

**ABRIDGED REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

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.

Executive Committeeman Mellert gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was held. First Assistant Secretary Brian Martone announced that all members were present except for Second Assistant Secretary Dreby Executive Committeemen Florio and Lenarski who were excused. Also present was Past President Frank Gunson. Past Executive Committeeman Wayne Kepler, Past Executive Committeeman Neil Gallo, Warren County Executive Committeeman elect Joseph Mecsey III, Camden County Firemen's Home Manager Cassmiro DeLaurentis and Past Field Examiner James Kenny.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Abridged Minutes and Verbatim Minutes of the July 15, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting, both verbal and abridged were approved as distributed on a motion by Executive Committeeman Fazekas seconded by Executive Committeeman Mazzarella. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Secretary Pelaia said there was no current Communications other than those in your packet. Motion made by Executive Committeeman Lane, seconded by Executive Committeeman Otterbein to accept Correspondence distributed. Motion Carried

**LIFE MEMBER REPORT:** Secretary Pelaia said there is no Life Member Report for this meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Vice President Hankins :Vice President Hankins said he had no written report:

**Secretary's Report:** His written report is in your packet.

**First Assistant Secretary Report:** He stated that the new business cards have been issued. Anyone having a problem with them should see him after the meeting.

**Second Assistant Secretary Report:** No Report

**Treasurer Report:** He stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter outside review report of the General Fund and the calendar year audit for the Pension Fund were completed by PKF, our auditors, and were sent out to all the Executives. He is also working on getting the IRS issues with the Associations who lost their tax-exempt status for not filing their 990's in a timely manner. He is also working with intuit to have direct deposit for our employees and retirees.

**Field Examiner Report:** Her report is in your packet. She thanked everybody for their assistance with the Field Exams this spring. She advised the Executives who have Field Exams in 2024, that we will have a schedule for those after the first of the year. Also, she reminded the Executives that Relief Applications will be collected at the caucuses as was done this year, when they are being examined,

**Counsel:** Counsel Cavallo reported no report

**Assistant Counsel Morris:** No Report

**President's Report:** President Ordway reported the following:

- 1) He introduced our new Executive Committeeman from Warren County, Mr. Joseph Mecsey III. The State Office will be closed October 9, November 7, and November 10.
- 2) Special and Supplemental Relief Applications for 2023 must be submitted to the State office no later than December 1, 2023. This deadline is necessary because the Field Examiner needs to review the reports to make sure that they are complete and forwarded to the Advisory prior to their last meeting in December.
- 3) Third Quarter Relief ends on September 30 and Relief paid reports must be submitted online by October 31,
- 4) Pink and Blue forms are due into the State Office November 1, 2023.
- 5) If anyone has a problem with submitting reports online, please call the office. Some problems that you have could be systemwide and by you notifying us we can correct the problem.
- 6) President Ordway reminded everyone of the Convention times and thanked the Officers and most especially the office staff for their efforts to prepare for the convention.
- 7) He reminded everyone that there will be a workshop held on Saturday at 9am in the big room at Convention Hall.
- 8) Caucus and Workshop sites must be ADA compliant. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** We had to change the venue in a Caucus because it was not ADA compliant,

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advisory Committee:** Chairman Mellert that the report is submitted and in the packets.

**Compendium Committee –** Chairman Walker reported Work in Progress.

**Delegate and Life Member Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** The report of the August 17 meeting is in the packets.

**Firemen's Home:** Chairman Otterbein reports are in the packets.

**Health Care Committee:** Chairman Reeves reports that his report is in the packets, and he reported that so far this year we have surpassed what we paid out last year.

**Investment Committee:** Chairman that he has had discussions with Treasurer and Jim Rice our investment advisor, and they are investigating interest rates for future investments.

**Legislative Committee:** Chairman Martone reported that he has been speaking to members from Fort Lee and Edgewater regarding State taxes being exempt from stipends that members receive. The members from both Fort Lee and Edgewater have been in touch with Senator Johnson from Bergen County to sponsor the Bill. President Ordway inquired about the bill regarding exemption from State Income Taxes. Chairman Martone reported that the Legislators have not returned from Summer Break but when they do both the Income Tax Bill and Cancer Screening Bill will be on the Legislature's agendas, Vice President Hankins then mentioned that when the Executives pick their Legislative committee member that they pick someone who will be in touch with their local Legislators. The Committee has been talking to some of the Legislators and they did not know we have a Legislative Committee .

**Long Range Planning:** Chairman Spiegel reported that his report is in the packets and one was mailed out last week to all Executives. At the committee meeting there were 5 actions discussed which do not need a vote and will be discussed under New Business. 3 items are still being reviewed which will be voted on at a future meeting, and 3 other items will be voted on under New Business.

**PENSION COMMITTEE:** Treasurer Mullen said the committee met this morning. Our Pension Guarantee premium was lowered to \$6,000.00 from \$33,786 since our vested benefits are now fully funded.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:** The Committee discussed the Resolutions at the July Executive Committee Meeting. He said the 5 submitted Resolutions will be discussed at the Convention session on Friday. A NO vote is recommended on these 5 Resolutions. President Ordway then mentioned that the 3 "House Keeping" Resolutions will also be discussed for a total of 8 Resolutions.

**SALARY COMMITTEE:** No Report

**FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Chairman Naylis reported that there will be a Fire Commission meeting at 10:00 this morning.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Ordway asked if there was any report on the Associations that are under review. There were none. The First Assistant Secretary said the Secretary's Manual is complete. There is a little tweaking that must be done and then it will be on the website. He is also working on the Treasurer's Manual and be completed shortly and put online also.

**EXEECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman to allow the Officers to attend the League of Municipalities Convention. **On a Roll Call Vote – PASSED 19-0**
- 2) A motion was made to have the Application for Membership made available online for the Local Secretary, Local Treasurer, and Local Officers. Executive Committeeman Spiegel then explained that the Committee's reason is that the applications would be readily available, and they would be the up-to-date version. Executive Committeeman Otterbein then asked if there was any downside to doing this and President Ordway responded that a) the online Application will be 2 separate pages since it is presently one page (front and back), b) we will make the online application limited to be download by the Local Officers. We are limiting it so that people cannot download the Application and just send it in without the Local Association knowing it. On a motion made by Executive Committeeman Roemmich, second Executive Naylis to accept the committee's recommendation. **Passed.**
- 3) The next item for discussion was to have Forms 106 and 107 (Pink and Blues) auto-populate the attendance at convention. The forms will be downloaded and made available in about 2 – 3 days following the Convention. When the treasurers receive the auto-populated form they would only need to list the check number, the amount of the check and the signatures of the local President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also, it was emphasized that the white vouchers will still need to be signed by the Delegate/Alternate and Life Member and submitted to the local treasurer. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman to move forward with proposal. **Passed**
- 4) Executive Committeeman Spiegel reported that the Long-Term Planning Committee recommends that the Association issue either an I-pad or tablet to the members of the Executive Committee so that the packets for the meeting and other documents be made readily available to them at a meeting and other business. There was much discussion which included issues such as OPRA requests that are on the devices, memory and if Executives can still receive the information on paper. Counsel Cavallo and Counsel Morris said that each Member will need to have a NJSFA e-mail address, so that all the information will be both on the devices and our server should we receive an OPRA request,

President Ordway said that anyone wishing the information that is sent to the devices on paper, can still receive it that way. He also said that the devices will have enough memory to store the documents. A motion was made Executive Committeeman Fazekas and seconded by Executive Committeeman Kurdyla to purchase the I-Pads or tablets. **On a Roll Call vote PASSED 18-1.** Counsel Cavallo then stated that prior to receiving a device that an Acceptable Use Policy then be drafted and the member prior to receiving the device must then sign for it. Executive Committeeman Spiegel then reported on the other items that are still being discussed. They are a) No member who is a Delegate to the Convention can be an Alternate also, b) A 9999 Delegates (Chief 'or Exempt Delegate) who is a member of different Association cannot be a Delegate in their own Association in the same year, c) The total administrative expenses allowable for a Local Association will now be printed on the Financial Standing Report. d) They are looking at changing the barcode on the Delegate and Life Member's registration card to a QR code, so that code can be sent to a member's phone enabling the member instead a card they can use their phone to register at Caucuses and Convention, e) Do we need the Red Book printed since it is our website? F) Eliminating the Convention Delegate and Life Member's badges. g) Updating the "We want you to know" brochure, to include more of the benefits available to them. These items will be discussed at the next committee meeting which will be held after the first of the year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 1) President Ordway announced that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be on November 18, 2023, at the State Office.
- 2) Executive Committeeman Spiegel reminded everyone that the National Fallen Firefighters Event will be Friday Evening at the Seaport Pier beginning at 7pm.
- 3) Vice President Hankins thanked Executive Committeewoman Badger for the cake this morning honoring Executive Committeeman Mellert on his retirement.
- 4) President Ordway then mentioned that this was Executive Committeeman Mellert's last Executive Committee Meeting. He thanked him for his 40 years of service. His remarks were followed by a standing ovation for Executive Committeeman Mellert.
- 5) Executive Committeeman Mellert thanked all the Past Officers and Executive Committee for their assistance and support over the past 40 years

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Executive Committeeman Mellert, seconded by all, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

# NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

1711 Route 34 South, Wall Township, NJ 07727

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2023

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PRES    ABS

NAME	TITLE	PRES	ABS	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	E	E						
EDWARD R. MULLEN	TREASURER	X							
JENNIE HOLLINGSWORTH	FIELD EXAMINER	X							
FRANK P. CAVALLO, JR.	COUNSEL	X							
GEORGE M. MORRIS	ASS'T COUNSEL	X							
				Vote # 1 - Officers Attend the League of Municipalities Convention.		Vote # 2 - Approval of Ipsads for Executives and Officers.			
				YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC	X		X		X			
GERARD J. NAYLIS	BERGEN	X		X		X			
STEPHEN C. FAZEKAS	BURLINGTON	X		X		X			
NORMAN F. FIGUEROA, JR.	CAMDEN	X		X			X		
DANIEL F. SPEIGEL	CAPE MAY	X		X		X			
JAMES F. REEVES	CUMBERLAND	X		X		X			
RICHARD C. OTTERBEIN	ESSEX	X		X		X			
GLENN D. ROEMMICH	GLOUCESTER	X		X		X			
LAWERENCE J. HANDLIN	HUDSON	X		X		X			
JOHN R. PHILLIPS	HUNTERDON	X		X		X			
JOSEPH M. LENARSKI	MERCER	E	E	----	----	----	----		
ANDREW MAZZARELLA	MIDDLESEX	X		X		X			
ROBERT J. KELLY	MONMOUTH	X		X		X			
EUGENE T. MINELL	MORRIS	X		X		X			
JOSEPH JUBERT	OCEAN	X		X		X			
JOHN V. LANE	PASSAIC	X		X		X			
FRANCIS X. WALKER, JR.	SALEM	X		X		X			
ALLEN F. KURDYLA	SOMERSET	X		X		X			
DANIEL L. SCHEUER	SUSSEX	X		X		X			
NICHOLAS J. FLORIO	UNION	E	E	----	----	----	----		
KONRAD A. MELLERT	WARREN	X		X		X			
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>		

GUESTS: Past President, Frank Gunson  
 Past Field Examiner, James Kenny  
 Past Executive Comm, Monmouth Co Wayne Kepler  
 Past Executive Com, Somerset Co Neil Gallo  
 Warren County Executive Comm Elect, Joseph Mecsey III  
 Cassmiro DeLaurentis, Camden Co Firemen's Home Manager

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## **146<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Firemen's Association Convention 2023 Caucus/Convention Secretary's Report**

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Officers, Office Staff, and you the members, of this Great Association for your help, assistance and encouragement in making this job easier and more efficient.

During the past year, the officers and staff worked diligently to streamline our and to make things easier for the local associations. We continue to improve our website by digitizing and simplifying many of our forms.

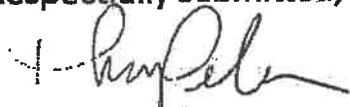
We now have the Compendium online and shortly an updated Secretary – Treasurer Manual will be online. We have separated the Secretary Treasurer manual into a Secretary Manual and a Treasurer Manual.

I am happy to report that processed 1157 new Applications for Membership for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023. We also had 327 members attain Life Member Status and 661 members received their Qualification last year. Unfortunately, we had 752 members pass away during the fiscal year.

In would like to remind everyone that our office stands ready to answer any questions that our members may have. Our office phone number and email addresses are located on our website [www.njsfa.com](http://www.njsfa.com) .

In closing I would like to say that it has been an honor to serve all our members  
And I hope you have the confidence in me to continue to serve you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Pelaia  
Secretary

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 QUARTER ENDING: SEPTEMBER, 30 2023

CHECKS ISSUED IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS

1 @	\$975.00	\$975.00
1 @	\$1,366.66	\$1,366.66
1 @	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1 @	\$3,258.00	\$3,258.00
1 @	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
1 @	\$3,635.00	\$3,635.00
1 @	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
1 @	\$4,593.00	\$4,593.00
1 @	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00
1 @	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1 @	\$5,550.00	\$5,550.00
1 @	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
1 @	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
1 @	\$7,361.00	\$7,361.00
1 @	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00
1 @	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00
1 @	\$8,365.00	\$8,365.00
1 @	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00
1 @	\$8,742.00	\$8,742.00
1 @	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
1 @	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00
1 @	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1 @	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
1 @	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00
1 @	\$11,492.00	\$11,492.00
7 @	\$11,500.00	\$80,500.00
159 @	\$12,000.00	\$1,908,000.00
2 @	\$24,000.00	\$48,000.00
1 @	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
		\$2,233,726.66



REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 QUARTER ENDING: SEPTEMBER, 30 2023

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CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	235	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	190	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	235	\$2,739,605.75
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	190	\$2,221,726.66
1 - WIDOW	100	\$1,221,750.00
2 - DAUGHTER	40	\$419,111.00
3 - SON	25	\$273,501.66
4 - MOTHER	3	\$60,000.00
5 - FATHER	2	\$24,000.00
6 - UNDERTAKER	16	\$171,754.00
N - CAREGIVER	6	\$58,042.00
P - SISTER	1	\$975.00
T - SISTER-IN-LAW	1	\$4,593.00
	191	\$2,233,726.66

EXPLANATION - NO CLAIMS

NO CLAIMS WERE FILED

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September 14, 2023

## **FIELD EXAMINERS REPORT**

The following applications for Supplementary Relief, Special Relief, and Health Care were processed thus far in 2023.

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Active Claims</b>	<b>Amount Paid YTD</b>
Special Relief	123	105	18		\$ 473,596.00
Supplementary Relief	69	53	16		\$ 612,876.00
Health Care Program	216	207	9	386	\$ 9,524,068.59

### Notes

- Thank you for all the help with the Field Exams.
- Please remind your locals to bring their 2023 relief applications to the 2024 caucus for collecting.

Sincerely,

*Jennie Hollingsworth*

Jennie Hollingsworth  
Field Examiner

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Edward R. Mullen, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer  
Jennie Hollingsworth, Field Examiner  
Gary D. Schwartz, M.D. Consultant

Date: September 14, 2023

To: Executive Committee

From: Special Relief Committee

The Special Relief Committee Report

- Applications Approved YTD: 105
- For a total of \$473,596.00

<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
2021	178	\$812,217.00
2022	159	\$757,456.00

Respectfully Submitted,

*Konrad Mellert*

Konrad Mellert, Chairman

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August 7, 2023

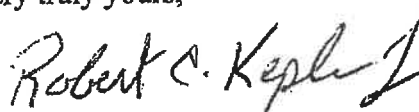
To: Officers and Members  
New Jersey State Firemen's Association

In the course of their duties during the past year, the Finance Committee of the Association has met four times at the Wall Township office and each time has conducted an in-depth review and audit of the Association's accounts. These meetings were held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. In the course of these audits, the Treasurer was available to provide explanatory assistance to the satisfaction of the Committee when and if needed.

The reviews covered the reconciliation of all checks, vouchers, ledger entries and bank statements for the General fund, Burial Fund, Pension, General Checking, Assessment and Special Relief accounts. The Association income documents, bank statements, and credit and debit documents were found to be accurate and in satisfactory condition.

No recommendations for changes were made at the conclusion of these audits and this report.

Very truly yours,



Robert C. Kepler, Jr., Chairman



Edward A. Pettit, Jr.



John A. Delesandro, III

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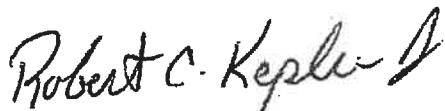
Dear Mr. President:

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on August 7, 2023 at the office of the Association. At that time, the accounts of the Association were audited for the Fourth Quarter ending June 30, 2023. Treasurer Edward R. Mullen was available as needed and cooperated fully with the Committee in providing satisfactory answers to any questions that arose during the audit.

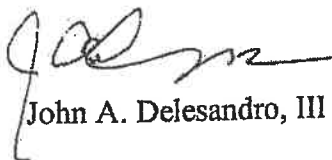
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The Committee considers the accounts of the Association to be in satisfactory condition and has no recommendations to make at this time.

Very truly yours,



Robert C. Kepler, Jr., Chairperson



John A. Delesandro, III



Edward A. Pettit, Jr.



**NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN — ESSEX COUNTY**

**Richard C. Otterbein**  
18 Sunset Road  
West Caldwell, NJ 07006

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Cell: 973-809-3004  
Email: rotterbein@yahoo.com

**Date: August 24, 2023**

**To: Officers and Executive Committeepersons**

**From: Rich Otterbein, Chairman, NJSFA Firemen's Home Liaison Committee**

**Subject: NJS Firemen's Home Report**

**Meetings: 8/12/23 Executive Board**

**8/12/23 Executive Board Meeting**

- BBQ season is continuing.
- John Veras continuing to have dialogue with the State Dept. of Health.
- Building and Grounds Committee report: The Vreeland Avenue House has not yet been raised. Painting in the facility continuing; roofing replacement on Dorms D & E complete.
- Easement/License with the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority operating on the Home property under review by Legal Counsel. Marijuana – control of substance at the Home being reviewed.
- Finance: Bills: \$418,651.35 for the period 6/6 – 8/8; Motion to approve bills passed.
- By-Laws: still under review. The committee will meet later in August.
- Census (as of 8/12/23): 61 Long Term, 6 in Memory Care; 9 Residential = 76.  
6/12/23 Applications Committee Report attached.
- Ad-Hoc Committee Report: Manager Wilson reported on the 8/8/23 Joint Meeting.
- Golf Committee: Some funds to be allocated for new chairs in the auditorium.
- Next meeting: Convention Meeting; Full Board – 9/14/23, 3:00 PM, at Urie's Restaurant, Wildwood, NJ.

## **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**8/12/2023**

The Applications Committee held their meeting, on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, at 9:00am.

Attending were: Mgrs. Freeman, Washer, and Miller. Managers Jeffer and Keyser were excused.  
Medical Staff: A. Bundrick and U. Baumgartner.

Guest(s): None  
Superintendent: Veras

The committee reviewed 5 applications. Four were accepted  
Since the last meeting there were two admission through July 31, 2023.

The monthly census as of 7/31/2023:  
Long Term Care: 67 (includes six in Lathrop Station).  
Residential: 9  
Total: 76

One resident answered his alarm from Passaic County.  
One resident from Essex County was discharged at his request.

The next meeting will be at the home on Tuesday September, 5 2023, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E. Freeman II Applications Chairman

# The New Jersey Firemen's Home

Census July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

Census as of 7/31/2023

-First Floor:	29	
-Lathrop Station Memory Care Unit:	6	67
-Second Floor:	32	
-Residential:	9	
<b><u>TOTAL: 76</u></b>		

Passing's: 1

Resident	County	Date
Joseph Pryor	Passaic- West Paterson	7/18/23

New Admissions: 2

Resident	County	Date
James Petroski-- Mt. Laurel FD	Burlington	7/6/23
Edwin Hackney -- Union FD	Union	7/26/23

Discharged: 1

Resident	County	Date
Joseph Miller	Essex	7/18/2023

8/1/2023 -- 8/10/2023

Admissions	Passed	Discharged
George Piltzecker- Essex -- Roseland FD		





**NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
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**Date: August 23, 2023**

**Subject: August 8, 2023 NJSFA/Firemen's Home Joint Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:**

**NJSFA Liaison Committee: Rich Otterbein, Jerry Naylis, Andy Mazzarella (by telephone), Larry Handlin (by telephone)**

**Firemen's Home Liaison Committee: Glenn Wilson, George Heflich (part-time), Tim Apgar (not in attendance)**

**In attendance: Robert Ordway, President NJSFA; John Veras, NJ Firemen's Home Superintendent**

**The fourth meeting of the joint NJSFA/Firemen's Home Liaison Committee was held at the Home on August 8, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM.**

**Discussions concerning the following items were held:**

- 1. Glenn Wilson provided to following Board of Managers update:**
  - **The Board of Managers voted not to consider changing the current 4-year Manager's term of office to a 2-year term. This would require a revision of the State Statute for the Home. Mr. Wilson cited his apprehension regarding commencing such a revision to the Statute.**
  - **By-Law Committee reviewing the firefighter qualifications for entering the Home.**
  - **The Board of Managers tabled a resolution for a joint NJSFA/Home actuarial study.**
  - **Applications – Home could have 80 guests in residence shortly.**

2. Qualifications for firefighter admittance to the Home.  
Discussion: Qualification requirements might include a Firefighter 1 certificate in conjunction with other means of service vesting such as Exempt certification or NJSFA qualifying status. No resolution.
3. The Home Statute (30:7-1) is outdated and should be reviewed and revised.  
Discussion: A revision should incorporate the removal of the second Manager allocation for Essex & Hudson and other potential changes. Manager Wilson voiced his reluctance to consider any changes to the Home Statute. No resolution.
4. The Home is considering moving to single room occupancies.  
Discussion: The Home believes this change is in the best interest of the guests. The State of New Jersey is reviewing this concept for Nursing homes. The Home is currently listed by the State as a Licensed Long-Term Health Care facility. No resolution.
5. The amount of Reserve/Surplus funds carried by the Home.  
Discussion: The Home indicates some of the current Reserve/Surplus will be used in future budgets. No resolution.
6. Home Long Term Planning Committee (unknown if currently in existence) will have a feasibility/actuarial study prepared solely for the Home. The Home will prepare a 5/10-year long term plan and will consider State programs for incorporation in the plan.
7. Home By-Law Committee to make a recommendation concerning the future of the Executive Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at 6:00 PM, October 24, 2023, at the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Otterbein, Chairman  
Larry Handlin, Member  
Andy Mazzarella, Member  
Jerry Naylis, Member

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Date: September 14, 2023

To: Executive Committee

The Health Care Committee Report:

## **HEALTH CARE**

NEW CLAIMS Y/T/D 207 OF THAT  
FIREFIGHTER Y/T/D 123  
SPOUSE Y/T/D 84  
PAID YTD \$9,524,068.59  
ACTIVE CLAIMS TOTAL – 386

## **HEALTH CARE**

2017	35	\$ 99,600.06
2018	44	\$ 141,376.99
2019	71	\$ 329,791.83
2020	87	\$ 1,566,201.17
2021	190	\$4,052,639.95
2022	272	\$8,296,092.42

Sincerely,

*James Reeves*

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Health Care Committee

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## **Legislative Committee Report September 14, 2023**

To: Officers & All Members of the Executive Committee,

The 2022-2023 Legislative Session has a total of 10,177 bills introduced so far as of this report. The Legislative Committee is currently tracking 180 bills that relate to the fire service. The Governor has signed 320 bills into law and has forty-seven bills sitting on his desk as of today.

Two of our tracked bills are currently sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed. A-5179, "Fire Life Safety Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Verification Act"; Requires routine maintenance and periodic testing of smoke dampers, fire dampers, and smoke control systems in certain buildings by qualified personnel. S-861, allows municipalities to conduct an annual event for open burning of Christmas trees. One of our tracked bills has been signed into law since the last Executive Committee Meeting, A-5275, allows the municipality to determine if a newly appointed individual serving as municipal fire department chaplain will hold rank and receive salary and benefits. We are currently at six of our tracked bills that have been signed into law for this Legislative Session.

There are no meetings set on the schedule yet for the month of September as they are just getting back from the summer break. As soon as the schedule comes out, I will forward it to everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian E. Martone  
Legislative Committee Chairman  
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## **Legislative Committee Annual Convention Report September 15, 2023**

To All Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, Life Members, and Guests.

This is the Annual Convention Report for the Legislative Committee. The committee meets once annually and communicates weekly.

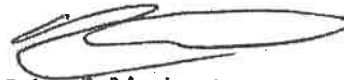
We are in the second year of the 220<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session which ends on January 9, 2024. The total bills that were introduced as of today are 10,177. The Legislative Committee is currently tracking 170 bills separated into two categories, 132 from Fire & Emergency Services and 48 from Pensions.

There have been 6 of our tracked bills signed into Law this Legislative Session (A-2158, A-4127, A4107, SJR-23, S-3090, and A-5275).

Two of our tracked bills have passed in both the Assembly and Senate and are currently sitting on the Governor's Desk waiting to be signed (A-5179 and S-861).

The Governor has signed 320 bills into law to date and currently has forty-seven bills sitting on his desk waiting to be signed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian E. Martone  
Legislative Committee Chairman  
First Assistant Secretary  
New Jersey State Firemen's Association



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**Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**  
**August 31, 2023, 09:00**

**No action necessary:**

1. Delegate/Alternate cannot be the same
2. Delegate and exempt/Chief cannot be the same
3. Dropdown boxes when choosing members for convention  
(These were combined and will be handled by state office through computer programmer)
4. There was discussion about a delegate/life member also attending convention as a 999 Chief delegate. Unable to track due to 999 number. Anyone with information specific to a member attending the convention twice for 2 associations should contact state office.
5. Financials/Admin expenses auto calculated for the 15% max upon financial submissions (computer programing done/being tested)

**Will research and/or review after convention:**

6. Delegate/Life Membership cards downloadable to phones for registration (2500 white .16/350 red .24)
7. Eliminate printing of red book (700 total) (\$12,000 approx. plus mailings)
8. Eliminating convention badges

**Items requiring action:**

9. Membership applications available on-line  
(Passed 3-2 to allow the four local officers & Exec to obtain on-line)
10. Pinks/Blues fillable on line with auto calculations and auto populate from convention attendance registration  
(no requirement to obtain delegate/life member signatures – will still input check numbers and amounts)
11. Financials/Admin expenses auto calculated for the 15% max upon financial submissions (computer programing required)
12. Ipads for Executive Committee and Officers - no more paper printed for meeting reports unless wanted (allows for downloaded meeting minutes, reports, etc. for future reference)

Adjournment made 10:15hrs.

Respectfully submitted

  
Daniel Speigel  
Chairman