as follows.

July 31, 2019 -- Lafayette Twp.

September 25, 2019 -- Madison Twp.

November 27, 2019 -- Mill Twp.

This past legislative session was a busy and interesting one with several bills passed that affect what we do daily in the Fire and EMS

service. If you would like to see a synopsis of these passed bills you can go to the Association's website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) and click on the image of the Statehouse. There our IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl has listed those bills.

In my last article I briefly mentioned HB 1064. This was the bill known as the Ivy Tech Community College bill that would have offered a free two (2) year tuition from Ivy Tech to volunteer firefighters across the state. I have good and bad news about the bill for this article. First, the bad news, unfortunately HB 1064 died on the Senate side due to a lack of getting a committee hearing. Now for the good news, Ivy Tech is going to honor the commitment for two years and has committed \$250,000 dollars per year to get this program moving along. This is a huge win for the volunteer fire service. Stay tuned for more information about this soon from the IVFA.

There are several awards available for IVFA and IVFAA members. The information for these awards can be found on the re-tooled and re-built IVFA website under Annual Awards. The available awards are as follows.

Mr. IVFA Award  
Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award  
Ollie Sandburg Award  
Angel Award  
Junior Firefighter Award  
Lois Boaz Award  
Miriam A. Schaeckel Award  
Bridgeport Scholarship

If you have someone on your department or know of someone on a neighboring department who qualifies for one of the above awards, please nominate them. All it takes is a little of yours or your department's time to nominate that individual. Members can fill out the nomination form for each award on the IVFA website and submit the form to the appropriate committee. Deadline for written submittals is February 1, 2020. The deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1, 2020.

There will be a change in the way the Junior Firefighter Award will be awarded starting at the 2020 State Convention. The award will now be a Skills Competition with judging. Look for the new information to be posted on the IVFA website soon.

If your department is experiencing problems with the State of Indiana Image Trend program, I would recommend reaching out to Randall Eimerman in the State Fire Marshal's Office. Randall is the Fire/EMS Data Risk Coordinator for the program. He can be reached at 317-232-2227. There are often times he can fix the problem on his end while on the phone with you. If requested, he will even come out to your department and provide training to your members.

Before closing, the last thing I want to mention is the recently introduced Get Alarmed Smoke Detector Program through the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Red Cross. This past year was devastating for home fire fatalities across the State with several lives lost, including children, that

should not have been lost if there had been working smoke detectors in those residences. I encourage your department to go the State Fire Marshal's website and learn more about the program. I truly believe there is no better way for you or your department to be involved with your community than with this program.

Remember, stay safe and make the effort to keep your gear and equipment clean in 2019. In doing so, the life you save might be your own.

Jerry L. Liston  
District 8A Chairman

### DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Well, convention has come and gone for another year. Hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the convention committee for putting on the convention this year. Congratulations to all the awards winners.

Now is the time to start thinking of who you would like to nominate next year. I know there are a lot of people out there who are well deserving of these awards.

The May district meeting was held on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the White River Volunteer Fire Department in Winchester. I was unable to attend this meeting as I was sick. Thank you to Ed Smith who took over the meeting for me.

Next district meeting will be held on July 10, 2019 at the Yorktown Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held. Hope to see you there.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

### DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good day to all,  
Well, the Indiana weather has finally started to feel closer to normal, and none to soon! With the fair season being in full swing and summer activities for all, let's be careful with all that you do. Heat is a big deal for all!

The Convention has come and gone and new officers will soon be put in place for the 2020 year. Congrats to all of them and to the outgoing officers.

Now on to the convention, Blue Chip what a super job by the host District, they had everything under control and worked like clock work. I really don't know if that

was true but at least they made it look easy! Congrats to the new Miss Flame, first runner-up! I hope that all saw that our District 9A Miss Flame was Miss Congeniality and not to say that I was pretty proud of her. That's what Dads do when it's your own kid!

Well on to the important things. The District meetings are going to be at Taylor Township, July 25 and then at Twelve Mile on September 26. I hope that we start to have a good turnout and that the weather will not be a factor.

Let's all stay safe!

Pascal  
District 9A Chairman

### DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,  
May was a busy month with Gold Card presentations and a station dedication.

On May 8 we traveled to the Manilla Volunteer Fire Dept. to present Robert Robinson with a 50 year Gold card and Meritorious service. The Award was presented by Jason Smith of the Fire Marshal's office.

At our monthly District meeting in Elizabethtown on May 15, we presented Earl William Chasteen his 50 year Gold Card. Fire Marshal Greeson attended to present Earl a Meritorious Service Award. Mr. Chasteen's son, Scott, is a member of the Manilla Dept. Also attending the presentation were IVFA President Paul Holcomb, Vice President David Israel and Larry Curl.

The IVFAA held a Bake Sale to help Miss Flame Kristan Mathews with expenses toward the Convention.

Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Mark Dunn was presented an IVFA clock to place in their new station, which is located on St. Rd. 252 south of town.

On May 30 we traveled to Needham Vol. Fire Dept. to present a memorial Bible and Grave Marker to the late Roy Henderson family of Needham Fire Dept. Vice President Israel presented a Bible and Grave Marker for Herbert "Whitie" Estes family at his funeral service on May 30. Asst. Chaplain Carl Coffee conducted a memorial service for Neal Kuhn, a longtime member of the Manilla Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Dan Kuhn assisted me in the presentation of a Bible and Grave marker to the Kuhn family.

Connie and I attended the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual IVFA State Convention in Michigan City on June 12 thru 14. Congratulations to District 3 Chairman Robert Uryga and his committee for hosting a fine event. Also, congratulations to David Israel of District 10, who was elected President for 2019/20.

We attended fish fries at Flat Rock, Waldron, Amity and Clifford in recent weeks. Also, District Secretary Jim Davis and I, along

with others members of Hartsville Dept. fried fish for the Yellow Trail Museum's Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Hope.

Hope to see a good turnout for our next district meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> at Marion Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Milhausen Fire Dept.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

John M Ray  
District 10 Chairman

### DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A,  
Convention is in the books for another year. Congratulations to all the award winners. Very deserving of everyone. I think everyone had a good time. Lots and lots of walking, but fun. Enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

Congratulations to all elected officers for the coming year, especially our own Katie Van Lannon for receiving District 11A Global Award.

Our last District 11A meeting was held at Seelyville. Attendance was low. We had a great meal as always. Brock Jones from IDEM had postcards for any fire department to use about open burning laws. Information is on IDEM Open Burning website.

All departments in 11A need to check the IVFA website to see if your information is correct. If not, let me know. I will make sure of change so you can receive your newspaper.

Zoey Larson is representing District 11A as Miss Flame. She would be glad to come to any function you have if you call her.

If you have anything you would like to advertise for your fire department, contact Katie Van Lannon on District 11A Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be at Thunderbird Fire Prot. Territory at their new station in Shellburn, 135 W. Mill St. on July 21, 2019 at 1:00 o'clock. After the meeting there will be an open house to dedicate their new firehouse. Please come and support your district and celebrate the open house.

I will be glad to attend any function in District 11A if you contact me.

Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

Till next time,  
Stay safe.

Pete Taylor  
District 11A chairman

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# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B.

The 2019 convention is in the books.

Congratulations to all the award winners and the elected officers for 2020; hope to see everyone next year at Evansville.

Congratulations to all the 50 year life members this year and their honors that took place at the Statehouse. I want to thank Lobbyist Larry Curl for this program and all his hard work he does at the Statehouse for the IVFA.

Congratulations to West College Corner F.D. on the dedication of their new station.

Our last meeting was held at the Fountain City F.D. Attendance was very poor. Discussion was on legislative topics. Please attend the meetings to keep up on issues that affect our fire service. Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, if corrections are needed, please get them to me.

I have visited a few of the departments in the district to hand out our ten & twenty five year service pins. I still have a few to get done.

Remember the 2020 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Evansville, IN. Please keep our Armed Service personnel and families in our prayers.

Our next meeting is September 12, 2019 at Glenwood F.D. 7 p.m. Be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl  
District 13B Chairman

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14,

We have had a great quarter and have been busy getting out to fish fries and handing out pins.

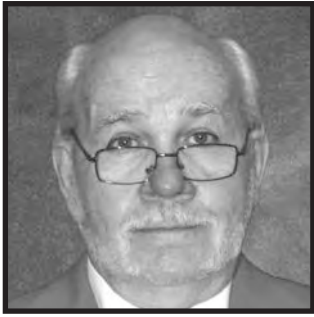
Had a great convention where I and your Miss Flame Becha from Dupont Fire took 2nd place in the dance contest.

If you have anything coming up please let me know so I can make it out.

Rick Cannon

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## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from District 17A, April 4th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

April 6th Herald Dean Baker of Steen Twp. F.D. was presented his 50 year Gold card. Thank you for your years of service.

April 13th I attended B-B-Q fundraiser at Plainville VFD; good turn out.

April 23-26 I had the privilege of a trip to Washington D.C. and seeing many interesting sights. Thanks to the crew I was with and for them keeping me on track.

May I attended the Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

May 3-5 I attended state officer's meeting in Indy.

May 9th I went to Vincennes and presented James Teising his Gold card. Thanks for your years of service. I also presented several 10 and 25 year pins.

May 11th I attended fundraisers; one a fish fry at the Bloomfield VFD and a chicken noodle dinner at Steen VFD. A great job done by groups.

May 15th District 17A meeting was hosted by Vigo Twp. VFD. A good meal was served and remarks pertaining to the fire service were made by Steve Nolan, PRSW and Jack Kerney, past president. Also 10 and 25 year pins were presented to those present. Thanks for hosting our meeting.

May 18th I went to Washington Twp. VFD for their new station dedication and presented them a clock. Great looking station. Hope it serves you well.

June 6th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

June 11-16th I attended the IVFA convention at Michigan City. Thanks to the vendors being there. Congratulations to all the award winners. Another good convention.

Next District 17A meeting will be July 17th at Loogootee VFD; elections will be held.

Until next time, be safe.

Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Robert "Bobby" Brown - Chairman

I will be stepping down from District Chairman of 17B as of July 10, 2019. There are many reasons that lead me to this decision and it was not an easy

decision for me to make. I hope that 17B keeps moving forward with new leadership. The last four years as District Chairman and the 5 years as Vice Chairman with 17B have been the most rewarding time in my life. I have developed friendships in the last 9 years that I will cherish the rest of my life. These friendships have taught me life lessons as a person, as a firefighter, and as a leader.

I would like to thank the IVFA and IVFAA for all that you do for the Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments. It has been an honor to serve with you for the past 4 years. I also would like to thank Heather McGlocklin, Tammy Wright and others that have served as Board Members of 17B.

I had a 50-year Gold card presentation for Robert (Bob) Barber on May 18, 2019. Bob started his volunteer firefighter career down in Madison, Indiana; since then has been with Shawswick VFD for the last twenty-six years and the first Shawswick VFD member to reach the 50 years of service. Bob is still very active member with Shawswick with handling paper work and making runs daily. It was a big honor to me to be able to award Bob with his 50-year Gold Card and pin along with Steve Anderson from the IVFA. Indiana State Senator Eric Koch was there to honor Bob with state award along with Millard Jones, Shawswick Township Trustee.

Next two 17B meetings will be July 10, 2019 at Indian Creek VFD, Lawrence County with election of officers; then again on September 11, 2019 at Nashville VFD in Nashville, Indiana. 17B will be honoring two more 50-year members.

Thanks  
Bobby

**November 2019  
deadline:  
October 5, 2019**

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, The District 18 meeting of 16 May was held at the American Legion of Holland with the Holland VFD as our host.

Br. Benjamin Brown gave the opening prayer. 30 members, representing 11 departments responded to roll call. A total of 191 runs answered was reported.

Guests included Steve Nolan PRSW, Jack and Barb Kerney - Central Office, Larry Curl - IVFA State Lobbyist, and Carol Curl - IVFAA State President.

The state officers discussed issues concerning the Association's efforts in Legislature. Auxiliary State President Curl discussed membership benefits and encouraged all IVFA members to join.

Our next meeting will be on 18 July at the Moose Lodge in Tell City, with the Troy VFD as our host.

My congratulations to the Convention committee for a great job at this year's event. My congratulations to all of the award winners and my thanks to State Chaplain Gerdowsky for allowing me to be a part of this year's Memorial Service. *Once again, "Statue Guy" is the real talent!*

My pride goes to Abby Ruxer, our Miss Flame contestant who did a wonderful job representing District 18.

At the time of this writing our area has already surpassed the amount of rain that is normally received in a year. Emergencies that come with flooding can become tragedies if we as rescuers are not prepared for them. Don't let your

efforts or emotions exceed your training.

Until next time, "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith  
Chairman, District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hello everyone,  
Hope that everyone is surviving the wet weather.

We have passed out several fifty year Gold cards in the last month -- Vernon Elder and Walter Benning from Dillsboro Fire, John Stafford, Jeff Craig Fire, John Stamer, Lawrenceburg Fire; this is quite an accomplishment to serve your community for fifty years so we would to congratulate the men for their service.

Convention has come and gone and would like to thank District 3 on a great convention.

The September meeting will be held at Drewersburg Fire and the November meeting is at Otter Creek Holton. Let me know of any events so they can be added to the IVFA calendar. Check out the website for awards that can be awarded to members of your departments -- someone is deserving. Everyone have a safe summer.

Stephen Macke, Chairman  
District 19  
812-212-5647  
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# BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS MARCH 1, 2020 DEADLINE

**Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport  
Scholarship applications!**

**Applications sent by Certified Mail MUST have a  
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# 2019 Miss Flame winners



*IVFA Miss Flame  
Chloe Perkins  
District 3*



*IVFA Miss Flame  
Runner-up  
Shelby Butler  
District 21*



*IVFA Miss Flame  
Congeniality  
Sydney Moon  
District 9A*

Ollie Sandberg Award Winner  
not presented yet

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# 2019 Bridgeport Scholarship winners



Makenna Adams  
District 11-B

Pictured at left

~ ~ ~

Jonathon Webber  
District 15

~ ~ ~

Shalyn Nelson  
District 11-B

Webber and Nelson were unable to attend



## Miss Flames proudly give back to LaPorte County Sheriff Office K-9 Unit

The LaPorte County Sheriff Office K-9 Unit was the community service project for the District Miss Flame contestants for the 2019 State Convention.

Each year at convention we like to pick an organization within the community that we are visiting, to give back to. On Friday 6/14/19 Deputy Jon Samuelson & K9 Bosco came to the Blue Chip Casino and conducted a demonstration for the attendees of the IVFA.

The Miss Flame contestants collected \$895 to donate to the officers and it was presented to them on this day. The Sheriff K9 Unit functions off of donations and the girls were happy to help.

Pictured are Deputy Jon Samuelson, K-9 Bosco, 2019 Miss Flame Chloe Perkins and all of the Miss Flame Contestants.

The Miss Flames worked very hard on this project and we are proud of each and every one of their efforts.

- submitted by : Janet Matthews, member of the Miss Flame Committee

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- photos submitted by Paul Watland, chairman

## Ten year pins awarded

# BLISS MCKNIGHT



Adam Kressen of Wheatfield VFD received his 10 year IVFA membership pin.



Jacob Umfleet and Justin Legg of Shelby VFD received their 10 year IVFA membership pins.

## Twenty-five year pins awarded



Travis Cross of Shelby VFD is presented with his 25 year IVFA pin and certificate.



Pat Savell of St. John VFD received his 25 year IVFA membership pin and certificate.

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**I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

**IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews**



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday, May 5, 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Carol Curl. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis. Opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 21 officers, 8 IVFAA members and 1 guest. Organization count as of today is 227 Individuals, 682 paid by

department, 50 departments and 33 life members for a total of 942 members.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Janet Matthews was asked to read the meeting minutes from February 2019 quarterly meeting. Lou Bartlow made a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and accept them as they were submitted. Sharon Wright seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes accepted as they were submitted. No correspondence to share with the group.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Suzie Lewis reports envelopes will be ordered. She passed out treasurer's information & budget information to the group.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. E.J. Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports as reviewed, Sharon Wright seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried treasurer report accepted and is subject to audit.

**Chaplain Report:** Beth Caudill reviewed the list of deaths of IVFAA members since convention 2018, encouraged everyone to get with her if someone needs to be added to the list.

Tammy Williams with American Income Life Insurance

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came and spoke to the group. Did inform the group that when they meet with members in their homes to review benefits that they do ask if the members will donate a non-perishable food item to add to the food bank in which American Income Life supplies. Tammy provided the group with her phone number that they can call if they are aware of a member in need of assistance from the food bank 1-317-828-1183. President Carol Curl thanked Tammy for coming by to the meeting.

**Committee Reports:** **Audit:** Barb Kerney reports will be ready.

**VP project:** Lou Bartlow reminds the group of no VP project this year, only the 50/50 & Chinese Auction will be the money makers.

**Miriam Schaekel award:** Suzie Lewis reports, we are ready.

**Lois Boaz award:** Joyce Nevil reports, we are ready.

**Historians:** Phyllis Vargo reports all is OK.

**Membership:** Leona Uryga brought extra copies of the IVFAA information pamphlet if anyone wants one.

**Miss Flame:** Barb Kerney reports that there are 15 contestants this year and the meeting my committee had

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2019 / 2020**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
Diana Gray - Co-chair  
Kathy Smith  
Carolyn Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION**

Lori Baxter - Chair  
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-chair  
Leona Uryga  
Jerri Johnson  
Suzie Lewis  
Carolyn Scheele  
Diane Stapleton  
Carolyn Watson  
Beverly Taylor  
Diana Gray  
Martha Thomas  
Joyce Nevil  
Tammy Smith  
Kay Shumaker

**MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD**

Suzie Lewis - Chair  
Barbara Kerney - Co-chair  
Joyce Nevil

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

Joyce Nevil - Chair  
Diana Gray - Co-chair  
Beverly Lockwood

**HISTORIANS**

Phyllis Vargo - Chairman  
Joann Hays

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Leona Uryga - Chair  
Barbara Kerney - Co-chair  
Carolyn Scheele  
Stephanie Perkins  
Carolyn Watson

**50/50 COMMITTEE**

Beth Caudill - Chair  
Janet Woodfill - Co-chair  
Joyce Nevil  
Leona Uryga  
E.J. Smith  
Beverly Taylor

**MISS FLAME COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chair  
Danielle Matthews - Co-chair  
Jill Ketchem - Van driver  
Sharon Wright  
Carolyn Watson  
Janet Matthews  
IVFA Representative  
Jessie Sosa - 2019 Convention

**JEWELRY COMMITTEE**

Suzie Lewis - Chair  
Janet Woodfill - Co-chair

**MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Christina Reef - Chair  
E.J. Smith - Co-chair  
Beth Moon  
Beverly Taylor  
Jenny Giles

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Christina Reef - Chair  
Kathy Smith - Co-chair  
Sharon Wright  
Dorothy Reiter  
Leslie Spears  
Beth Caudill  
Connie Ray

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
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**VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT**

Lou Bartlow - Chair  
Christina Reef - Co-chair  
Danielle Matthews  
Kay Shumaker  
Jean Parish  
Dawn Harris  
Carol Koehler

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Carolyn Zeeks - Chair  
Carol Koehler - Co-chair  
Sue Glant  
Jean Parish  
Marie Emery

**INSTALLATION COMMITTEE**

Betsy Howe - Chair  
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-Chair

**PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY**

Joann Hayes - Chair  
Lou Bartlow - Co-chair  
Martha Thomas

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Tammy Smith - Chair  
Carolyn Watson - Co-chair  
Diane Stapleton  
Beverly Taylor  
Janet Matthews

**SOG COMMITTEE**

Joyce Nevil - Chair  
Phyllis Vargo - CO-chair  
Beth Caudill

**MEMORIAL THROW COMMITTEE**

Carol Curl

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS**

Beth Caudill - State Chaplain  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
East Central - Janet Matthews  
West Central - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

**COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Carol Curl - Chair

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS**

Beth Caudill - State Chaplain  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
Central - Janet Matthews  
East West - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky



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yesterday went well and we will be ready. Barb informed the group that the judges that the convention committee has picked out need to be present at 7 a.m. on that Thursday morning. They will have a breakfast meeting with the organization's presidents and herself prior to judging.

**Jewelry:** Suzie Lewis reports all is okay.

**Mary Mackin Scholarship:** Christina Reef reports all is okay and announced that baked goods have been brought in and anyone can make a donation to them for items of interest. She thanked everyone that donated baked goods for the cause. Announces that they will be hosting crafting times/items at convention for donations.

**Parliamentarian:** Barb Kerney reports all okay.

**Budget & Finance:** Christina Reef reports that the group met yesterday and reviewed with the group the budget forms that were passed out to them. Answered questions and concerns regarding the budget for the upcoming year. Lou Bartlow made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Barb Kerney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and budget accepted. Joyce Nevil made a motion that president Carol Curl speak to an attorney regarding the organization's gaming fund and how it can legally be used to benefit the organization. Carolyn Zeeks seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Carol Curl will contact an attorney.

**Chinese Auction:** Lori Baxter informed the group that her committee met and discussed the ticket prices. Ticket prices will be \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Thanked those districts that brought their baskets today for the auction and reminded everyone that she must have the cost of each basket that is donated. Reminded the group that a total of \$1000.00 is all that we can have in all of the baskets that are donated. Committee agreed that each child will be given 15 tickets for the kid's free auction. The parents will have

to sign that they received tickets when given and will be their responsibility. Each child will only receive the free tickets once.

**50/50 committee:** Beth Caudill reports we are ready.

**Nominating:** Carolyn Zeeks reports election of officers will be at convention and we are ready.

**Installation:** Pam Gerdowsky is absent this quarter but passed on that all will be ready.

**President's advisory:** Lou Bartlow says all is going okay.

**Bylaws:** Tammy Smith nothing to present as the requested for a bylaw change request was not received.

**SOG:** Joyce Nevil reports all okay.

**Chaplain's assistants:** Beth Caudill reminds everyone to keep communication open and let her know if anyone needs anything.

**Memorial throw:** Carol Curl says nothing to report.

Buz Koehler, Larry Curl entered the meeting to address the group. Buz brought newspapers for the group. Buz informed the group if anyone needs phone numbers or address changes made in the newspaper to please email Buz as well as Printco of the needed changes. He announced to the group that he has convention coins for sale \$10.00 each. Larry Curl addressed the group regarding legislation. Announces that Ivy Tech will assist with education of Fire Fighters for the next 2 years. Larry did say that many town hall meetings will be held in many towns over next year.

**New Business:** Leona Uryga talked to the group about convention, brought applications for booth spaces of the craft show on Friday afternoon, as well as registration forms for the convention itself. She did inform the group that May 21, 2019 the rooms at the Blue Chip Casino will be released, so please make reservations before then. Tammy Smith brought up to the group of returned envelopes that the insurance received of bad addresses. Tammy encouraged the chairmen to review the status on those that were returned. President Carol Curl asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order. Beverly Taylor made a

motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sharon Wright. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Beth Caudill closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

I.V.F.A.A  
State Officers Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Blue Chip Casino,  
Michigan City

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave opening prayer for the meeting. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 21 officers and 2 members.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews was asked to read June 21, 2018 officer's meeting minutes. Anthony Smith made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, Lou Bartlow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, minutes were not read aloud.

Chaplain Beth Caudill reports all is set for the Memorial service tonight.

President Carol Curl informed the group that she was notified that Diana Grey, Joanne Hayes and Dawn Harris will not be attending this year's convention. Linda Frye an individual member from 13B passed away recently.

Treasurer Martha Biehl reviewed financial report with the group. No corrections or additions and it is available for audit.

Christina Reef announced to the group that the Miss Flame's essays have been reviewed and the winners have been chosen.

Barb Kerney announced that the Miss Flames have all done well today and are having a good time.

President Carol Curl called for committee reports. Anthony Smith made a motion that the committee reports be put off until tomorrow; Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President Carol Curl informed that she will donate tote bags to

those officers that would like one of them instead of the rolling bags. Any officer that does want a tote bag, stay after to get it. Said officers then are expected to bring their rolling bag to the August quarterly meeting to turn in to Suzie Lewis. E.J. Smith made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave closing prayer to the group. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

I.V.F.A.A Convention Meeting  
Friday, June 14, 2019  
Blue Chip Casino,  
Michigan City

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Chaplain Beth Caudill opened meeting with prayer. Sergeant at Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

**Recording Secretary:** Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and was answered by 23 officers, 35 members, and 3 guests. Tammy reports our membership has 52 departments, 703 paid by department, 228 individuals and 33 life members for a total of 964 members.

President Carol Curl announced and congratulated the award winners from last night. 2019 Lois Boaz Award winner is Leona Uryga. 2019 Miriam Schaeckel Award winner is Martha Thomas. 2019 Miss Flame is Chloe Perkins, District 3. Runner-up Miss Flame Shelby Butler, District 21. 2018 Mr. IVFA is Brent Bush.

Miss Flame contestants came to the meeting and were introduced to the group.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Janet Matthews was asked to read 2018 IVFAA Convention minutes to the group. Lou Bartlow made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes from last year; Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Suzie Lewis passed out reports and expense vouchers to the group.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martha Biehl reviewed the account information that was passed out. No corrections or additions, is subject to audit.

**Chaplain Report:** Beth Caudill informed group that she is sending cards around to be signed for Jenny Giles and Joanne Hayes. Happy Birthday today to June Cahill.

**Committee updates/reports:** President Carol Curl asked for reports if anyone had anything to share with the group.

**Audit -** Barb Kerney, reports we are ready.

**Vice President -** Lou Bartlow, nothing to report.

**Miriam Schaeckel award -** Suzie Lewis congratulated Martha Thomas on her win.

**Lois Boaz award -** Joyce Nevil congratulated Leona Uryga on her win.

**Historian -** Phyllis Vargo reports, all okay.

**Membership -** Leona Uryga, nothing to report.

**Miss Flame -** Barb Kerney reports that today after the girl's outing to the zoo that the LaPorte

County Sheriff & K-9 will be here for demonstration and to collect the money the girls have raised for them as it was their service project for this convention.

**Jewelry -** Suzie Lewis, nothing to report.

**Mary Mackin Scholarship -** Christina Reef reports that in May they raised \$335.00 on the donations for the baked items. Today during the craft show we will have a table of crafts if anyone wants to donate money for an item, come on by the table.

**Parliamentarian -** Barb Kerney, reports all okay.

**Budget & Finance -** Christina Reef, nothing to report.

**Chinese Auction -** Lori Baxter reports that so far the profit from last two days has been \$1000.00 and sure hopes to sell more today.

**50/50 committee -** Beth Caudill informed the group that the tickets will be sold during the banquet tonight as well as today during craft show.

**Bylaws -** Tammy Smith, nothing to report.

**SOG -** Joyce Nevil, nothing to report.

**Chaplain's Assistants -** Beth Caudill, nothing to report.

**Nominating -** Carolyn Zeeks reports we are ready for the voting today.

**Installation -** Besty Howe reports her and Pam Gerdowsky are ready.

**New Business:** President Carol Curl asked about any new business. Anthony Smith made a motion that if we do not have any important or urgent business to conduct that we move on to the election of officers. Carolyn Watson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Nominations of Offices** conducted by Carolyn Zeeks, she announced there are 56 voting members in the room.

President - Carol Curl slated, no nominations from the floor. E.J. Smith made a motion that nominations be closed, Kay Schumaker seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Carol Curl as President.

Vice President - Christina Reef slated, no nominations from the floor. Beth Moon made a motion that nominations be closed, Joyce Nevil seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Christina Reef as Vice President.

Recording Secretary - Tammy Smith slated, no nominations from the floor. Christina Reef made a motion that nominations be closed, Jacqueline Wrench seconded the motion. President Carol Curl cast one unanimous vote for Tammy Smith as Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary - Janet Matthews slated, no nominations from the floor. Martha Thomas made a motion that nominations be closed, Christina Reef seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Janet Matthews as Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer - Martha Biehl slated, no nominations from the floor. E.J. Smith made a motion that nominations be closed, Kimberly Smith seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous

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vote for Martha Biehl as Treasurer.

Chaplain - Beth Caudill slated, no nominations from the floor. Kay Schumaker made a motion that nominations be closed, Jacqueline Wrench seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Beth Caudill as Chaplain.

Sergeant at Arms - Suzie Lewis slated, no nominations from the floor. Connie Ray made a motion that nominations be closed, Joyce Nevil seconded the motion. Recording Secretary Tammy Smith cast one unanimous vote for Suzie Lewis as Sergeant at Arms.

Betsy Howe and Pam Gerdowsky conducted the installation of IVFAA officers for 2019-2020.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order. Barb Kerney informed the group that Convention 2020 will be in Evansville at the Holiday Inn Airport and registration will be \$80.00. Dates are June 17- 20. Beverly Taylor made a motion that the meeting be closed, seconded by Carolyn Watson. All in favor, motion carried. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by President Carol Curl.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

**DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT**



*Phyllis Vargo - Chairman*

Minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge was recited and prayer was given.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Rachel Suggs, with 8 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Minutes were read by Rachel, passed as read with no corrections.

Correspondence - None.

Treasurer's report - Phyllis gave treasurer's report. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis asked Samantha, Miss Flame, to say a few words and we all wished her luck at convention.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Date dues are due changed to July 1 - Sept. 30. They need to go directly to recording Secretary Tammy Smith (address is in IVFA paper).

Districts 1 & 2 need to provide a gift card for mystery box at Convention. Please contact Phyllis to make arrangements to get those to her (or bring it to Convention). Gift cards should be valued at \$10 - \$20 and be something nationally not locally as you don't know who will be winning the box.

Convention is June 12 - 15th

and in Michigan City this year.

Motion was made by Becky and seconded by Jackie to hold all meetings for the rest of the year (Sept. & Nov.) at a central location. That location is VFW Post 430 located at 7430 Broadway in Merrillville.

We thanked Lake Station for hosting. Motion passed. With this new location, any department wanting to host and bring dessert, please let Phyllis know. Water and coffee will be provided at all meetings.

Department announcements were given.

Our next meeting will be September 5, 2019, at VFW Post 430.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Desserts were had after meeting adjourned.

Have a safe summer!

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rachel Suggs  
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. Districts 1 & 2

**DISTRICT 6 REPORT**



*E.J. Smith - Chairman*

Hello Everyone,  
I attended the annual 2019 Convention June 12-15 at Blue Chip Casino Resort, Michigan City, Indiana.

Thank you Bailey Sheley for representing District 6.

Congratulations to our 2019 IVFA Convention award winners: Mr. IVFA, Brent Bush. Lois Boaz, Leona Uryga. Miriam Schaeckel, Martha Thomas.

Angel Award, Leona Uryga. 2019 Miss Flame, Chloe Perkins, District 3.

2019 Miss Flame Runner up, Shelby Butler, District 21.

Miss Congeniality, Sydney Moon, District 9A.

Mary Mackin Essay winners: Shelby Butler - District 21, Jorden Miller - District 15.

I would like to thank Bailey Sheley, our District 6 Miss Flame. She did excellent representing District 6 and Ligonier Fire Department at our State Convention.

Our next meeting will be July 23 at Ligonier Fire Department. Please try to attend the District meeting.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me, cell 260-413-3040 or email me at EJS6District@aol.com.

Please remember to look at District 6 Facebook page to see what is going on in our district.

E.J. Smith  
IVFAA District 6 Chairman



**DISTRICT 11-A REPORT**



*Beverly Taylor - Chairman*

Hello everyone!

Summer is here and the rain has slowed down. The flowers are beautiful.

Convention is over and I think everyone had a good time. It was a lot of walking.

Congratulations to all the winners of the awards. A special congrats to our own Katie Van Lannon for receiving the Global Award. You deserve it.

Our last District 11A meeting was at Seelyville. We discussed what we can do to make money for District 11A IVFAA. We will try again to sell purses at state meeting in August. Hope you find something you want. We also had a beautiful wooden flag donated by Jeff Van Lannon to make donations on. Thanks, Jeff, you are the best!!

I would like to thank Zoey Larson for making our Chinese basket. It was a basket full of things for movie night, including the movie. Good job, well done. Thanks again, Zoey.

Be sure to read our Facebook page IVFA District 11A for meeting, fire department functions and additional information. Please feel free to post any event your fire department is hosting.

Don't forget dues are due July 1st and delinquent after August 1st.

Our next District 11A meeting is July 21, 2019 at 1:00 o'clock in Thunderbird Fire Prot. Territory in Shellburn.

Hope to see you there as our membership is down.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor  
District 11A chairman

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



*Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman*

Hope everyone is enjoying a few sunny days despite the rains. Guess the good Lord has a reason for all this, we just don't understand why.

I had to miss the May meeting but heard it went well. We just got back last Saturday from the IVFA Convention in Michigan City which was very nice and all had a good time seeing their yearly friends and Fire Family. A big thanks to Bob & Leona Uryga and their committee for a very nice time and wonderful accommodations. The meals were very good and we enjoyed the hospitality of all who served us. I think it went very well.

Congratulations to all the award winners and those re-elected and elected to an office. A big thanks to our Miss Flame representing District 19, Kayla Scranton. She did a great job for us and got to experience the days with other Miss Flames too. They all did a great job.

Well, hope to see you all at the State meeting in August at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Enjoy the summer and let's pray for a little more sunshine. If you need anything at all please feel free to contact me. God bless all of you!

District 19 Chairman,  
Pam Gerdowsky  
6-21-19

**IVFAA President**

*Carol Curl*



July 2019

A chat with Carol...  
Your IVFAA President  
Carol Curl

Greetings, my fellow Auxiliary members,

As I sit here penning this article, might I suggest we should not complain about the weather and these nearly 90 degree days as it was not so long ago and will not be so long again until we will see the temp go the other way. Just accept it, adapt to it, and make the best of it.

Well, another convention is in the history books. Our 2019 State Convention hosted by IVFA District #3 in Michigan City was another big event and this year's convention slogan "come and play - we'll light the way" turned out to be a very appropriate slogan.

Meeting and greeting our fellow IVFAA members and families, meetings, dinners, and banquet was all a good time.

I personally want to thank the auxiliary members who attended our annual meeting, for the business we were able to conduct and for the election of all our 2019-2020 officers, and they are:

- Myself, Carol Curl -- President
- Christina Reef -- Vice President
- Janet Matthews -- Corresponding Secretary
- Tammy Smith -- Recording Secretary
- Martha Biehl -- Treasurer
- Suzie Lewis -- Sergeant at Arms
- Beth Caudill -- Chaplain
- Barb Kerney -- Immediate Past President

Please reach out to any of these officers for assistance, questions, suggestions that you or your auxiliary might have, we are all listed on the IVFA website under the IVFAA tab. Any of us would be more than happy to assist.

To our award winners, all of you (again, they too can be found on the IVFA website listed under awards) my sincere congratulations; each of you are well deserving of the award you have received. Now is a good time to begin thinking and planning for our next year's award winners, it takes only a letter for most, to get those well deserving folks that have worked with you, your departments and your communities recognized for the service they have provided, don't let them down as they truly did not let you down.

As I begin my next term of office as president I am seeking suggestions and opportunities for growing our membership, our activities and our participation for the upcoming years. I would welcome any thoughts and/or ideas that you might have. I hope we can become a stronger, better, more active auxiliary over the next few years. This can only occur with your help and input.

Take a little time this month as July is a time for tending to our planning and planting, the fresh home grown gardens and the nice looks of the flowers, the greening of the grass / lawns (as well as the cutting and trimming) and possible vacations.

Speaking of vacations, take a little time even if a day or so and just get away from the day-to-day routine, enjoy and have some fun for you, your family and / or with that very special close friend that you never seem to have time to spend with.

But above all, please keep those in need in your thoughts and prayers, remember those who have lost loved ones and / or may be sick and unable to be with us during the year.

In closing I ask that you remember the hymn "Love Lifted Me" a popular hymn written by James Rowe in 1912 and still today is very popular in many of our churches... think about the meaning and remind yourself often that love will lift you.

Looking forward to seeing you at your next district meeting in "Evansville" at our 2020 State Convention, or other such times as our paths may cross.

Carol

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## From The IVFA Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



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QUARTERLY MEETING  
MAY 3-5, 2019  
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Meeting called to order by President Paul Holcomb at 1401. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll call was taken with 21 District Chairmen present and 4 absent, 6 Public Relations Officers and 0 absent, 5 past presidents, Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, made a motion to accept minutes as emailed by Don Cushman and second given by Bobby Brown. Motion passed with 2 nays.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Motion to accept the report Buz Koehler, second given by Jeremy Reef. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

1. Benefits Summit - not attended yet.

2. Washington D.C. trip - made a change to drive out, had a good trip and was able come in under budget, Brent Bush thanked the association for the opportunity to go. Buz Koehler thanked the association for going and spoke about an experience that happened at Arlington National Cemetery. Larry Curl stated they were able to visit the National Fire Academy.

3. Supporting Hero's Gala - our support was shown in their program at half a page. They are going to be attending convention. Eric passed along that they are appreciative of the support.

4. FDIC will give in committee report.

**Executive Committee Report:** Paul Holcomb - covered district chairman duties and follow-up of those. President would like an emailed report for next quarter of what was completed for the quarter by each.

**Central Office Report:** Jack Kerney- dues notices all out by April 18, 2019. Had to provide more W-9's. Processed Bridgeport applications numbers were up this year but need to increase. April 30 dues paid and not paid list sent out which expires in July 2019. 17 dues packets re-mailed, returned for 734 members. 10, 25 and 50-year members lists updated and

will have a new list sent out and updated rosters. Researched information for a member department and were able to complete the task. Deceased list emailed out with 116 members on the list, have a few more to add then going to the printer for convention printing. Bible and grave marker payments go through the office. 58 letters sent out to the Gold card members, approx. 20-22 attended the State Day. Bad addresses 491 in the system still trying to get them fixed. 14,740 members total as of April 19. No AIL Claims, have paid out \$183,000 in claims. License plates at 1,292 for the first quarter, last year was 1,143 for this time period.

### Committee Reports:

**Awards** - David Israel - Ollie Sandburg winner selected 4 nominees with 2 coming from the website. Global Awards are selected with 1 district not having one. Angel Award 3 nominations, Mr. Firefighter one nomination, Mr. IVFA - jacket is ordered, Past President Parker has made mention to step down for chair and will be turning over patches that are made until 2035. Jean Smith - Mr. IVFA - winner has been chosen.

**Bridgeport:** Past President Richard Glant, had 32 applicants, with one disqualified and six coming through the website. 3 winners have been selected

**Budget:** Luke Kluender, nothing to add.

**By-laws and S.O.G.'s:** PRWC Larry Bartlow - few things to work on for August meeting.

**Clothing Claims:** District 5 John Grolich - no claims this period. Did receive new corrected forms.

**Convention:** David Israel, Bob Uryga - 2019 - they are ready to go and have challenge coins and raffle tickets to sell. He also has registration forms available. Registration goes up June 1, 2019. Jack Kerney - 2020 - changing to program for Jr. Firefighter to a competition for this convention. Letter of intent for 2021, District 14 and 16 submitted but there is a change in venue so they will be making a change.

**EMS:** District 8A Jerry Liston, attended meeting on March 14, went through 836 re-write, watch for the changes. May 16 in Zionsville is next meeting.

**Insurance:** Treasurer Luke Kluender- All items paid current. No increase.

**Legislation:** Larry Curl and Buz Koehler, session is complete, Statehouse day with 50-year members, approximately 98 people attended with 22 of them being the 50-year members. 9 bills were tracked actively, 7 on the table for the Governors' desk to sign. Bill 1064 was not passed. Ivy Tech has offered to do a pilot program for two years to try the program. We will meet with Ivy Tech marketing to set up plan. They will be giving around \$200,000-250,000 to it. We must be active in making this program work to try and further it back into legislation. There will be a meeting with legislators about this bill and to get it working. Two town hall meetings produced two bills; they were not passed but it assisted with the legislation. Look at putting on 6 town hall meetings with one in each PR District in the

next coming year and invite legislators and fire service members. We need to show the General Assembly on how much the fire service saves the state. New York has done another survey to show the savings to their state, we need to look at doing a study to pass onto the Assembly. Lobbyist Larry Curl has suggested to have a survey analysis completed and also have town hall meetings held.

**LODD:** Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky - nothing at this time

**Logo:** District 18 John Smith - nothing at this time

**Membership and Marketing** District 7 Sam Bisel - requesting what direction to take this committee, we are asking for help from a past member for marketing advice. We also received a proposal from Stormworks for \$2000 to produce a recruiting video. We are looking into a couple other resources as well to complete this video but will need funding.

**Newspaper:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler- 14,440 copies printed, discussion on advertisements and increase it from 13 to 18 advertisers. There are photos being submitted that are low resolution quality. They need to be clear and have good lighting or they cannot be seen.

**Public Relations and Education:** PRSW Steve Nolan - FDIC items for handing out were well received. \$470 worth of coins were sold. Clock winner was Jeff Wheeler from Spencer Twp., District 14. Booth location changed for next year to 10038. Dress code was discussed and decided that dress pants and an IVFA polo will be worn to look more professional. Clothing sales will be sold at the booth, there was an interest in this and we will be adding it to the booth.

**Social Media and Website:** Webmaster Josh Reiser - increase in website views. The Blue Light alert for legislation had a following. Facebook has 7,500 followers. He needs a laptop, Buz Koehler made a motion to purchase a laptop not to exceed \$750 to be used by the webmaster. Second given by District 15 Ross Emery. Motion carries to board action.

**Special Projects:** Past Pres. Buz Koehler - working on trying to get information to place into the book and working on researching it. Form was sent out at FDIC for interest in book and there were a few names listed. The form was passed around this meeting to find interest with the book amongst the officers.

**Training:** Past President Steve Anderson, undergoing rules rewrite for 465. Discussed current setup with Haz-Mat and Fire 1&2 testing. Discussed PR training events.

**Younger Membership:** District 6 Jerry Sprague - Facebook pages need set up for 7 districts, discussed still getting a speaker to come in to speak with us about younger members, cost is not effective for us, looking for a different route. Discussed 50 ideas in 50 minutes for membership ideas. Youth camp is currently being looked at pushed out for a few years to get plans set up. Asking the webmaster to set up Instagram account.

### Representative

### Reports:

### Board of Firefighter

**Standards and Education:** John Smith - last meeting they reviewed proposed rule rewrite changes. Driver operator does not have to be a firefighter anymore. Certificate for Instructor 2/3 has been split. Lead evaluator has to be only Instructor 1 provided he is certified in that course. Nepotism was brought up and no one can instructor evaluate. This goes for blood relation, marriage, or any other circumstances. They are working on a rules rewrite to make this change in the nepotism rule, this will be on the agenda during convention.

**Fire Alliance:** Larry Curl, meeting was cancelled.

**Hero's Competition:** Mike Dzuba - unable to attend due to the contest going on currently, he reported back the contest went well and it will be in Lafayette next year.

**IN-Time:** Jack Zeeks - pass.

**Red Cross Workgroup:** Don Cushman - put in a lot of smoke alarms last week.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Jack Kerney and Jean Smith - there has been an investment in an app and Jack was able to use that app to send information out to our membership with that app. OSHA standard being rewritten physicals are a part of this. Jean unable to attend due to medical issues.

### Officer's Reports:

**President,** Paul Holcomb - Social Media is important, discussed District chairmen reports, also covered if there are officers at your meeting and you are presenting an award you should include them in your presentation. Traveled 1500 miles, several district meetings and department meetings, FDIC.

**Vice President,** David Israel - 3 county meetings, 7 district meetings, 3 memorial services, Supporting Hero's Gala, and FDIC.

**Chaplain,** Ski Gerdowsky - 1 District meeting, 2 memorial services, FDIC, Chaplains class.

**Secretary,** Leighanne Ellis, in attendance of another meeting at this time.

**Treasurer,** Luke Kluender-county meeting, district meeting.

**Sergeant-At-Arms,** Brent Bush - 2 district meetings, thanked the association for the trip to Washington D.C.

**Historian,** John Davies - he has had a 5<sup>+</sup> heart attack but is back home now.

**Chairman of the Board,** Steve Anderson - 2,957 miles, alliance meeting, PRSE Training.

**PRNW,** Jeremy Reef - Fundraiser, 2 funerals, Supporting Hero's Gala.

**PRNE,** Jean Smith - 3 district meetings, memorial service.

**PRWC,** Larry Bartlow - 3 district meetings.

**PREC,** Don Cushman - most district meetings and lots of fundraisers.

**PRSW,** Steve Nolan - 3 memorial services, Statehouse day for 50-year members, Fire Marshal Seminar.

**PRSE,** Ed Scheele - district meetings, PR training, Statehouse day for 50-year members, fundraisers, and memorial service.

**Asst. Treasurer,** Bev Harker - absent.

**Asst. Secretary,** Diane Harrison - pass.

### Past President's Reports:

**Richard Glant** - pass.

**Jack Zeeks** - attended

Supporting Hero's Gala. Spoke about Comfort Zone Camp, it will be held in Indiana at Bradford Woods for ages 7-17 and in July for ages 18-23 in Utah.

**Buz Koehler** - attended Supporting Hero's Gala, Statehouse day for 50-year members, 3 convention meetings, fire alliance meeting, and district meeting.

**Jack Kerney** - 4 district meetings, 1 memorial service, Supporting Hero's Gala.

**Larry Ketchem** - pass.

**David Israel** - pass.

**Steve Anderson** - pass.

### District Reports:

**District 1,** Marshall Neece - Four Memorial services, three fundraisers, one department and one district meeting, 2 IVFAA meetings.

**District 2,** Paul Watland - some fundraisers and memorial services, 2 50-year gGold cards, couple IVFAA meetings.

**District 3,** Bob Uryga - district meeting, one memorial service, FDIC, IVFAA meeting.

**District 4,** Elton Schafer - district meeting, 11 years of service pins.

**District 5,** John Grolich - Supporting Hero's Gala, district meeting, memorial service, FDIC.

**District 6,** Jerry Sprague - six Memorial services, several years of service pins, four 50-year Gold cards, FDIC, numerous fundraisers, district meeting, traveled approx. 1500 miles.

**District 7,** Sam Bisel - Supporting Hero's Gala, Memorial service, 50-year Gold card several years of service pins, two Chief's meetings, several phone calls.

**District 8A,** Jerry Liston - Supporting Hero's Gala, passed out several years of service pins, reminder of Hoosier Burn Camp Visitor's Day.

**District 8B,** Lloyd Wright - (3) 50-year Gold card presentations, passed out years of service pins, couple fish fries, couple Memorial services.

**District 9A,** Pascal Moon - 10 department visits, district meeting, two Memorial services, five fundraisers.

**District 9B,** Randy Denton - absent.

**District 10,** John Ray - Ultimate Honor meeting, 7 department meetings, Legislator meeting, Marshal's meeting, 4 county meetings, 5 fundraisers, PRSE training, 4 district meetings, State House Resolution Day, several years of service pins.

**District 11A,** Pete Taylor - several years of service pins, 2 50-year Gold cards, several department meetings, several phone calls.

**District 11B,** Jack Giles - several department visits, (3) 50-year Gold cards, three IVFAA meetings, FDIC, one department returned, several years of service pins, one Memorial service, one department returned.

**District 12** Scott Butrum - district meeting, several years of service pins, few trainings, Fire Marshal leadership class, few fundraisers, speaking to department to return as members.

**District 13A,** Mike Dzuba - absent.

**District 13B,** Jeff Biehl - Supporting Hero's Gala, four fundraisers, three department

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meetings, passed out a few years of service pins, one Memorial service, one department dedication.

**District 14,** Rick Cannon - Supporting Hero's Gala, FDIC, department meetings, 50-year Gold card, several years of service pins.

**District 15,** Ross Emery - 50-year Gold card, district meeting, few fundraisers, Memorial service.

**District 16** John Gott - two district meetings, Supporting Hero's Gala, FDIC.

**District 17A,** Sam Emery - several years of service pins, 50-year Gold card, Memorial service, Washington DC trip.

**District 17B,** Bobby Brown - 2 district meetings, FDIC, a fundraiser, year of service pin.

**District 18,** John "Bull" Smith - Supporting Hero's Gala, district meeting, Memorial service, all years of service pins are caught up.

**District 19,** Steve Macke - district meeting, Memorial service with 50-year Gold card, FDIC, (2) 50-year Gold cards at Statehouse Day.

**District 21,** Ed Watson - absent during reports.

Pres. Holcomb spoke on making sure to double check emails and forward on information about training and updated information for Marshal's office to membership that you have information for.

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee** - Jack Zeeks - all nominations are listed in the paper.

Past President Jack Zeeks made a motion to recess the meeting, PRSW Steve Nolan second. Recessed at 1721.

Sunday, November 3, 2018 - Business meeting continued.

Meeting reconvened at 0833 by President Paul Holcomb.

Chaplain gave morning message.

Tammy with American Income Life was present and spoke on membership contact for the past quarter and provided contact forms. Claims paid to date, they have paid approximately \$549,000. And paid 8 claims in the past year. Reminded us of their food bank that they have and how it's furnished.

Mike Schantz, Fire and Public Safety Academy Director with the state, spoke on behalf of Director Langley. IDEM has created a postcard for residential, farm, and business open burning, you can contact Brock Jones, 317-233-2721, [bjones@idem.in.gov](mailto:bjones@idem.in.gov), for more information. Executive leadership program is available, it will be 16-hour program, looking at breaking up for volunteers. Current dates are listed on IDHS calendar. Working on a goal for a centralized fire academy to provide multiple disciplines trainings for fire, police, dispatch, EMS, building inspectors. Marshal's monthly report is being sent out and all board directors should be receiving it. Reminder fireworks permits coming up and fire chiefs need to fill them out along with local festivals permits. National Weather Service supports weather updates for events if you list your event on their website. Consider mutual agreements in your plans, they have mitigation sources available to help, this is

looking at flooding issues currently going on. Acadis update is ongoing project being worked on by was Zach Westfall.

President Holcomb stated Brock Jones is making his way around the state and providing the cards for open burn. If you would like some cards, you can contact Brock. Get Alarm program, the hearing-impaired alarms are in and can be obtained from the Fire Marshal's office. The regular alarms are being shipped and will be available from the office.

**District Drawings**

Gas Card winner - District 4, Dale Schlarb, Lakeville Fire Department.

Station Caddy - District 6, Mack Grobis, LaGrange Vol. Fire Department.

Past President Glant motioned to adjourn, second from PRSW Steve Nolan. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1002.

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Board Action Business Meeting called to order by the chairman of the board Steve Anderson at 1002.

Reading of the minutes, Past President Jack Kerney made a motion to accept them, PRNW Jeremy Reef second was made by, motion passed.

**Board Action - Business:**

1. Purchase a laptop not to exceed \$750 to be used by the webmaster. Motion to accept by Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush, second by John Ray. Motion passed

2. Public Relations Committee asking for an increase in their budget to \$4000 to cover the wrap for the trailer. District 3 Bob Uryga made a motion to allow for the increase if needed and carry over into the next year for when needed. District 8A Jerry Liston made the second. Motioned passed

Chaplain gave benediction. Motion to adjourn meeting by District 10 John Ray, second by District 17A Bobby Brown. Meeting adjourned at 1011 a.m.

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**NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4**  
 - submitted by Tina Schlarb, IVFA District 4 secretary

**Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded**



10 year pin received by Kyle Lemna, Cleveland Township Fire Department, pictured in the middle, along with District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer to the left and Jean Smith, PRNE to the right.



25 year pin presented to James Prentkowski from Cleveland Township Fire Department. Pictured above from left to right are: District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer, IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams, James Prentkowski, and Jean Smith, PRNE.

*Miss Flame attends various activities throughout the district*



IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams attending the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival parade.



IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams, pictured with Joe Payne, helping with sausage at Warren Township Fire Department's pancake breakfast.



IVFA District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams, pictured with Chief Chris Antonucci, at Warren Township Fire Department's pancake breakfast.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

- submitted by Richard Sorg, district chairman

## Fifty-year members recognized



Boxell receives 50 year pin

Charles Boxell, from the Warren Volunteer Fire Department, was awarded his 50 year pin and lifetime membership Gold card in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. The award was presented at the monthly meeting at the Warren Fire Station, June 6<sup>th</sup>. District #7 chairman Sam Bisel traveled to Warren to make the presentation.

Pictured from left are: Warren Chief Lee Poulson, Boxell and Sam Bisel, District #7 Chairman.

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Dale Gray, 50 year member of Markle VFD and past Fire Chief Andrews VFD, presents a tie clip to his grandson Markle Fire Chief Jon Gray. The tie clip has been handed down through the family. Chief Gray is a fourth generation firefighter and fourth generation fire chief. Jon's father, Steve Gray, retired as Fire Marshal from the City of Huntington FD.

*Photo provided by Joyce Nevil, IVFAA District 7 Chairman.*

## Honored for 42 years of service



Robert Gonser, President and Department Chaplain of Markle VFD, presents a Henry Golden Repeating Rifle to Duane Brumbaugh as a 42 year retirement gift. The rifle was personalized with his name and the years that he served as a firefighter and the over 20 years that he served the department as chief.

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District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel presents Duane Brumbaugh, past Markle VFD Chief, with an appreciation award for his 42 years of service at District 7 meeting.

Pictured is Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman and Duane Brumbaugh, past Markle VFD Chief.

*Pictures provided by Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary*



## Receives 50 year Gold card



Jim Mossburg, past Markle Fire Chief and past District 7 Secretary, is presented his 50 year Gold card at District 7 meeting at Markle. Pictured is Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman, Jim Mossburg and Jean Smith, IVFAPRNE.

*Photo provided by Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary.*



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



## Glancy winner of Brass Fireman Bell

*[In the photo at left]* – The 2019 FDIC conference was recently held in Indianapolis. Over 35,000 firefighters from all over the world attended.

Jeff Glancy, a member of the Montpelier Fire Dept. and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association since 1976 was the lucky winner of the Brass Fireman Bell. It was presented to him here by Juan Carlos Quiroga, owner of Quiroga Fire Trucks S.A. de C.V. from Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico.

This week long firefighter’s conference was held at the Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. – submitted by Glancy Funeral Homes

### *Awards presented at annual Firefighter Awards banquet*

*[In the photo at right]* – The Portland Fire Department held their annual Firefighter Awards banquet on April 4, 2019 at their station.

The following service awards were given out: (pictured from left to right) are: Zach Hudson - 5 years, Mike Wallischeck - 5 years, Dustine Hilfiker - 10 years, Tyler Reidt - 15 years, Chis Bemis - 20 years and David Jellison - 25 years.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman



*Farmland Fire parade*

The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department driving their antique fire truck through the Farmland Fire Parade in May.

*Farmland's new fire truck*



Pictured is the new Farmland Volunteer Fire Department's firetruck.



*Receives 50 year Gold card*

On April 4, 2019 the Portland Fire Department held their Annual Firefighters Awards Banquet at their station. Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B Chairman presented Les Eads with his 50 year Gold card and pin.

Congratulations Les on your 50 years.

## **From The Flames . . . .**

Another convention is in the books. Thanks to our host, District 3 for a good one.

Congratulations to our 2019 Miss Flame Chloe Perkins, 1st runner-up Shelby Butler and our Miss Congeniality Sydney Moon. I know that they will be great ambassadors for both of our organizations.

There were several other winners in our Mary Mackin essays and our poster contest. We are proud of all the girls who participated this year. They are all winners.

Thanks to our Miss Flame committee as they work hard to plan for good programs each year. It takes many hands and shared ideas to make it a success. There will be a few changes that will be coming in the incoming year; all chairmen will receive notification of the changes.

The girls take on a project each year. This year there was a request from our convention host to assist the sheriff's canine program as it is funded by donations. The girls donated over \$750.00 to that local program in Michigan City. Thank you, girls for your efforts to help the

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continuance of this great program.

I would like to thank parents, grandparents and guardians for your support and for the love and support that you gave to your daughter as she participated in the Miss Flame program. We know there are sacrifices that are made by the families and we appreciate those that are made for your daughter.

Lastly, I would like to thank our two organization's presidents for their support to our program. Carol and Paul have both lent their assistance and were always willing and ready to do whatever was asked of them. Both have given guidance and tools to make this program to be the success it has been over these many years.

Looking forward to 2020 in Evansville, my hometown. Start making plans for your contest so that we will again have these girls representing every district.

Have a great summer!

Barb Kerney, 2020 Miss Flame chairman

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9-A

- submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman



### 25 year service pin awarded

25 year pin presented to Bill Haselby of Royal Center Fire Dept., District 9A.

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



### *Fifty year members*

(Pictured at left) - From left to right - Manilla Chief Dan Kuhn, 50 year member Roy Robinson, Chairman John Ray.

(Pictured at right) - L to R: Larry Curl, John Ray, Scott Chasteen, seated 50 year member Earl Chasteen, Paul Holcomb, Jim Greeson.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



## Trafalgar VFD celebrates new fire station

Presentation of IVFA Clock to the Trafalgar Fire Department. From left to right, Department President Tom Tharp, District Chairman John Ray, Chief Mark Dunn.



Newly constructed station of the Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Dept. in District 10.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman



## District 11A Global Award winner

At Convention 2019, Katie Van Lannon received the Global Award from District 11A. Pictured (left to right) Katie Van Lannon and her father Jeff Van Lannon.

## 2018 convention minutes

SUBMITTED BY IVFA SECRETARY

THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
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MR. HOLCOMB: Good morning. Welcome everyone. I'd like to call the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order. Remember at this time please to turn off or silence your cell phones and keep them that way for the remainder of the meeting. I'd ask everyone to please stand for the

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and invocation.

(Pledge of Allegiance said at this time.)

MR. ELICK: Let us pray.

(Prayer was said at this time.)

MR. HOLCOMB: During the meeting I ask that everyone please use the microphones. There is one at District 2's table for the floor. Please state your name and district when speaking from the floor. State Officers, this includes you as well, otherwise you will be invited to take part in the men's digest party at the quarterly meeting. Chairmen, please distribute your delegate vouchers. Only one per departments. Chairmen, complete your delegate roll call sheets, three delegates per departments. If I could get the mileage committee to meet in the back, and also the credentials committee to meet in the back. Mileage being Kluender, Parker, Koehler, Parker, Glant, Cushman and Reef. Credentials being Ellis, Harrison, Kerney, Bartlow, Smith and Scheele. At the end of our meeting right after we close there will be a round table on the five hot topics of the Indiana fire service. It will be a panel of question and answer prepared by Mr. Curl. At this time I believe we have some guests that we would like to be recognized. Ms. Kerney,

Barb.

MS. KERNEY: Let's give these girls a round of applause, please.

(Applause.)

MS. KERNEY: You know every year I come here and I say, well, I want to thank the chairmen and especially Carl for his support in this program. And for you that are parents, thank you for allowing your daughter to participate in this program. We think a lot of this program. We think this is one of the big events of our convention. (Inaudible). I'm going to ask that each girl introduce themselves and the district they're from. And we'll start with our queen.

MS. PRIBBLE: Hi, I'm Arizona Pribble. I am your new 2018 Miss Flame for the Indiana State, and I represent District 15. My fire department is the Chandler Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. COX: Hi, I'm Kearsten Cox. I am the 2018 Miss Flame first runner-up. I represent District 8B and Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

MS. HANS: Hello, I'm Kaylee Hans representing District 1. I just want to say thank you for the gift.

MS. PERKINS: Hi, I'm Chloe Perkins representing District 3, and thank you.

MS. ADAMS: I am Rose  
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

## Global Award winners

## Station clock presented



Roy Willey and Bill Utt of the Prairie Township Fire Department were presented 2019 Global Awards.

Pictured are Jeff Biehl - 13B Chairman, Roy Willey, Bill Utt, and Garry Davis of Global.



West College Corner F.D. was presented a station clock at the dedication of their new fire station.

The clock was presented by 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.



## Pollitt presented 50 year Gold card

Richard Pollitt Sr. of the Milton F.D. is presented his 50 year Gold card and pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

## Fountain City FD employs two new trucks



Fountain City Fire Department has two new trucks – a 2016 freightliner 3,000 gallon tanker 1250 gpm pump. Also a 2019 Dodge Ram 1/2 ton crew cab equipped with grain bin rescue tools, also serves as a command truck. Both vehicles were built by Warner bodies in Elwood, Indiana. – submitted by Shane Shroyer



## Receives 10 year pin

Daniel Floore of Abington F.D. receiving his ten year service pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## Receives FDIC IVFA clock



Jeff Wheeler of Spencer Township Fire is the winner of the 2019 FDIC IVFA clock.

## Awarded 50 year Gold card

Mark Ball, retired Sellersburg fire chief, receiving his IVFA 50 year Gold card.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

— submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## District 14 Canaan Fire Department fish fry



## Fairplay fish fry recently held



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Adams from District 4. I represent Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, and thanks for the gift.

MS. MILLER: Hi. I'm Cindy Miller representing District 5, and thank you.

MS. SHELEY: Hello. I'm Bailey Sheley representing District 6. Thank you for the gift.

MS. LOCKWOOD: Hello. My name is Olivia Lockwood and I'm representing District 7. And I want to say thank you for the gift.

MS. MATTHEWS: Hi. I'm Kristen Matthews and I represent District 10 and the St. Paul Fire Department. And thank you for the gift.

MS. LARSEN: Hi. My name is Zoe Larsen. I represent District 11A and Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for my gift.

MS. LITRELL: Hi. I'm Kilee Littrell. I represent District 14, the North Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for the gift.

MS. HARTZBURG: Hi. I'm Abigail Hartzburg. I'm from District 17, Taylor Township Fire Department. And thank you for the gift.

MS. BROWN: Hello. I'm Lauren Brown and I am representing District 17B and Shawswick Fire Department. And thank you for the gift.

MS. RUXER: Hi. I'm Audrey Ruxer. I'm

representing District 18 and the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department. And thank you for the gift.

MS. BUTLER: Hi. I'm Shelby Butler from District 21 representing Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department. And thank you for the gift.

MS. VAN LANNE: Good morning everybody. My name is Katie Van Lanne. I am your 2017 IVFA Miss Flame. I also represent Shepardsville Volunteer Fire Department. I not only want to thank you for the gift, but thank you for the great year that this organization has given me. Thank you all so much.

MR. HOLCOMB: Give them all another warm welcome, representing the districts in our association. At this time I would like to recognize last night's award winners starting with the Lois Boaz award. The Lois Boaz award winner, Beverly Lee Lockwood. Miriam Schaeckel award winner Joyce Neville. As you just heard, the 2018 State Miss Flame from District 15, Arizona Pribble. And the Miss Flame Runner-up for 2018 from District 8B, Kearsten Cox. And last, but not least, and he did have to step out for a technical reason, our 2018 Mr. IVFA award winner Larry Curl. At this time I would ask for the reading of the minutes from the 2017 convention meeting.

MR. BISEL: Mr. President, this microphone is not working. So, Sam Bisel, District 7. I make a motion that the minutes be

approved as written.

MR. HOLCOMB: Sam Bisel, District 7 makes a motion for the minutes to be approved as written.

MR. SMITH: John C. Smith, District 18 seconds the motion.

MR. HOLCOMB: John C. Smith, District 18 seconds the motion. All in favor signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

MR. HOLCOMB: All opposed same sign.

GROUP: Aye.

MR. HOLCOMB: Motion carries. At this time I will ask for the officer's reports starting with myself. In the interest of time I'll keep it short. Truly from my heart I have been deeply honored to serve as you all's President. This association means a great deal to me. Since 1994 when I entered the fire service I immediately joined. And for some reason I've kept on coming back, from the smiling faces I see before me, for just the plain love of the fire service. The mentors and everyone in this room that have supported me and guided me have meant a great deal to me to levels I cannot explain. Over the last year I have traveled the state to the best of my abilities, north, south, west and east, and will continue to do so until my term is over. I would like to think that many of the innovations that I have brought to this association has hopefully brought us into the future and that it's paved the way for our future leaders to continue to do so in the continued interest and prosperity of our organization. Thank you all. Mr. Vice President.

MR. ISRAEL: I'd also like to

thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Vice President this past year. I've traveled the state quite a bit. I always enjoy coming out to the district meetings and meeting all of you guys. A lot of times if I drive myself a lot of times I travel with Cushman if I'm going north and District PRs in the southern part and stuff like that. If I have the opportunity to drive myself and hang around, I'll hang around till everybody's left except for Nolan and me and the chief and a couple of other people from the fire department, and that's where you learn the most. That's where you get to really spend some time with the fire department on a one-on-one. So, with that being said, I'd just like to thank you for your support, the hospitality that you've shown me this past year, and hope to be able to do it again. Thank you.

MR. HOLCOMB: Chaplain Dave Elick.

MR. ELICK: I'd like thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chaplain. It's been a ball. I've had a lot of fun with it, but I could not do my job if I did not have a staff of associate chaplains to help. George Buck is here. Please stand. Ed Gerdowsky, Pete Taylor. Help me out fellows. Who am I missing? Mel Camp, Mike Dzuba, Tom Sellmer. I was trying to get all the guys that were here. These are the guys that help me cover the State of Indiana. I cannot travel from LaGrange down to Clarksville to Vanderburgh County to Batesville for an evening memorial service and make it home to work the next day at 4:30 in the morning. So, these are the guys that help spread

my job out. I cannot do what I do without these guys. Thanks.

MR. HOLCOMB: Secretary Leighanne Ellis.

MS. ELLIS: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Treasurer Luke Kluender.

MR. KLUENDER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Sergeant-At-Arms Brent Bush.

MR. BUSH: I'd like to thank everybody that helped with the setting up of the memorial crosses and taking them down. That's a major, major job. Thank you all.

MR. HOLCOMB: Historian John Davies. I don't believe he's present. Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Pass for now. You'll hear more from me later.

MR. HOLCOMB: P R Northwest Jeremy Reef.

MR. REEF: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. P R Northeast, Jean Smith.

MR. SMITH: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: P R West Central, Larry Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: P R East Central, Don Cushman.

MR. CUSHMAN: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: P R Southwest, Steve Nolan.

MR. NOLAN: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: P R Southeast, Ed Scheele.

MR. SCHEELE: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Assistant Secretary, Diane Harrison.

MS. HARRISON: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

– submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Ten year pins awarded



Plainville VFD member Darrell Leon Wagler was presented his ten year pin.



Kevin Abrams and Adam Deisher were presented ten year pins with PRSW Steve Nolan, 17A chairman Sam Emery, Chief Tim Smith and Jack Kerney, past president. – Photo by Matt Bowman, Vincennes VFD.



## *Vigo Twp. members presented pins*

Pins were presented to Victoria Newkirk (10), James Newkirk (10), Jeanna Cummings (10), Andy Moreland (25) with Jack Kerney - past president, Steve Nolan - PRSW, Chief Dusty Baile and 17A chairman Sam Emery.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

– submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Twenty-five year pins awarded



**VIGO TWP. VFD 25 YEAR PIN** – Vigo Twp VFD member David Andy Moreland was presented is 25 year pin with District 17A chairman Sam Emery and Chief Dusty Baize.



**VINCENNES TWP. VFD 25 YEAR PIN** – Amy Bruggeman and Edward King were presented their 25 year pins with PRSW Steve Nolan, Sam Emery - 17A chairman, Tim Smith - Chief and Jack Kerney, past president. – Photo by Matt Bowman, Vincennes VFD.

## Fifty year Gold cards presented



Herald Dean Baker was presented his 50 year Gold card with Chief Charles Moore, 17A chairman Sam Emery and PRSW Steve Nolan.



50 YEAR GOLD CARD PRESENTATION VINCENNES TWP. VFD

James Teising of Vincennes Twp. VFD was presented his 50 year Gold card. –

Photo by Matt Bowman, Vincennes Twp. VFD.

## 93 years of combined service

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Vincennes Twp. VFD brothers Charles and James Teising have 93 years of service between them. – photo by Matt Bowman, Vincennes Twp. VFD

- Assistant Treasurer, Bev Harker.
- MS. HARKER: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. As we get our second microphone in place. Thank you. District reports,
- District 1, Marshall Neese.
- MR. NEESE: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 2, Paul Watland.
- MR. WATLAND: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 3, Bob Uryga.
- MR. URYGA: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 4, Elton Schafer.
- MR. SCHAFFER: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 5, John Grolich.
- MR. GROlich: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 6, Jerry Sprague.
- MR. SPRAGUE: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 7, Sam Bisel.
- MR. BISEL: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 8A, Jerry Liston.
- MR. LISTON: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 8B, Lloyd Wright.
- MR. WRIGHT: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 9A, Pascal Moon.
- MR. MOON: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 9B, Randy Denton.
- MR. DENTON: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 10, John Ray.
- MR. RAY: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 11A, Pete Taylor.
- MR. TAYLOR: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 11B, Jack Giles.
- MR. GILES: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 12, Anthony McClure.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Not present. District 13A, Mike Dzuba.
- MR. DZUBA: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 13B, Jeff Biehl.
- MR. BIEHL: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 14, Rick Cannon.
- MR. CANNON: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 15, Ross Emery.
- MR. EMERY: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 16, Josh Reisert.
- MR. REISERT: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 17A, Sam Emery.
- MR. EMERY: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 17B, Bobby Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 18, Joe DeKemper.
- MR. DEKEMPER: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 19, Steve Macke.
- MR. MACKE: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. District 21, Ed Watson.
- MR. WATSON: Pass.
- Past president's report, Richard Glant.
- MR. GLANT: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Jack Zeeks.
- MR. ZEEKS: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Buz Koehler.
- MR. KOEHLER: Pass.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Steve Anderson.
- MR. ANDERSON: Pass as past president.
- MR. HOLCOMB: Pass as a past



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

– submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Washington Twp. new station dedication held



In the above photo members are shown uncoupling the hose at the new fire station.

In the photo at right – top photo fire truck at the new station. Bottom photo – Chief Anthony Wichman, Trustee Michille Guy and District 17A chairman Sam Emery.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

– submitted by Robert "Bobby" Brown, district chairman

## New officers for District 17-B



### Global Award winner

Ray Hughett Jr. was presented with the 17B Global Award on July 7, 2019. Ray has served as firefighter and was Chief of Orleans Fire Department in Orange County for a couple of years. At this time Ray is with Marion VFD in Lawrence County as Captain.



President Paul Holcomb with 17-B new officers, J D Ramsey - Vice Chairman, Heather McGlocklin - Chairman 17-B, Tammy Wright - Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Nolan, Public Relations Southwest. – submitted by Steve Nolan, PRSW.

### Brown acknowledged as out-going 17-B chairman

Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan shaking hands with outgoing 17-B chairman Robert Brown.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

— submitted by Robert "Bobby" Brown, district chairman

## Robert E. Barber honored at ceremony dinner

Robert (Bobby) A. Brown, 17-B District Chairman and Fire Chief of Shawswick Vol. Fire Department presented Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Safety Officer, his 50 year IVFA Service Pin at a ceremony dinner at Shawswick Station 11, Bedford, IN on May 18th.

IVFA Board Chairman Steve Anderson was present for the award.

Indiana State Senator Eric A. Koch, District 44, presented Robert with the Indiana State Senate Certificate of Recognition for 50 years of service in the Indiana Volunteer Fire Service.

Steve Nolan, Pleasant Run Vol. FD and IVFA Public Relations Representative, was also in attendance for the presentation award.

Robert started his volunteer career in Madison, Indiana with North Madison Volunteer Fire Company # 5 shortly after his discharge from the U.S. Navy serving from June 1963 thru August 1968.

Bob helped establish Clifty Volunteer Fire Company # 6 in Madison as a Charter Member and served until September 1993.

In September 1980 Bob was hired at U.S. Army, Jefferson Proving Ground Fire Department, Madison, Indiana as a Firefighter starting his 20 year career with the Civil Service. In late September 1993 with the Base Alignment and Closures he transferred to Naval Support Activity, Crane, Indiana as a Firefighter / EMT-B and retired from US Navy, Crane Fire Department on 30 September 2000, with the rank of Captain.

Bob and his family moved to Bedford, Indiana in September 1993 and joined Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department as a Firefighter / EMT-B. Bob has served Shawswick VFD 26 years as Training Officer, Administration, EMT-B, Safety Officer, Captain of Station 11 and other job assignments as needed.

50 years have seen many changes in the fire service. Turnout gear has improved dramatically, try a knee length rubber coat and hip high boots, like fishing boots, on for size. The helmet weighed something like 5-7 pounds and there were no Nomex hoods. Gloves were also rubber and at 10 below temperatures your hands were ice cubes. SCBA's were World War II era, 15 to 30 minute cylinders with a mask out of World War I.

So be thankful that the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association and National Fire Protection Association has demanded and required that your personal protective equipment, apparatus and tools meet strict standards for your survival and safety.

Be safe and God's Speed.



Robert (Bobby) A. Brown, Shawswick Fire Chief, District 17-B Chairman  
Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Safety Officer



Robert (Bobby) A. Brown, District 17-B and Shawswick Fire Chief, Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Safety Officer, Steve Anderson, Board Director IVFA



Steve Nolan, IVFA Public Relations, District 17-B  
Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Safety Officer



Robert E. Barber, Shawswick Safety Officer  
Eric Koch, Indiana State Senator, District 44

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president. Jack Kerney. Passes. David Israel.

MR. ISRAEL: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes.

MR. HOLCOMB: At this time we'll move into reports. We'll start with the reports and then continue the program. Central Office report, Jack Kerney. Central Office report, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Executive report. I pass. At this time I'm going to start with our guest speakers. Is Charlie Hefflin here yet?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: He will be. Do you need him?

MR. HOLCOMB: Is Brian Lott with the Indiana Fire Chief's Association present?

MR. LOTT: Yes.

MR. HOLCOMB: If you can make your way up front, sir. At this time, as he makes his way up front, I will introduce Brian Lott representing the Indiana Fire Chief's Association who is also the Greenfield Fire Department Fire Marshal. Mr. Brian Lott. Could my AV guy, whoever that was, queue his PowerPoint.

MR. LOTT: Good morning.

What I'm going to talk to you about a few minutes this morning is all of the mutual aid initiatives with the State of Indiana so you're aware, kind of what we've been doing and where we're heading. We've got several different initiatives which we've been working on over the last ten years. As soon as he gets the PowerPoint put up here we'll go through a couple of them so you can see them. But there's three different types of mutual aid initiatives we've been working on. One of the them is the Mid America Consortium, which is what we call MAMA-C, and that is the state line mutual aid. So, basically as it is today legally you should not be crossing state lines to do mutual aid because you have to have an EMAC agreement to do that. So, what we did about five years ago was all the Great Lake states got together and created this mutual aid initiative that we passed laws in all six states. Indiana was the first one to pass the mutual aid law. It allowed state line mutual aid. So, now any community, you don't have to be on the border of the state, you can be two counties in, if you've got resources close to you, if you're on the Illinois side, if

you've got resources closer to you that you could utilize in Illinois, you can do a mutual aid agreement with that agency. So, we're currently working on templates for state line mutual aid with the IDHS attorneys. The first one that we've gotten completed is the Indiana/Michigan template. So, for an example, Clay Fire Territory and Miles, Michigan is the first one that put a mutual aid agreement together and now they can do reciprocity back and forth with mutual aid without having any kind of problems with worker's comp. issues or paramedic or EMT licensing. So, they can move back and forth without a problem. So, we're working on Ohio/Indiana, Kentucky/Indiana, and Illinois/Indiana now. So, once we get those templates done, literally if you just use that same template, you can insert your fire department and the other fire department in the other state in the template and get it passed and you're ready to go. So, as long as you don't change the template, you can do it without having to put it back in front of the Indiana Attorney General's office to get it approved because they've already approved the template. So, I know probably not all of you can see this slide, so I'll pretty much

tell you what's on there. So, the three initiatives are the Mid-America Mutual Aid Consortium, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, which I'm sure some of you are aware of, and then the Indiana Mutual Aid Response Plan. So, we're going to talk about those three. So, basically what I've been talking about, the mutual aid consortium, and so if you're close to the Indiana/Michigan line today, you can utilize that template to put a mutual aid agreement together between you and somebody in the State of Michigan. Once the other ones get together we can get you a template for those as well. You can get that through the fire chief to your organization, you can get it through the Indiana Fire Chief's Association, or the State Fire Marshal's Office. So, mutual aid, is there any questions about state line mutual aid? Okay. Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Pretty much that is regional mutual aid, so it's just like probably the mutual aid you have today, whether it's a handshake or a written agreement or whatever it is that you have with your bordering people. So, again, mutual aid box alarm system is regional mutual aid. And Timm can get you hooked up with that agreement. Timm can get you hooked up with the run card

templates that you would put together your apparatus on. So, the last thing and the biggest thing I'm here to talk about today is the Indiana Mutual Aid Response Plan. And so that's statewide mutual aid. So, the Indiana Fire Chief's Association has been running this mutual aid response plan for about 12 years. We've been — it was a state emergency operations center back in 2008. So now the Indiana Fire Chief's Association is who runs ESF4 and they help out Indiana Task Force 1 and the ESF9 at the state emergency operations center. And so we've been collecting data throughout the state for resources of all the different fire departments. And we're using a software called Mutual Aid Net. The good thing about that system is if you do have a large incident, you can have a staging officer that has a smart phone that could log in and see exactly who is coming to him, they know how far away they are, who it is, what department, how many people, everything that's coming to him. So, the IMARP program uses the state districts, the state IDHS district concept is. And so we are out collecting data. A lot of the IDHS people will be doing this. The state EMS folks will be

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- submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

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Fifty year Gold card Dillsboro Vol. Fire  
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Twenty-five year pin East Enterprise Fire  
Chairman Stephen Macke, District 19 Miss Flame Kayla Scranton, Harold Scranton, PRSE Ed Scheele.

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collecting resources for emergency medical. But we are collecting all the different types of resources that you can imagine with firefighting, hazardous materials, technical rescue, swift water. Most of our responses in the last ten years of callouts for IMARP plan have been tankers or swift water. It seems like in the last ten years those are the top two things that we've been asked for

for resources. The other thing is, we're looking for just about anything and everything including drones. We're collecting this from fire departments, anybody who has a resource available that we can utilize. So, whether it's fire departments, private, ambulance services, county EMA, law enforcements, state agencies like ISP or DNR, if they've got resources in your area we can tap

from and they will respond, we could put them as an agency, especially for swift water. My email address is blott@greenfieldIN.org. And my cell number is 317-716-6217 if you have any questions about the mutual aid initiative in the State of Indiana. All right. Thank you very much for having me today.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you, sir. District chairmen, we'll make

sure the company information gets to you all so you all can share it with your districts. At this time I ask Charlie Heflin to come to the podium.

MR. HEFLIN: I didn't really know I was speaking, so I didn't come with a big prepared speech. My name is Charlie Heflin. I am now the Academy Administrator for the Public Safety and Fire Academy Training System, which is what we are now rolling all fire training under. This is my 31st year in the fire service, all as a volunteer, and I am still an active volunteer. I am a volunteer with Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department in Morgan County. In terms of what we're doing at the state with training we have a lot of initiatives

that we have going on. One of the things that we're starting to do is we're looking at how do we address the locals in terms of support. We have met with Ivy Tech and we have met with Purdue and we are working on partnerships to expand what we offer in terms of training. Hopefully in these meetings we will be able to come and bring more stuff to the local level. We're meeting with the district coordinators — if you're a district instructor, we're meeting with the district coordinators on Tuesday to help to give them their 2018/2019 budgets. And again, we're going to put out about 1.2 million dollars in support of the districts. That's a lot of money across the entire state to

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bring training to you guys at the local level.

MR. HOLCOMB: Last call for your mileage vouchers. District chairmen, last call for your mileage vouchers. At this time I'd like to introduce Sonya Cronin with the MDA.

(Video playing at this time.)

MS. CRONIN: Good morning. My name is Sonia Cronin. I am the Executive Director with the Northern Indiana MDA. And this is Paige Shiver with the Central Indiana MDA. Thank you guys for allowing us to be here for a moment. I know that video was a little bit quiet, but I'm sure you all saw Faith raise her arms and there was kind of a cheer you could hear. And the reason for that is, is last year one of the research projects that MDA was able to help fund Spinraza was approved, and that was within three days of her taking her first dose of Spinraza. She could not lift her arms prior to that. So, some of you may ask, what is muscle disease? Muscle disease progressively weakens muscles, often taking away every day abilities like running, walking, hugging, talking, and even breathing. MDA, we're working tirelessly to accelerate muscle health by finding treatments and cures and supporting families with critical resources like our care centers, MDA summer camps, and with funding life saving research for treatments and ultimately a cure. So far in the last year-and-a-half six drugs have been approved by the FDA and are on the market and are available to our families to treat some form of the 44 muscle diseases we cover. But there's still so much work to be done and to find more treatments and ultimately so, thank you guys so much for your time. We appreciate it.

MR. HOLCOMB: Has Mr. Nicholas Carr from IDEM made it yet?

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Let me check outside real quick.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you, sir.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Move along.

MR. HOLCOMB: Moving along. I believe Mr. Carr has some information that I think is a topic of interest to many departments in the state. At this time I'll move on to the committee reports starting with the audit committee, Mr. Steve Anderson. I don't think he's going to pass this time.

MR. ANDERSON: Steve Anderson, Past President. The audit committee has reviewed the audit that was done from last year. We changed groups that were doing the audit and we did a little bit different review with the savings of about \$7,000, if I remember the figure from yesterday correctly. The audit was completed and they find nothing wrong, so at this time we'll ask for the motion for the audit to be approved. By the way, the committee that audited was Jack Zeeks, myself, Luke Kluender, Jack Giles and Jeff Biehl.

MR. ELICK: Mr. President, Dave Elick, Chaplain. I make a motion we accept the audit committee's (inaudible).

MR. HOLCOMB: Have a motion to accept. Need a second.

MR. EMERY: Ross Emery, District 15. I second the motion.

MR. HOLCOMB: Have a motion and a second on the floor to approve the 2017 audit. All in favor signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

MR. HOLCOMB: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

MR. HOLCOMB: Diane Harrison, do you have anything for Angel Award? It will be tonight. Junior firefighters, Jack Kerney, do you have anything?

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Mr. IVFA. Mr. Glant, do you have anything for Mr. IVFA. At this time I would like to re-introduce, he was playing chauffeur for a few minutes, our association's 2018 Mr. IVFA, Larry Curl.

MR. CURL: You know it's terrible when you're trying to assist in managing and running and operating a convention, and then when they try to surprise you, and they did, with an award. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am truly honored and blessed to be able to receive that award.

MR. HOLCOMB: Bridgeport, Richard Glant.

MR. GLANT: We have three winners. They will be here tonight and presented at the banquet.

MR. HOLCOMB: We do have three winners and they will be here tonight and presented at the banquet. Should have a mic in the back of the room. Budget, Luke Kluender.

MR. KLUENDER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. By-laws and SOGs, Larry Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: I pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Clothing Claims, Lloyd Wright.

MR. WRIGHT: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Convention, Larry Curl. Passes.

MR. HOLCOMB: EMS, Jerry Liston.

MR. LISTON: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Insurance, Luke Kluender.

MR. KLUENDER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Legislation, Buz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Legislation report, Lobbyist Larry Curl.

MR. CURL: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: He passes.

MR. HOLCOMB: Line of duty death, Dave Elick.

MR. ELICK: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Logo, Joe DeKemper.

MR. DEKEMPER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Membership and marketing, Leighanne Ellis.

MS. ELLIS: Just want to let everyone know that Diane is going to do T-shirts. They are doing a T-shirt quilt for next year, so if your departments do have T-shirts, get them to Diane. Thank you.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you. Newspaper, Buz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Public relations and education, Steve Nolan.

MR. NOLAN: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: He passes. Social media websites.

MR. HOLCOMB: For those of you who don't know or have heard me speak numerous times — first of all we'll start with this, if I can have the social media committee,

please stand. These members of this committee have worked diligently, I'm not taking away from everyone standing, the committee as a whole, and especially myself, past President Israel, and our Committee Chairman Josh Reisert for this. I would like to formally and officially announce our new Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association website is now live. Special projects, Buz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: We are in the process of looking at or updating some information that we will use to make the 75th anniversary book or history book. We're also looking into reproducing the first 25-year book and the 50-year book. So, that's one of the things we were working on.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you, sir. Training, Steve Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: PR training Southeast for this year will be at Prosser's — whatever the technical term is — Educational Center, September the 8th.

PR Southwest your date is October 27 at the VU Conference Center in Gibson County in Fort Branch, Indiana. Both of those training events we are close to having finalized a kind of like fire chief's leadership seminar type of format, 20, 30 minute segments on topics that are out and about, fire territories, fire districts, trustee fire department relationships, budgeting, do you have the correct and right amount of insurance, and then ending with a little form of fire chiefs from the area that you're going to ask questions and just kind of have a round table type discussion. Angie Biggs now has an assistant. Michael Emswiler, or something like that. I need to do about 30 more minutes of training so I can go out and train people to do the whole process. But they are working, as they said earlier, starting at District 1 and working their way through trying to make contact. There are two different versions of image trend. There was last year's version and there is a current version. We still have some departments that are in last year's version that haven't read the big sign when you open it up, it says stop using this, move to the elite version.

MR. HOLCOMB: Younger member task force.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Board of Firefighting Standards and Education, John Smith.

MR. SMITH: Pass, sir.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you. Passes. Fire Alliance.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: They pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: They pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Heroes Competition.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. IN-time.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. National Volunteer Fire Council.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Thank you. The mileage committee has now completed their task and they can be released. License plates.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. Red Cross work group.

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Pass.

MR. HOLCOMB: Passes. At this time I would ask Mr. Jack Zeeks to come forward to open the 2019 elections. As a reminder, as he makes his way up, once an election ballot is cast the doors will be barred, no one will be allowed to enter the room; however, you may leave the room, but you may not re-enter until that vote is cast, counted, and been certified.

MR. BUSH: I have guards for the doors.

MR. HOLCOMB: And our Sergeant-At-Arms says he does have guards for the doors. Mr. Zeeks, your pleasure, sir.

MR. ZEEKS: All right. Nominating Committee presents the name of Paul Holcomb for President. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Last and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: I cast one unanimous for Paul Holcomb for President.

MR. ZEEKS: Nominating Committee presents the name of David Israel for Vice President. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: I cast one unanimous vote for Dave Israel for Vice President.

MR. ZEEKS: Nominating Committee has the name of Leighanne Ellis for Secretary. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Final and third calling, is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. President.

MR. HOLCOMB: Paul Holcomb, IVFA President. I cast one unanimous ballot for Leighanne Ellis for Secretary.

MR. ZEEKS: For Treasurer the Nominating Committee produced the name Luke Kluender. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor?

U N K N O W N M A L E SPEAKER: Submit 13B Jeff Biehl nomination.

MR. ZEEKS: Need a second.

MR. DZUBA: 13A, I'll second that.

MR. ZEEKS: Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Luke, do you want to say anything?

MR. KLUENDER: I'd just like to say that I've been doing my best to take care of the association's financial records. I appreciate you electing me to do that, but if not, then I wish the next person the best of luck.

MR. ZEEKS: Thank you, Luke. Jeff?

MR. BIEHL: Pass.

MR. ZEEKS: Pass. Gentlemen for your districts, lock the doors, nobody comes in or goes out. Credentials Committee, how many delegates we got?

U N K N O W N F E M A L E SPEAKER: 125.

MR. ZEEKS: 125. Once all the ballots have been cast in the back the Credentials Committee will

continue.

MR. CURL: Fire Alliance meeting here today, they're meeting from 1 until 4. And they are meeting in the Lambert Room. Let me touch on legislation real brief. Last year was a tough year for us. House Bill 1005 raised its ugly head again and was presented as a bill to either eliminate, consolidate, or merge or whatever the end result was supposed to be. I've been around a lot of your departments and your districts talking about it, so I won't give you a lot of in-depth. I will put a report on the newly created and released website so you understand it. Why I'm even bringing it up, it was defeated this year at the session, but it will be back next year, guarantee you it will be back next year. They're not going to give up, they're not going away. We should not be doing either one of those as well. We should be ready to fight it, we should be ready to negotiate it, to discuss it, and prepare to do whatever we need to do. I am not opposed to trying to do something to benefit the services that we all provide to our communities. I am opposed, adamantly opposed, to passing a piece of legislation that we don't know the outcome of that or where we're going to go or what's going to happen. And that's the problem with what happened this year. The Speaker of the House himself in a meeting privately three weeks ago made the statement when asked — and I'm not really sure what all of the outcome was or would have been — why would you vote for a bill that you don't know what it's going to do to the community, the taxpayers, residents of the community. It will be back. We are working on a possible alternative to that House Bill 1005. The other couple of issues we're looking at and working on is funding. You know, I go around to you every day and talk to you about funding. And the things I tell you is, if we're out doing fundraising activities for the purpose of keeping the lights on, the trucks running, the doors open, that's wrong, that's wrong. We should not have to do that. We should be funded at a proper level to provide proper service. We should not be out there flipping pancakes, hotdogs, hamburgers, whatever we do to raise money to pay the bills. I think fundraising is a good activity for your community. I think it's a good activity for the fire department to be involved with for community relations, not to pay the bills. That's wrong. So, we're engaging in some funding strategies right now. Third and final piece of legislation we're looking at this next year — and these things may not come to be, it just depends on how heavy we get involved in the other things. I think we need to put together a benefits package. You know, we've talked about healthcare. We've talked about higher education. We've talked about cancer. We've just kind of been all over the board with a benefits package. We need to create a benefits package, not independently, not one item at a time. If you recall, there's a bill that's been going on longer than I've been down there to give us a \$500.00 tax credit, and it's never been heard. And you know what, I'm kind of glad that it hasn't, because when we get a benefits



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- submitted by Paul Holcomb, President



## Jeff-Craig firefighter recognized for 50 years of service

Local firefighter John S. Stafford was honored on May 4th for 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter.

John S. Stafford is still active in Vevay, Indiana with Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue. He

and his wife Phyllis were both recognized for their years of dedicated service to the community. Many came to celebrate and present him with awards. The awards included:

- State Fire Marshal

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Indiana Volunteer Fire Association 50 year Achievement Pin
- Indiana Volunteer Fire Association Lifetime Membership Card

- State Senator Chris Garten Certificate of Congratulations
- State Representative Randy Frye House Resolution honoring John S. Stafford
- Hurts Power Tools Green

- Cross Award
- Key to the Town of Vevay
- Recognition Plaque from Jeff-Craig Fire & Rescue

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package or when we get a benefit from the General Assembly, they're going to hold that over our heads for a long time. We're not going to be able to go back the next year and say, oh, by the way, we need another benefit. They're going to say we just gave you one. So, let's think about it, let's study it, let's look at it, and let's put together a benefits package that includes higher education, medical, retirement, cancer — presumptive cancer. Let's put a package together that will benefit us, and then let's use that for recruitment purposes. Lord knows we need to be recruiting, and especially young people, because as I look around the room and as I look in the mirror, we're not getting any younger. We're not getting any younger. And if we're going to survive in a volunteer setting, we've got to do some recruiting, we've got to get some folks in here. So, we're going to look at a benefits package to see if that will help. But you know it's not going to help us if we get a benefits package and the only thing we do is try to get a benefit to what we already have if we're not using it as a recruitment tool.

MR. ZEEKS: Your 2019 State Treasurer is Luke Kluender. It's been requested that we take a recess.

(A brief recess was taken at this time.)

MR. ZEEKS: All right. Let's continue. Nominating Committee presents the name for Chaplain Mike Dzuba. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor?

MR. WRIGHT: Lloyd Wright, District 8B nominates Ski Gerdowsky.

MR. ZEEKS: Need a second.  
MR. BROWN: Bob Brown from District 17B seconds that motion.

MR. ZEEKS: Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mr. Bush, lock down the doors. District chairmen report your districts. As we're doing this, Dzuba, do you want to say something? Do you want to say something? Okay. Ski Gerdowsky, do you want to say something?

MR. GERDOWSKY: No.  
MR. ZEEKS: Okay.

MR. ZEEKS: Your 2019 Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky. Nominating Committee presents the name of Brent Bush for Sergeant-At-Arms. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Final and third call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast a unanimous vote for Brent Bush, Sergeant-At-Arms.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest. Nominating Committee presents the name of Jeremy Reef. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jeremy Reef, PR Northwest.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northeast.

Nominating Committee presents the name of Jean Smith. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary. I cast a unanimous vote for Jean Smith, PR Northeast.

MR. ZEEKS: Okay. I should have said to start with, the only ones that can vote for the PR is in that PR area. PR West Central. Nominating Committee presents the name of Larry Bartlow. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary. I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow, PR West Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR East Central. Nominating Committee presents the name of Don Cushman. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary. I cast a unanimous vote for Don Cushman, PR East Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Southwest. Nominating Committee presents the name of Steve Nolan. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

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