



## **2021 FFLA BOARD MEETING**

### **Conference Call**

**January 16, 2021**

The 2021 FFLA Board meeting was held on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11am Eastern Time, and once again, was a teleconference.

### **Roll Call**

There were 22 present on the call: Chairman Keith Argow, Eastern Deputy Mark Haughwout, Southern Deputy Ron Stafford, Treasurer/MT-N. ID Gary Weber, SHPO Liaison/N. CA Kyle Stetler, AZ Dave Lorenz, outgoing CA-Pacific Bill Ulmer, CA-South Scott McClintock, Webmaster/ME Bill Cobb, NH Chris Haartz, Secretary/NJ-co Ray Grimes, NJ-co Bob Wolff, NY Laurie Rankin, Answerman/OR Howard Verschoor, CO Kent Argow, S. ID Luke Channer, IN Teena Ligman, Research Brad Eells, NM Mark Gutzman, Election Chair Rob Hoeye, VT Peter Hayes, AL Rep Andrew Zerbe.

### **Election**

Rob Hoeye reported on the results of the 2021 elections. There was 69% return of the election ballots and all nominees were elected: Western Deputy Chair - Sam Duffey, Southern Deputy Chair - Ron Stafford, Historian - Brad Eells, and Secretary - Ray Grimes. Dave Lorenz moved, seconded by Mark Guzman, with all in favor, to accept the election results.

### **Minutes**

The 2020 Board minutes were approved as distributed by the Secretary.

### **Chairman's Address**

Chairman Keith Argow gave his State of the FFLA report, which will be in the next Lookout Network, as it will be his column in the magazine. After Keith gave his report he asked each deputy chair to give a brief report for their area and started with Eastern Deputy Mark Haughwout, who has moved to NC, but will remain in the position. Southern Deputy Ron Stafford advised that a lot of his plans for 2020 were held up due to COVID, so he is moving

them to 2021. Western Deputy Sam Duffey was not able to be on the call but Howard had spoken to her and said she intends this to be her last term, so a replacement will be needed in two years.

### **Treasurer/Membership Report**

Gary advised that finances are looking good right now; as of 12-31-20 we had \$7,891.36 carry-over available in the treasury. He advised that we had a net gain of 108 members for 2020 with the total membership at 1343 as of 12-31-20. The preliminary report had previously been emailed to all board members.

### **Magazine Report**

Gary advised he is still trying to catch up and is looking at putting together another double issue for the next one.

### **Committee Reports**

Facebook: Kyle advised that the page is strong; sending out emails, held a photo contest, and the top 12 photos have been made into a 2021 calendar.

Insurance: Gary advised that the 2021 coverage has just been paid and also gave the reminder that our coverage is liability, not workers comp type insurance.

Website Upgrade: The committee is actively working to move the website to a modern platform, with an updated facelift for the site, and capabilities for easier updates by multiple designated individuals. Input will be solicited on what the organization wants out of the site. The goal is to begin the changes by this spring.

Other committee reports (SHPO, National Research Project, Webmaster and NHLR/FFLOS) are located on the FFLA website at <http://www.firelookout.org/chapter-reports.html>.

### **Chapter Reports**

Instead of summarizing their chapter reports, the directors who were present on the call were asked to give brief overviews of what their needs are from the national organization and leadership. Their chapter reports are also available on the FFLA website at <http://www.firelookout.org/chapter-reports.html>.

### **Old Business**

Howard thanked everyone who bought the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coffee mugs that he bought for the 2020 Western Conference which was canceled due to the covid pandemic.

**New Business**

The next board meeting will be a conference call on MLK weekend, January 15, 2022.

It was asked about if there would be a Western Conference this year. With the pandemic still going on it was decided to skip 2021 and see what 2022 brings to hold the conference.

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm EST.