

**ABRIDGED REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Wall TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY February 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ordway at 9:00A.M in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. He stated that notice of this meeting was posted on the New Jersey State Firemen's website as required pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975). The fire exits were pointed out.

Vice President Hankins led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Ordway asked for a moment of silence. He asked everyone to remember President Emeritus Greenwald, and Treasurer Osborn for their tremendous contributions to our organization. He also asked all to remember Second Assistant Secretary Dreby's sister who passed away, and all First Responders and members of the Armed Services for their safety.

Executive Committeeman Mellert gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was held. All Officers and Executive Committee members present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Abridged Minutes and Verbatim Minutes of the November 21, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting were approved as distributed on a motion by Executive Committeeman Scheuer seconded by Executive Committeeman Fazekas. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary Pelaia said there was no current Communications other than those in your packet. A motion was made to accept the correspondence submitted, by Executive Committeeman Handlin seconded by Executive Committeeman Lane Motion carried.

LIFE MEMBERS: None

OFFICERS REPORT:

Vice President Hankins report: He reported the following:

- 1) He mentioned that the online Notice of Death page has been updated. This will enable us to begin the paperwork process in a more expeditious manner. He also reminded everyone that the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief can file a Notice of Death.
- 2) He asked all Executives to send him the dates, time, and places for their 2021 Caucuses so that he can put them on the website.
- 3) He stated that we are updating our personnel files and he will be forwarding updated forms for all Officers, Executive Committee Members. Please make sure that you return them in a timely manner.

Secretary's Report: He reported the following:

- 1) He stated that he sent out 5 Requests for Quotes for Convention Badges. He stated that he received 2 quotes and they are in your packets. We will vote to accept the quote under New Business,
- 2) He stated that he has been assisting local Secretaries and Treasurers with filing reports online. He reminded all that if anyone has a question or problem submitting reports online, they should call the office for assistance.
- 3) He continues working closely with Executive Committeeman Lenarski and Past President Gunson on the Hamilton Township Consolidation of Associations.
- 4) He reminded everyone that Convention Resolutions are due into the Office by May 1, 2021.

First Assistant Secretary Report: The Convention Committee workers list will be sent to the Executives in May

Second Assistant Secretary Report: He thanked everyone for their expressions of Sympathy, cards and phone calls on the death of his sister.

Treasurer Report: President Ordway mentioned that the draft of the Financial Reports from the Auditors are in your packet. They have been reviewed and the bound copies will be sent out later this week.

Field Examiner Report: His report is in your packet. He has 2 verbal items:

- 1) There is a report in the packets showing what Associations have sent a copy of their bank statements and those who have not.
- 2) He reminded everyone that the Health Care Program is a reimbursement program. We do not pay 3rd parties. Also, if the Health Care Agency has a dba (doing business as) name, he needs that also. An example is if Visiting Angels in Wall Township has a dba

as Wall Health Care, he needs that dba name to check with the state for licensing information.

3) He reminded everyone that the Form 990 must be filed online this year. At this time, you may need an accountant to do a 990 return as the IRS has not given the public the ability to do it online. The 990ez can be done manually and submitted, but that also will be mandated to be done online in 2022. The 990n has always been done online,
 4) Field Exams. Due to the pandemic, we did not do field exams in 2020 and we also need to do the 2021 Field Exams. He asked the Executives to see if it would be possible for their Associations if they can come in a Saturday. Vice President Hankins also stated if we went to the counties, we probably would just require the Secretary and Treasurer to attend and not the other officers due to social distancing. 2nd Assistant Secretary also asked that when a check is written if the treasurer can put in the memo area on the check what it was written for (relief etc.).

Counsel Cavallo reported: No Report.

President's Report: He had no written report but reported the following:

- 1) He reminded everyone that the office will be closed on April 2 for Good Friday.
- 2) All Officer Listings and Quarterly reports have been received on time. There are still 3 Financial Standing reports not received yet and currently there are 32 Membership reports still out with the deadline date of Monday March 1 since February 28 is a Sunday. Convention Delegate Reports are due May 1 and IRS 990s are due to the IRS by May 15 and a copy to our office on June 14.
- 3) Programming Changes have been done to the Quarterly Reports online. You must have a line number for all entries. There is now a pull-down menu if you do not have a line number to assist you in finding it. This change will enable the Relief recipients and payments to be automatically imported to the Financial Standing Reports. We also have made programming changes to the health care program to enter and receive reports of members and spouses receiving the benefit.
- 4) He reminded everyone who has a problem entering data with on-line forms should call us immediately. We do have a few "hiccups" when people enter information so you should call us immediately so that we can assist you and get the problem resolved.
- 5) He reminded Secretaries that on the delegates reports, members should only be listed once. If a member is a delegate, he cannot be an alternate also. Also, the Chief listed on the Officers Listing is automatically the Chief Delegate. The Chief Delegate cannot be changed unless you have a new Chief. Then when you inform us to change the Chief on your Officer listings the new Chief's name will appear on your delegate Roster.
- 6) We will be looking at the percentage of manual reports that are submitted. Depending on the numbers of manual reports submitted, we may vote at the May meeting to mandate both Membership and Financial Reports be done online in 2022.

7) Increase in payments for the following programs vs last year are: Health care up 377%, Special Relief up 103%, Supplemental relief up 16% and Burial Benefits up 11.75%. He stated that this year, the percentages of monies distributed to the Associations may change. He stressed that the reason is what just has been stated which are the increases given in the above-mentioned programs.

8) President Ordway then began a discussion on the 2021 Caucuses. He began the discussion by stating that at this time he does not think that restrictions will be totally lifted by August. Depending on the situation come August, will determine if we have a caucus with a meeting, or just a walk through for electing an Executive Committee Member and a Home Manager (Atlantic, Bergen, Gloucester, Ocean and Sussex). He wants the Executive Committee to assess the situation prior to the May Executive Committee meeting, so that it can be discussed further, and a decision made. He would like to see all caucuses use the same format (Meeting or Walk through). He also mentioned that in your packets are copies of the petitions that we used last year. Using the petitions went well and we will be voting under new business to continue the practice. He also mentioned that we will be preparing information packets this year as we did last year, no matter if the caucus has a meeting or walk through. It worked out very well last year and many members requested if it could be done every year.

9) President Ordway then spoke about the Convention. **WE WILL BE VOTING ON GOING TO WILDWOOD ON SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2021 under New Business.** The format still needs to be determined due to the status of the pandemic, but at a minimum we will have a walk through for electing State Officers and Resolutions. This decision was made partly because many Associations had their lodging deposits for the 2020 Convention moved to 2021. We do not know what would happen if we canceled it again. **NOTE:** Delegate and Life members going to Wildwood will receive the expense allowance that will be approved later in the meeting. Since allowances will be made for going to Wildwood, no Delegate and Life Member will receive an allowance for attending the caucus. Penalties for Delegates not attending the caucus (\$100.00) will be assessed this year as in the past. The white lodging and commuting sheets must be filled out by those attending the Convention and held by the Secretary or Treasurer with their records. The President and Vice President have been and will continue to be in touch with the Convention Center and more information will be forthcoming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Naylis and seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin at 10:05am, to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Florio and seconded by Executive Committeeman Reeves to return to Regular Session at 11:00am. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVISORY/ SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTAL COMMITTEE: Executive Committeeman Mellert stated that to date we have paid twice as much Relief compared to last year.

COMPENDIUM COMMITTEE: Executive Committeeman Lane reported the Compendium Committee met and the minutes are in everyone's packet and will be attached to these minutes.

1) Executive Committeeman Lane then reported that there was a discussion regarding a vacancy in the Executive Committee or Home Board of Manager. It was determined that another meeting of the Compendium is necessary before any changes are made in order to review the final wording of the change.

2) A recommendation was made that we continue the practice started last year whereby the Candidates for Executive Committee and Board of Manager submit a petition by June 1 of the year of the caucus to have that person's name printed on the ballot. This does not prohibit any other member from running. It is used solely to have the name pre-printed on the ballot. If another member wants to run after the petition deadline, those voting can write the name on the ballot.

DELEGATE AND LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE: The Delegate and Life Member Expense Committee recommends that the payment schedule approved last year for Wildwood would remain the same. This will be voted on under New Business.

FIREMEN'S HOME COMMITTEE: There is no written report. His verbal report included:

- 1) A-5210 is the Assembly Bill which we have been following. The Chairman of the Executive Board of the Managers of the Firemen's Home has sent a letter to the sponsor to hold the bill in abeyance until all parties concerned can discuss it with the sponsor. Executive Committeeman Lane stated that the Chairman of the Board of Managers contacted him and would like a meeting with him and Home Committee Chairman Otterbein prior to this meeting. Mr. Lane told him that he was unavailable prior to this meeting and it will be scheduled shortly
- 2) The Memory unit is in the final punch-list phase. They are hoping for a May opening.
- 3) The current census at the home is 44 guests with a total number of beds at 73.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: There is no Finance Committee Report due to the death of Treasurer Osborn. The new Treasurer will meet shortly with the Finance Committee.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE: The Report has been submitted. Chairman Reeves mentioned that the program continues to be successful, and he is happy about it. President Ordway reminded everyone that it is a **reimbursement** program. There also was much discussion on how successful it has been. President Ordway mentioned that the figures on the attached report goes to show that we are using our funds to help our members. He also reminded everyone that there is no retroactivity to the program. The month that the application is approved by the Advisory Committee is when the reimbursements start.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No Report. They will be meeting with the new Treasurer shortly.

LEGISLATIVE: First Assistant Secretary Martone reported that his report is in the packets. He mentioned that he has been following the Legislature via Zoom for Committee Hearings and Full Sessions. He along with President Ordway and Vice President Hankins have given testimony at the Committee Hearings on our Age Bills. The following is a status of the Age Bills:

- A-4745 passed the Assembly 75-0
- S-3277 is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
- A-3835 is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
- S- 1534 passed the Senate 32-0

These bills are similar, but an Assembly Bill and Senate Bill need some small amendments so that they can be merged, passed, and sent to the Governor for passage. Executive Committeeman Kelly asked if Brian had a timeline and could not give a timeline. We have currently received over 250 Applications for Membership that we are holding while the Bill is awaiting its passage.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Chairman Speigel reported that there may be a meeting within the next month on some issues that he received.

PENSION COMMITTEE: Vice President Hankins reported that there needs to be a correction with a pension recipient. This will be voted on in new business.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Resolutions are due in the State Office no later than May 1. There will be 3 "housekeeping" Resolutions on the ballot. Two are the same ones as last year regarding the Secretary casting one ballot for uncontested positions, and the second being approval of the Red Book. We will have another Resolution for the selection of a Convention Site for 2025 and 2026.

SALARY COMMITTEE: No Report

FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION – Chairman Naylis reported the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 have been e-mailed. The 2018 Fire Code Revised should be out by years end. A memo went out to all LEA's regarding Inspections must be done in all Health Care Facilities regardless of the pandemic, The Division is currently working on the Regulations for the Junior Firefighter Bill which has been signed by the Governor, and a Bulletin went out regarding the Lifeliner hoods that a problem has been found with them. They may cause health issues. If firefighters are using them, they should be checked, Executive Committeeman Otterbein mentioned that there is a problem with some Scott facepieces. All facepieces should be checked for stress cracks. This is specific to the AD3000 mask.

APPLICATIONS: Executive Committeewoman Hollingsworth said that Barnegat Light will have the application completed by the end of April. Executive Committeeman Fazekas also mentioned that Tabernacle has submitted a Township Resolution to form a new company. Since they are closing a Company, we are in the process of working to see if they need a new Company or if the former company can be used.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Hamilton Township: President Ordway informed everyone that since we are completed with the Active Membership Reports, we will be finalizing the transfer of members. Also, once we have new treasurer is in place, we will distribute the funds received from the closed Hamilton Associations to the new combined Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) President Ordway recommends the appointment of Mr. Edward Mullen to the office of Treasurer. He has been an asset to our Association in assisting us with the Applications for Tax Exemption for the Associations that lost their exemption, and other tasks also. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Mazzarella, seconded by Executive Committeeman Figueroa to appoint Edward R. Mullen, Treasurer. On a Roll call vote: **Passed 21-0**. Mr. Mullen was then sworn in by Counsel Cavallo.

2) On our auditor's recommendation a motion was made by Executive Committeeman Lane, Seconded by Executive Committeeman Fazekas to update the Association's Information on our Investments **Passed 21-0**

3) A motion by Executive Committeeman Phillips, seconded by Executive Committeeman Roemmich to have the officers assess penalties on the Associations who do not have their Membership and Financial Standing Reports submitted on time. **Passed 21-0**

4) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Kurdyla, seconded by Committeeman Naylis to remove a member from the rolls of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association for theft of funds from the Avenel Fire Company, **Passed 21-0**

5) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Kelly, seconded by Committeeman Mazzarella to accept the settlement reached with 2 members for infractions with Convention expenses at the 2019 Convention. The settlement calls for giving up their Life Membership, prohibits them from being a Delegate for future Conventions, running for a State Office, and a Local Office.

Passed 21-0

6) President Ordway asked for a motion to have Executive Committeeman and Board of Managers who would like to have their name printed on the ballot submit a petition by June 1st as was done in 2020, This will apply to every year moving forward. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Spiegel, seconded by Executive Committeeman Walker. **Passed 21-0**

7) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Fazekas, seconded by Executive Committeewoman Kelly to cease pension payments to a beneficiary that were made in error. **Passed 21-0**

8) A motion was made Executive Committeeman Mellert, seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin to accept a 3-year bid to Turnout Fire and Safety, the lowest bidder for Convention badges. **On a Roll Call Vote Passed 21-0**

9) President Ordway the asked the Executive Committee that due to the change in Treasurers, the Officers hire an independent auditor to do a secondary review of the finances of the State Association at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00 . **On a Roll Call Vote Passed 20-0-1.**

10) Executive Committeeman Spiegel made a motion seconded by Executive Committeeman Reeves that **the Association will be in Wildwood on September 17-18, 2021 for the Convention.** As to the format of the Convention, a decision will be made at a future date. At a minimum we will have a walkthrough for the Election of Officers and a vote on the Resolutions. Everything else will be contingent on what is allowed due to the pandemic. **Passed 21-0.**

11) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Roemmich seconded by Executive Committeeman Walker that Caucuses will be a walk through for the Election of Executive Committee Person and Board of Managers. **Passed 21-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Ordway opened the meeting to public comment and asked First Assistant Secretary Martone to read the following: The New Jersey State Firemen's Association welcomes comments from the members of the audience. He further stated the secretary will note all comments and that because of this he asked anyone speaking to state their name and address before speaking and to keep their comments to a 3-minute time limit. Concerns stated or actions requested by the public will be taken under advisement by the Executive Committee for investigation, discussion and possible action or disposition later.

There were no public comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- 1) Executive Committeeman Chairman Lane on behalf of the Executive thanked the Officers for the bunting and flying the flags at half-staff in respect for President Emeritus Greenwald and Treasurer Osborn. He also thanked them for the bunting and flowers placed at their seats where they sat at meetings. He mentioned that both members made great contributions to make this Association what it is today. He asked for a moment of silence .May they rest in peace.
- 2) President Ordway mentioned that all the current State Officers will be running for reelection this year, including Ed Mullen, who was just appointed Treasurer.
- 3) Executive Committeeman Lenarski and President Ordway thanked everyone for their Christmas Cards. They both informed all that they made contributions to charity this year in lieu of sending cards.
- 4). Executive Committeeman Roemmich asked if it is all possible that have the picture of President Emeritus Greenwald and Treasurer Osborn similar to the one on the monitors at the meeting displayed at the Caucuses. President Ordway said he will see if it is possible.
- 5) Executive Committeeman Otterbein questioned the I-9 form and W-4 Form in the packets. President Ordway said we are updating our personnel files.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Executive Committeeman Florio seconded by Executive Committeeman Otterbein at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Pelaia
Secretary

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PRES ABS

NAME	OFFICE	PRES	ABS	Vote #1 - Appointment of Edward R. Mullen as Treasurer as of March 1, 2021.		Vote #2 - Award Bid to Turnout Fire & Safety for Convention Badges.		Vote #3 - Authorize Officers to Hire a Firm to conduct an audit, Not to Exceed \$30,000.	
				YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ROBERT F. ORDWAY	PRESIDENT	X							
JOSEPH T. HANKINS	VICE PRESIDENT	X							
THOMAS J. PELAIA	SECRETARY	X							
BRIAN E. MARTONE	1ST ASS'T SECY	X							
RICHARD K. DREBY	2ND ASS'T SECY	X							
	TREASURER								
JAMES J. KENNY	FIELD EXAMINER	X							
	PRES. EMERITUS								
FRANK P. CAVALLO, JR.	COUNSEL	X							
GEORGE M. MORRIS	ASS'T COUNSEL								
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC	X		X		X		X	
GERARD J. NAYLIS	BERGEN	X		X		X		X	
STEPHEN C. FAZEKAS	BURLINGTON	X		X		X		ABSTAIN	
NORMAN F. FIGUEROA, JR.	CAMDEN	X		X		X		X	
DANIEL F. SPEIGEL	CAPE MAY	X		X		X		X	
JAMES F. REEVES	CUMBERLAND	X		X		X		X	
RICHARD C. OTTERBEIN	ESSEX	X		X		X		X	
GLENN D. ROEMMICH	GLOUCESTER	X		X		X		X	
LAWERENCE J. HANDLIN	HUDSON	X		X		X		X	
JOHN R. PHILLIPS	HUNTERDON	X		X		X		X	
JOSEPH M. LENARSKI	MERCER	X		X		X		X	
ANDREW MAZZARELLA	MIDDLESEX	X		X		X		X	
ROBERT J. KELLY	MONMOUTH	X		X		X		X	
EUGENE T. MINELL	MORRIS	X		X		X		X	
JENNIE M. HOLLINGSWORTH	OCEAN	X		X		X		X	
JOHN V. LANE	PASSAIC	X		X		X		X	
FRANCIS X. WALKER, JR.	SALEM	X		X		X		X	
ALLEN F. KURDYLA	SOMERSET	X		X		X		X	
DANIEL L. SCHEUER	SUSSEX	X		X		X		X	
NICHOLAS J. FLORIO	UNION	X		X		X		X	
KONRAD A. MELLERT	WARREN	X		X		X		X	
TOTALS		28	0	21	0	21	0	20	0

GUESTS: Past Secretary, Sanford Weinberg
Edward R. Mullen, Iselin Relief Association
Ocean Coutny Firemen's Home Manager, Roger Hull
President NJ State Fire Chief's Assoc. William Smith

Vice-President's Report
Feb. 2021 Executive Committee meeting

To: Officer's & Executive Committee Members:

Since our last meeting I have attended many zoom meetings, provided support on various bills that were in virtual committee hearings at the statehouse in Trenton representing our association.

Progress is being made with the Barnegat Light Fire Department in Ocean County joining our association. Executive Committeewoman Hollingsworth is working closely with them.

We continue to track the cost of funerals via bills submitted when certain burial claims are processed. Since we started tracking 85 bills reviewed average cost of the funeral is \$9,787.00. Fiscal year 2021- so far 31 claims provided, the bills the average cost is \$9,814.00. these bills range from \$3,050.00 to \$18,597.00.

As of 2-19-2021 using Ancestry and Newspapers subscriptions. We (BETH) have paid 277 burial claims, cleared 84 no claim files due to no surviving spouse or children. For a total of 361 cleared claims since we moved into this building in September 2018.

We have 14 spouses taking advantage of the Health Care Reimbursement program from 9 different counties.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph T. Hankins

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Vice President

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Richard K. Dreby, 2nd Asst. Secretary
James J. Kenny, Field Examiner

SECRETARY'S REPORT

February 27, 2021

In addition to the normal duties performed by the Secretary I report the following:

- 1) Requests for Quotations for Convention badges (ribbons) were mailed to interested vendors with a return date of February 10, 2021. The RFP's were opened on that date and a motion will be made under new business to accept the successful submission.
- 2) I attended meetings with the Clifton, Caldwell, and Morris Township Associations since the last Executive Committee meeting.
- 3) I have assisted many Associations with submitting their Officer Listings, Active Membership Reports, and other reports due electronically.
- 4) I continued working with the Hamilton Townships Association on the merger of the 5 Associations into 1 due to the consolidation of Fire Districts.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Pelaia
Secretary

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Gary D. Schwartz, M.D. Consultant

Date: February 27, 2021

To: Executive Committee

From: Special Relief Committee

The Special Relief Committee Report,

- February 27, 2021
- Applications Approved: 17
- For a total of \$ 77,915.00

Last year for the same period we approved 22 applications for a total of \$339,389.21

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SUMMARY APPROVED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYOUT</u>
2011	155	\$177,774.00
2012	172	\$197,225.86
2013	117	\$140,500.00
2014	133	\$146,516.34
2015	138	\$143,550.00
2016	135	\$131,000.00
2017	180	\$396,632.00
2018	168	\$357,819.13
2019	197	\$400,192.69
2020	206	\$867,283.00

Respectfully Submitted,


Konrad Mellert,
Chairman

New Jersey State Firemen's Association

Compendium Committee Meeting Minutes

01/21/21

The meeting of the Compendium Committee was called to order at 9:00am by Chairman John Lane:

Roll Call: Chairman John Lane, President Robert Ordway, Vice President Joseph Hankins, Secretary Thomas Pelaia, First Assistant Secretary Brian Martone, Second Assistant Secretary Richard Dreby, Executive Committeeman Frank Walker, Executive Committeeman Daniel Speigel, Executive Committeeman Eugene Minnell, Executive Committeeman Konrad Mellert, Executive Committeeman Glenn Roemmich, And Executive Committeeman Daniel Scheuer(via Zoom).

Item #1: The Committee discussed Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Compendium which noted that the President shall call a caucus when there is a vacancy for Executive Committeeman or Board of Manager to the Firemen's Home . Executive Committeeman Walker stated that this was discussed and voted on at the last Executive Committee Meeting. Secretary Pelaia checked the minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting and there was no vote. President Ordway then said at the Executive Committee Meeting that he would abide by the Executive Committees decision. Later in the meeting discussion ensued regarding the time after we receive a resignation, do we need to have the caucus. The committee decided that we should leave the decision up to the President in consultation with the Executive Committeeman to appoint someone to the Board of Managers until the next caucus. President Ordway did not know if we are required by law to have it in so many days. He will refer this to Counsel Cavallo for an opinion (see attached opinion at the end of the minutes).

Item #2: There was discussion on future caucuses. President Ordway distributed a list of his thoughts for discussion. Chairman Lane said and all agreed that the petition that was used last year for the member of the Executive Committee and Firemen's Home Manager worked well and that he feels that the Association continue this practice. There was discussion regarding the date that a petition must be filed on. There was discussion on this. Secretary Pelaia said that we chose the date of June 20 last year since the decision was not made until May 30. It was then agreed that the filing date will be June 1, 2021 which is the same date that the officer's petitions are due. This will be put on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting. President Ordway then said we should use the old format of a meeting when the pandemic subsides, and we can once again meet as a group. He feels the attendees will get reports from the usual speakers and it will allow for discussion of the same. President Ordway said that the Executives can run their caucus whichever way they want to if there are no restrictions by the government on capacity. For instance, If they only want a walk through caucus that will be fine. If they want a full meeting that will also be fine.

Item #3: Executive Committeeman Mellert asked if the penalty for not attending the Caucus be changed to \$200.00 . Discussion ensued and it was mentioned that if the penalty is raised to \$200.00 it will be more that a delegate receives in South Jersey since they usually travel and they do not need lodging expenses. There was no further discussion.

With no other business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Counsel Cavallo's Opinion

Article IV

Section 6. Any vacancy that occurs in the Executive Committee or the Board of Managers more than sixty (60) days from the date set for the annual County Caucus may be filled by the President without having a Special Election/County Caucus. However, prior to filling any vacancy on the Board of Managers, the President shall consult with the Executive Committee representative of that County. The appointment will be until the next Regular Caucus in their County. In the event that a Special Election/County Caucus will be held, then the same shall be called by the First Assistant Secretary in the manner provided under Article II, Section 2.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Managers within sixty (60) days from the date set for the annual County Caucus may be filled during the annual County Caucus, provided there is adequate time to notify the members of that County of the availability of that position.



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DELEGATE and LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT
February 21, 2021

Dear Executive Officers and Executive Committee Members:

In anticipation of our February 27 Executive Meeting, the members of this committee (Nicholas Florio, Allen Kurdyla, Joseph Lenarski, Glenn Roemmich, Daniel Scheuer, and I) discussed via internet and telephone; if anyone felt an increase in reimbursements was warranted for our 2021 Convention Delegates and Life Members.

And, if an increase were to be recommended; how much and to what portion of the reimbursement schedule it would apply to: Lodging, Travel, or Food.

While some members felt a moderate increase in Travel could be justified due to increasing fuel costs; it was decided to forego any increase for this convention year.

It was felt by some that the improvements or advances approved by the state association over this past year have resulted in increased benefits to our membership, with an associated increase in spending by the association.

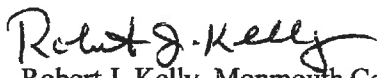
And we note the association did increase reimbursements last year, even though no 2020 Convention was held. But those increased reimbursements are still in effect.

Coupled with other issues outside of our control, which could adversely affect us; this committee unanimously agreed to recommend No Increase in Reimbursements for our 2021 Convention Year.

We hope our colleagues on the Executive Committee and our Executive Officers will agree with, and support the committee's recommendation.

Thank you to my fellow members of this committee and to everyone engaged in making a decision on this report.

In Closing I Remain,


Robert J. Kelly, Monmouth County
Committee Chairman

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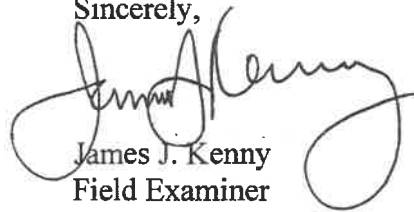
FIELD EXAMINERS REPORT

December 1, 2020 to February 18, 2021

During the period covered by this report the following applications for Supplementary Relief were processed.

	Applications Received	Approved	Returned/Denied	Amount
December	27	27	0 0	\$258,962.00
January	7	7	0 0	\$70,512.57
February	<u>6</u>	6	0 0	<u>\$57,400.00</u>
Total Supplementary	40	40	0 0	\$386,874.57
Special Relief	48	48	0 0	\$222,608.00

Sincerely,



James J. Kenny
Field Examiner

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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 QUARTER ENDING: DECEMBER, 31 2020

CHECKS ISSUED IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS

2 @	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
1 @	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
1 @	\$2,666.66	\$2,666.66
1 @	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1 @	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
1 @	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
1 @	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
2 @	\$3,943.50	\$7,887.00
1 @	\$4,033.00	\$4,033.00
1 @	\$4,113.00	\$4,113.00
3 @	\$4,300.00	\$12,900.00
1 @	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
1 @	\$4,567.00	\$4,567.00
2 @	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
5 @	\$5,200.00	\$26,000.00
1 @	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
1 @	\$5,333.34	\$5,333.34
2 @	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
1 @	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
2 @	\$7,000.00	\$14,000.00
2 @	\$7,200.00	\$14,400.00
1 @	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00
3 @	\$8,700.00	\$26,100.00
4 @	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
1 @	\$10,047.00	\$10,047.00
2 @	\$10,500.00	\$21,000.00
1 @	\$10,988.00	\$10,988.00
1 @	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00
2 @	\$11,500.00	\$23,000.00
4 @	\$11,750.00	\$47,000.00
207 @	\$12,000.00	\$2,484,000.00
		\$2,833,885.00

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 QUARTER ENDING: DECEMBER, 31 2020

CLAIMS FILED BETWEEN OCTOBER 01, 2019 AND DECEMBER 31, 2019	261	
CLAIMS FILED BETWEEN OCTOBER 01, 2020 AND DECEMBER 31, 2020	310	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 01, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019	248	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 01, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020	252	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 01, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019	248	\$2,700,336.73
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 01, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020	252	\$2,833,885.00
1 - WIDOW	131	\$1,560,500.00
2 - DAUGHTER	52	\$512,793.50
3 - SON	47	\$466,310.50
4 - MOTHER	5	\$52,033.00
5 - FATHER	3	\$19,900.00
6 - UNDERTAKER	10	\$117,035.00
I - COUSIN	1	\$4,113.00
N - CAREGIVER	9	\$101,200.00
	252	\$2,833,885.00

EXPLANATION - NO CLAIMS

2 NO CLAIMS WERE FILED

2 FILED NO CLAIM WAS OVER AGE AT TIME OF ADMITTANCE

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DATE: February 27, 2021

To: Executive Committee

The Health Care Committee Report:

- Date February 27, 2021
- Home Care Applications Approved: 18
- Assisted Living/Long Term Care Applications Approved: 5
- Applications Received for: 5 Firefighters, 18 Spouses
- Total Applications Approved: 23
- Total Paid to Date: \$487,038.18
- 2020 Home Care Applications Approved: 108
- 2020 Assisted Living/Long Term Care Applications Approved: 16
- 2020 Total Applications Approved: 124
- 2020 Total Paid to Date: \$1,573,001.17

Sincerely,



James Reeves
Health Care Committee

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Legislative Committee Report February 27, 2021

To: Officers & All Members of the Executive Committee,

The 2020-2021 Legislative Session has been continuing with the virtual meetings and virtual voting sessions they started to do some in person meetings, but they have not opened them up to the public yet. The total of bills to date are up to 9,611 as of this report. The Governor has signed 187 bills to date with currently 16 bills sitting on his desk waiting to be signed. The Legislative Committee is currently tracking 108 bills which are broken down into two categories, Fire & Emergency Services and Pensions. Currently, three of our tracked bills have been signed into law by the Governor so far for this Legislative Session.

We are still working on the Age Bills there are four bills concerning the age for our association, Both A3835 & S1634 are identical and A-4745 & S3277 are identical. Other than sponsorship being different on the bills there are a few things (verbiage) that are not the same which is why they were added, and we currently have four. Each one is a little further along than the next one in the process. President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I have each given testimony at the hearings and have logged into the virtual meetings to show support for these bills. The Legislative Committee has sent numerous support letters for both bills to the list of Sponsors, Co-Sponsor, and list of committee members for both committees that the bills are assigned to. We have been closely tracking these bills and continue to work on trying to get the bills through both the Assembly and Senate so it can be sent to the Governor.

A-5075, Burzichelli's Fire Museum Bill was heard this week in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and was released by the committee.

A-5210, Burzichelli's Firemen's Home Association Bill was introduced on January 4, 2021 and was referred to the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian E. Martone
Legislative Committee Chairman
First Assistant Secretary

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Report on increased payments as a result of Executive Committee decisions as of 12/31/2020

<u>JANUARY - JUNE</u>	<u>1/1/2019 thru 6/30/2019</u>		<u>1/1/2020 thru 6/30/2020</u>		<u>Incr. \$ Paid</u>	<u>Incr. % Paid</u>	<u>Paid out by</u>
Healthcare	\$109,765.31	43	\$478,836.69	80	\$369,071.38	336.24%	State Office
Special Relief	\$140,567.91	66	\$362,157.00	86	\$221,589.09	157.64%	State Office
Subtotal - State	\$250,333.22		\$840,993.69		\$590,660.47	235.95%	
Supplemental Relief	\$365,045.05	53	\$425,432.66	42	\$60,387.61	16.54%	Local Assoc.
TOTAL - COMBINED	\$615,378.27		\$1,266,426.35		\$651,048.08	105.80%	COMBINED
<u>JULY - DECEMBER</u>	<u>7/1/2019 thru 12/31/2019</u>		<u>7/1/2020 thru 12/31/2020</u>		<u>Incr. \$ Paid</u>	<u>Incr. % Paid</u>	<u>Paid out by</u>
Healthcare	\$220,026.52	53	\$1,094,164.48	79	\$874,137.96	397.29%	State Office
Special Relief	\$287,053.78	128	\$505,126.00	120	\$218,072.22	75.97%	State Office
Subtotal - State	\$507,080.30		\$1,599,290.48		\$1,092,210.18	215.39%	
Supplemental Relief	\$767,788.76	109	\$890,012.05	94	\$122,223.29	15.92%	Local Assoc.
TOTAL - COMBINED	\$1,274,869.06		\$2,489,302.53		\$1,214,433.47	95.26%	COMBINED
<u>CONSOLIDATED JANUARY - DECEMBER</u>	<u>1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2019</u>		<u>1/1/2020 thru 12/31/2020</u>		<u>Incr. \$ Paid</u>	<u>Incr. % Paid</u>	<u>Paid out by</u>
Healthcare	\$329,791.83	71	\$1,573,001.17	124	\$1,243,209.34	376.97%	State Office
Special Relief	\$427,621.69	194	\$867,283.00	206	\$439,661.31	102.82%	State Office
Subtotal - State	\$757,413.52		\$2,440,284.17		\$1,682,870.65	222.19%	
Supplemental Relief	\$1,132,833.81	162	\$1,315,444.71	136	\$182,610.90	16.12%	Local Assoc.
TOTAL - COMBINED	\$1,890,247.33		\$3,755,728.88		\$1,865,481.55	98.69%	COMBINED
<u>BURIAL CLAIMS JANUARY - DECEMBER</u>	<u>1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2019</u>		<u>1/1/2020 thru 12/31/2020</u>		<u>Incr. \$ Paid</u>	<u>Incr. % Paid</u>	<u>Paid out by</u>
Burial Claims	\$10,798,872.51	970	\$12,068,462.11	1067	\$1,269,589.60	11.76%	State Office