

**ABRIDGED REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
WALL TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Ordway at 9am 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 Association 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.

Executive Committeeman Mellert gave the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Counsel Cavallo swore in the Officers and Executive Committee for their current term.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was held. First Assistant Secretary Brian Martone announced that all members were present except for Executive Committeewoman Badger, who was excused. Also present were Past Secretary Sanford Weinberg, Ocean County Firemen's Home Manager Roger Hull, Morris County Firemen's Home Manager Gary Keyser, Morris Plains FRA Secretary Mark Belles and Jersey City FRA Treasurer Michael Cleary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Abridged Minutes and Verbatim Minutes of the September 15, 2022, Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed on a motion by Executive Committeeman Fazekas, seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin. **Motion Carried** 20-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary Pelaia said there was a letter received from Executive Committeeman Lenarski recommending that Hopewell Township FRA 162 be removed from "Under Review" status.

LIFE MEMBERS:

Secretary Pelaia reported that 327 members achieved their Life Membership this year. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Kelly and seconded by Executive Committeeman Lane to grant Life Membership to all members who attained it at this year's convention. **Motion Carried**, 20-0. A list of those members is in the packets and attached to these minutes.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President Hankins: In addition to his written report:

1) He asked all Executive Committeemen to submit the time and location of their 2023 caucuses as soon as possible.

2) He stated that all Applications for Membership, Relief and Health Care are processed by our staff as soon as we receive them. We have no control over the post office and sometimes they take a week to get to us. He asked all executives to relay this to their associations.

3) The minor league baseball team, the Jersey Shore Blue Claws, gave us complimentary tickets to some of their games this past season. The tickets were distributed at the Morris and Ocean County caucuses. He has agreed to meet with the Blue Claws this year to further this program.

4) The New Jersey Firefighters Memorial and Museum is in need of volunteers to assist when the museum is open. Please pass this along to your associations.

Secretary Pelala: He had no written report but reported the following:

1) There will be two resolutions to be voted on under New Business regarding the 2023 convention. Both are the standard resolutions approved each year to have the associations elect delegates and an exempt delegate to the convention.

2) Certificates and pins for the 327 Life Members approved this morning will be sent to the association secretaries within the next two weeks.

3) We will be voting to remove Hopewell Township from "Under Review" status later in the meeting.

4) Beginning in 2023, it will be mandatory that the 2022 Active Membership reports (GREEN SHEETS) and the 2022 Financial Standing report be done online. The reports must be finalized online, printed, signed, and then sent to us via e-mail or fax. Instructions will be sent out in mid-December.

5) Officer Listings (due February 1) and Report of Delegates elected (due May 1) will also be done online, as they were last year.

4) An update to the compendium is progressing. The Revised Statutes chapter has been completed. There are several items under New Business that are either modifications or additions to the Rules and Regulations chapter which are being voted on today. Once approved we will then complete the updates and have the updated compendium put online.

First Assistant Secretary Brian Martone: No report.

Second Assistant Secretary Dreby:

1) The 2022 Memorial Service is now online. It is on the website's home page under the Annual Memorial Services tab.

Treasurer Mullen:

1) The 2021 audit is complete and has been distributed to all executives and will be part of these minutes.

2) The State Association's 990 tax return has been filed with the IRS.

3) He is working on having the IRS penalties dismissed for the associations that received them. Most of these penalties were issued because the association filed manually instead of online.

Field Examiner Hollingsworth: Her report is in your packet. Additionally:

1) Attached to her report is information regarding the number of members receiving the health care benefit in nursing homes both in state and out of state, with the amount paid year to date.

2) She has been working on streamlining the activities in her office to better assist the members who file applications.

Counsel Cavallo: No Report

Assistant Counsel Morris: No Report

President Ordway:

1) The State Office will be closed November 24th & 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The State Office will be closed starting Monday, December 26th for the winter break and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd. We will also be closed on Monday January 16th and Monday, February 20th.

2) Field Exams: If your county is scheduled for a field exam next spring, please respond to the Field Examiner with the date and place ASAP. Beginning in 2023 there will be no field exams done here in our office during business hours. If you cannot make it to your field exam, you will have two options: a) you must notify the office that you will attend a field exam in another county, or b) attend a one-day makeup date held here in our office on a Saturday where your exam will be done.

3) Applications for Special Relief & Supplemental Relief need to be received in the NJSFA State Office by Thursday, December 1 to be processed for this calendar year. He reminded everyone that Local Relief granted for 2022 must be paid by December 31.

4) The Annual Financial report will be available online shortly. This year you will have to enter each bank account separately along with interest. If you closed an account this past year, you should just enter a 0. If there was interest gained in that account, you should enter this figure. This will also assist you if you have an issue. The Year-end Relief Paid report consolidates the four (4) quarterly reports into one year-end report showing the total paid per individual in that association. Once the 4th quarter is finalized, the relief paid information can automatically be transferred over to the Annual Relief paid for the year.

5. Officer Listings are due no later than December 31. **REMEMBER:** The compendium states that officer elections are to be held in **December**.

6) The 2023 convention will be held on September 15-16. Registration will be from 7am to 11am both days. Friday's session will start at 11am with a few items handled by the dais; then the Memorial Service will start. The rest of business will continue at the conclusion of the Memorial Service. Saturday will once again be voting only, between 7am and 11am, the same as last year. The Verona Fire Department requested to be the Honor Guard and it has been approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVISORY/ SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTAL COMMITTEE: Executive Committeeman Mellert stated that his report is in the packets.

COMPENDIUM COMMITTEE: Executive Committeeman Walker has a report in the packets, to be discussed under New Business.

DELEGATE AND LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE: No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee report has been submitted and is attached to the minutes.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE: The report has been submitted.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No report. President Ordway stated that Valley Bank is paying 3.7% interest on checking accounts that are linked as a government account. Our association and local associations fall under "government entity". Therefore, if your association currently HAS a checking account or is opening a new checking account, please make sure that it is classified as such and that you will be receiving this interest rate. Anyone having problems with this should notify the State Office.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Chairman Martone said that there are two new members on his committee, Mr. Sharp for Atlantic County and Mr. Huebsch for Hudson County. The governor has signed three bills that were on our legislative list. First Assistant Secretary Martone, along with President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and Second Assistant Secretary Dreby have been meeting with several Assembly and Senate members regarding the Cancer Screening bill for volunteer firefighters. The bill will mirror the bills that were passed and signed into law for career firefighters. President Ordway added that all the legislators that they spoke with are completely positive regarding this legislation.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Chairman Speigel stated there is a report in the packets and the items will be brought up under New Business.

PENSION COMMITTEE: Treasurer Mullen stated that the committee met prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: No report.

SALARY COMMITTEE: No report.

FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION: Chairman Naylis reported that the commission will hold their January, March, and May meetings at the State Office. The division is working on cannabis guidance and reappointing the Peer Review committee. Free smoke detectors are again available from the division. The division is trying to recruit new inspectors.

APPLICATIONS:

1) On a motion by Executive Committeeman Lenarski, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio to remove the Hopewell Relief Association from under review. **Passed 20-0**

2) President Ordway inquired from Executive Committeeman Naylis if Washington Township (Bergen County) is ready to be removed from "Under Review" status. Executive Committeeman Naylis said that

they are making progress and he wants to wait to the end of the year. Executive Committeeman Mazzarella also mentioned that Helmetta is making progress and he also wants to wait until the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) President Ordway discussed a report that is in the packets regarding changing the amount for subsidy. The report has figures that he would like to review, and a decision will be made at the February Executive Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Naylis, seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin, to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of Executive Committeeman John Lane as Chairman of the Executive Committee. **Passed 20-0.**

2) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Handlin, seconded by Executive Committeeman Otterbein, to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of Committeeman Robert Kelly as Secretary of the Executive Committee. **Passed 20-0.**

3) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Mellert, seconded by Executive Committeeman Walker to accept Resolutions 1 and 2, which call for associations to elect delegates and alternates to the convention and Exempt Associations to elect a delegate and alternate to the 2023 convention. **Passed 20-0.**

4) A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Kelly, seconded by Executive Committeeman Otterbein, to engage the services of PKF O'Connor Davies as our outside auditors for the year 2022-2023. On a roll call vote, **Passed 20-0.**

5) President Ordway stated that there is an Executive Committee meeting schedule for 2023 in your packet. He said he has two dates listed for July (July 15 and 22). The Firemen's Home Board of Managers meeting was changed to July 15 (the day of our meeting) due to the 4th of July holiday. He asked if we should change the date for our meeting so that the two meetings don't conflict. On a motion made by Executive Committeeman Otterbein, seconded by Executive Committeeman Roemmich, to move our meeting date to July 22. **Passed 20-0.**

6) President Ordway stated there was a recommendation to have the relief amount a local can pay put on the Secretary and Treasurer tabs on the website. President Ordway will work on it with our programmers to accomplish this,

7) President Ordway informed everyone that the Long Range Planning Committee requested that we put the relief applications on the "Forms" tab on the website. This has been done. We need to monitor it here in the office to see if there is any confusion with their use. We will also be putting the pink and blue forms online also, with the hope that we can make that form fillable.

8) The Long Range Planning Committee also discussed the issue of local associations' documents being kept in the state of NJ. Some officers live out of state and when the documents are needed, it takes a while to get them. For example, during the field exams, an association could not have the examination completed because the secretary or treasurer had the records and lived out of state. Executive Committeeman Kelly suggested the records be kept in a secure cabinet in a firehouse. As an example, an officer had a major fire in his home and some of the records were destroyed. Field Examiner

Hollingsworth responded that this may be an issue in some of the larger associations where there are quite a few firehouses, and it will be difficult to have them readily available. President Ordway responded that there have been damages to firehouses also, so we should leave it as proposed. Executive Committeeman Naylis then suggested that we investigate a way to preserve documents in the Cloud. This should solve most of the issues. President Ordway then asked Assistant Counsel Morris to review the best way that this can be accomplished and have a report for our next meeting. A motion was then made by Executive Committeeman Naylis that at this time we establish the protocol that all records must be kept in the state of NJ, seconded by Executive Committeeman Kelly. Executive Committeeman Lenarski then inquired what about an officer who lives, for instance, five miles across the border. President Ordway responded that we need to make one policy because then officers who live 10 or 20 miles away would want an exception. Executive Committeeman Fazekas asked when this will start, as some officers have already left for Florida etc. Executive Committeeman Naylis then amended his motion that this protocol be effective January 1, 2023. Executive Committeeman Kelly agreed to the amendment. **On a roll call vote, Passed 20-0.**

9) Compendium Committee Chairman Walker reported that the committee reviewed the question as to whether members should receive credit for duty nights. The Executive Committee asked that it continue to be reviewed.

10) Compendium Committee Chairman Walker then reported that the committee reviewed a request to expand the reasons that a member can be removed from an association. Executive Committeeman Kelly made a motion to adopt the motion, seconded by Executive Committeeman Jubert. Executive Committeeman Naylis then questioned the wording of "Moral Turpitude" in the amendment as far as the interpretation. A motion was made to table this until Counsel Cavallo reports back regarding the definition of "Moral Turpitude". A motion was made Executive Committeeman Naylis to table this until we receive counsel's definition, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio. **On a roll call vote, Tabled 14 - 6.** At this time Counsel Cavallo will review the committee's recommendation and report to us at the next meeting.

11) Compendium Committee Chairman Walker next reported that he had polled his committee to see if health care should have the same or like payment scale as the burial benefit regarding time in the association. It is suggested that we mirror the burial benefit scale. President Ordway explained that a new member with less than a month of service at this time gets the full benefit. The feeling of the committee is that the member should have some qualifying time to be eligible for this benefit. President Ordway mentioned that a sliding scale was also discussed as it related to relief, but the Health Care program is managed by our office, whereas local relief is managed by the local association. Executive Committeeman Spiegel noted that the scale will climb 12.5% each year. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Spiegel, seconded by Executive Committeeman Phillips to adopt a scale for the Health Care program. A question was asked as to when it will become effective. It was decided that it will be effective March 1, 2023, when the Active Membership reports are received. **On a roll call vote, Passed 19-1.**

12) The Compendium Committee had President Ordway explain the discussion and recommendation regarding members who receive 0% for five continuous years being removed from the rolls. President Ordway stated that he had a preliminary search done to see how many members fell into this category. He found that 1,333 members have had five consecutive years with 0% which is one half of one percent of our members. Executive Committeeman Spiegel made a motion to adopt this as presented, seconded by Executive Committeeman Lane. This would not take place until 2024. There was discussion on the motion; Executive Committeeman Naylis asked for clarification. Did this only include those with 0% and not those who did not make their 25%? President Ordway said yes, only those who have 0%. Executive Committeeman Scheuer inquired as to whether a member having 83 months followed by five years of 0% would be removed? President Ordway responded yes, they will. A statement was then made that this does not affect members on military leave. (Associations are reminded that when a member goes on military leave, the association must notify the State Office when that person goes on military leave and when they return.) Executive Committeeman Otterbein asked if it was the last five years? President

Ordway reiterated the last five consecutive years. He also stated that if a member has four consecutive years and gets 1% in the fifth year, the clock starts over again. President Ordway stated that after the Membership Reports are received on February 28, an association will be notified if they have members who have four consecutive years at 0% and the local should notify those members that if they have 0% for 2023, they will be dropped from the rolls. **On a roll call vote: Passed 20-0**

13) Compendium Committee Chairman Walker referred to a question that was submitted, inquiring if a member receives an injury in the line of duty and cannot return to duty, will the member be qualified, as under the current policy, as a Line of Duty death? The committee recommends that they should be considered qualified. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Handlin, seconded by Executive Committeeman Speigel, to accept the recommendation of the Compendium Committee. **On a roll call vote, Passed 20-0**

14) Compendium Committee Chairman Walker reported that a question was submitted to the committee: does a per-diem firefighter receive the same 100% towards qualification as a career firefighter? After some discussion it was agreed that we need to do more research into this question, especially regarding any law that may prohibit this.

15) Long Range Planning Chairman Speigel reported that the committee discussed putting relief applications on our website under "forms". He also mentioned that they are recommending that forms 101 (Local Relief), 102 (Supplementary Relief) and 113 (Special Relief) be identical so that it will be easier once they are downloaded online. All you need to do is mark the check box on the top, signifying what type of relief you are using the form for. He also mentioned that we are looking into putting the pink and blue convention forms online also. President Ordway mentioned that we are also looking to make some or all of these forms "form fillable". These forms are now online. We will also be investigating if the Applications for Membership could be put online in the future.

16) Executive Committeeman Otterbein asked how we are going to monitor if an association's books are kept in the state. President Ordway responded that we will not be going to the association to check on this. When we are alerted that an association's books are not available, we will investigate, and if it is realized that they are not kept in NJ, the association will be put out of accord.

17) Vice President Hankins mentioned that everyone received a challenge coin that he had made. Our logo is on it. He encouraged any executive that wants to have a challenge coin made do so. See the Vice President for details. Since our logo is on the coin, the Executive Committee must approve the use of it. A motion was made by Executive Committeeman Speigel, seconded by Executive Committeeman Walker to allow the Officers and Executive Committee only to use the logo on challenge coins. Also, it was mentioned that the challenge coins are at the expense of the officer and executive. **Passed, 19-1.**

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 that the secretary will note all comments and because of this, he asked anyone speaking to state their name and address before speaking and to keep their comments to a three-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.

1) Michael Cleary, Treasurer of the Jersey City Firemen's Relief Association asked if the \$10,000.00 cap on administrative expenses for officers, representatives, and trustees, which has been in effect since 2014, be reviewed. President Ordway said it will be forwarded to the Compendium Committee.

There were no further public comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1) President Ordway thanked all committees and the Executive Committee for their participation today. We got a lot accomplished. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays. There will be a holiday luncheon on December 15 at the office for the members of the Executive Committee. He congratulated Executive Committeeman Figueroa on his retirement from active service in his fire department. He mentioned that if anyone needs information on OPRA requests, they should contact the office.

2) Secretary Pelaia thanked everyone for their cards and telephone calls regarding his current health issues.

3) Executive Committeeman Mazzarella thanked everyone for their cards and condolences on the loss of his brother.

4) Executive Committeemen Speigel and Lenarski clarified with Field Examiner Hollingsworth the information on the list in their packets regarding bank statements.

5) Executive Committeeman Lane thanked the executives for their confidence in him and Executive Committeemen Kelly for their support in electing them Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee.

6) Executive Committeeman Naylis thanked everyone for their cards, well wishes and prayers since his recent surgery.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Executive Committeeman Speigel, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio to adjourn the meeting, **Passed 20-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pelaia

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PRES ABS

NAME	TITLE	X		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ROBERT F. ORDWAY	PRESIDENT	X							
JOSEPH T. HANKINS	VICE PRESIDENT	X							
THOMAS J. PELAI	SECRETARY	X							
BRIAN E. MARTONE	1ST ASS'T SECY	X							
RICHARD K. DREBY	2ND ASS'T SECY	X							
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 - Appoint PKF O'Connor Davies as the Auditor for Next Fiscal Year 2023.		Vote # 2 - All Local Secretary & Treasurer Records must be kept in the State of NJ as of 1/1/2023.		Vote # 3 - Motion to Table Compendium Committee Change for Removal of a Member.	
				YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
GERARD J. NAYLIS	BERGEN	X		X		X		X	
STEPHEN C. FAZEKAS	BURLINGTON	X		X		X			X
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	
JOSEPH JUBERT	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		29	1	20	0	20	0	14	6

GUESTS: Past Secretary, Sanford Weinberg
 Roger Hull, Ocean County Firemen's Home Manager
 Gary Keyser, Morris County Firemen's Home Manager

Micahel Cleary, Jersey City Relief Assoc.
 Mark Belles, Morris Plains Relief Assoc.

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						Vote # 4 - Approval of Sliding Scale for Health Care Programs to match Death Benefit Scale as of 01/01/2023.	Vote # 5 - Removal of Unqualified Member with 5 consecutive years of 0% as of 01/01/2024.		Vote # 6 - Members to be granted qualifying time for Line of Duty Injuries.	
					YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC				E	E	E	E	E	E
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				X		X		X	
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				X		X		X	
KONRAD A. MELLERT	WARREN				X		X		X	
TOTALS					19	1	20	0	20	0

RESOLUTION re: DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

BE IT RESOLVED, that an invitation to elect delegates and alternates shall be extended to all Relief Associations in accord with this State Association by **January 31, 2023**; and it further be:

RESOLVED, that the credentials of the delegates and alternates elected shall be filed in the Association office not later than **May 1, 2023** for certification of delegates and alternates as to their eligibility to serve at the 2023 Convention. Copy of the resolution to be made part of the invitation and recorded in the abridged report of this meeting.

Any Association which may fail in filing its credentials by **May 1, 2023**, shall be notified by the State Association in writing, to its local officers within fifteen days and a copy mailed to the respective Executive Committeeman, that they will **Not Be Seated**.

DATE

SECRETARY

RESOLUTION re: EXEMPT DELEGATE

WHEREAS, a local Relief Association which has within its jurisdiction, an Exempt Association organized within the municipality, **DULY INCORPORATED UNDER N.J.S.A. TITLE 15-A NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS** and who have elected representatives to serve on the local relief board, and are so recorded on the annual report made by the Treasurer; are entitled to elect an Exempt Delegate to serve at the Annual Convention; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given through the Secretary of the local relief association, to authorize the Exempt Association, provided the local Exempt Association has complied with N.J.S.A. TITLE 15-A, to elect before May 1st, one Delegate and one Alternate, one of whom is to serve at the 2023 Convention, credentials to be certified by the Secretary of the Exempt Association, and such credentials shall be returned to this office on or before **May 1, 2023** for certification as to the eligibility of the delegate or alternate elected to serve.

Any Association which may fail in filing its credentials by **May 1, 2023** shall be notified by the State Association in writing, to its local officers within fifteen days and a copy mailed to the respective Executive Committeeman, that they will, **Not Be Seated**.

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Jennie Hollingsworth, Field Examiner

SECRETARY'S REPORT **November 19, 2022**

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

- 1) Along with our office staff, processed the Convention Attendance Reports, and notified all local secretaries of the same.
- 2) Along with our office staff we processed the new Life Member list for 2022 and prepared the new Life Member certificates for mailing.
- 3) Attended the Compendium, Long Range Planning, and several Advisory Committee meetings.
- 4) Began the process of preparing for year end and year beginning reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Legislative Committee Report November 19, 2022

To: Officers & All Members of the Executive Committee,

The 2022-2023 Legislative Session has a total of 8,455 bills introduced so far as of this report. The Legislative Committee is currently tracking 135 bills that relate to the fire service. The Governor has signed 130 bills into law and has eight bills sitting on his desk.

Three of our tracked bills were signed into law since our last meeting.

A-4127, Mandates access to periodic cancer screening examinations for professional firefighters not enrolled in SHBP; makes appropriation.

A-4107, Makes various changes concerning regulation of emergency medical services; establishes mobile integrated health program and new state Emergency Medical Services Director in DOH.

SJR-23, Designates October of each year as "First Responders Appreciation Month."

There are Assembly & Senate Voting Sessions scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10:00 pm & 12:00pm.

President Ordway, Vice-President Hankins, Second Assistant Dreby, and I have been meeting with members of the Senate and Assembly this past month concerning new legislation for Cancer Screenings for Volunteer Firefighters. Legislation has been signed into law for Cancer Screening for Career Firefighters on two separate bills for members with and without the State Health Benefits Plan. We hope this new legislation can be broken down into two new bills that will cover Volunteer Firefighters with and with out the State Health Benefits Plan as well. As soon as we have bill numbers and draft verbiage for this legislation, I will share with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian E. Martone
Legislative Committee Chairman
First Assistant Secretary

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November 19, 2022

FIELD EXAMINERS REPORT

The following applications for Supplementary Relief, Special Relief, and Health Care were processed thus far in 2022.

Applications	Received	Approved	Denied	Active Claims	Amount Paid YTD
Special Relief	171	159	12		\$ 757,456.00
Supplementary Relief	101	79	22		\$ 1,061,213.00
Health Care	231	231	0	298	\$ 7,158,683.77

- The counties due for Field Exams in 2023 have been advised and I will be sending out date options in January.
- In your packet you will see a breakdown for reimbursement for nursing home care in and out of New Jersey in 2022.
- In your packet you will also see a breakdown of the special and supplemental relief given thus far in 2022.
- Over this past year, with the help of Brittany we have reorganized and sorted out all the Relief applications, Field Exams, 990's, Bank statements, health care files, and financials to make items more organized and accessible.

Sincerely,

Jennie Hollingsworth

Jennie Hollingsworth
Field Examiner

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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 QUARTER ENDING: SEPTEMBER, 30 2022

CHECKS ISSUED IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS

1 @	\$1,139.50	\$1,139.50
1 @	\$2,737.00	\$2,737.00
1 @	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1 @	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
1 @	\$3,833.34	\$3,833.34
1 @	\$3,908.00	\$3,908.00
1 @	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
7 @	\$6,000.00	\$42,000.00
1 @	\$6,960.00	\$6,960.00
2 @	\$7,000.00	\$14,000.00
1 @	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
1 @	\$7,666.66	\$7,666.66
1 @	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
1 @	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00
2 @	\$8,700.00	\$17,400.00
4 @	\$9,000.00	\$36,000.00
1 @	\$9,263.00	\$9,263.00
1 @	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
1 @	\$9,870.00	\$9,870.00
3 @	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
1 @	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00
1 @	\$10,860.50	\$10,860.50
1 @	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00
1 @	\$11,593.75	\$11,593.75
1 @	\$11,624.00	\$11,624.00
3 @	\$11,750.00	\$35,250.00
200 @	\$12,000.00	\$2,400,000.00
1 @	\$19,400.00	\$19,400.00
		\$2,739,605.75

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CLAIMS FILED BETWEEN JULY 01, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021	265	
CLAIMS FILED BETWEEN JULY 01, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	249	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021	325	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	235	
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021	325	\$3,654,740.60
CLAIMS PAID FOR PERIOD JULY 01, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	235	\$2,739,605.75
1 - WIDOW	107	\$1,281,150.00
2 - DAUGHTER	46	\$493,410.00
3 - SON	48	\$543,050.00
4 - MOTHER	2	\$24,000.00
6 - UNDERTAKER	30	\$332,398.25
N - CAREGIVER	5	\$41,597.50
O - EX-WIFE	1	\$12,000.00
R - SON-IN-LAW	1	\$12,000.00
	235	\$2,739,605.75

EXPLANATION - NO CLAIMS

NO CLAIMS WERE FILED

New Jersey State Firemen's Association Compendium Committee Meeting Minutes 10/13/2022

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

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

Item #1: The first item on the agenda which was held over from the last meeting was can members get credit towards Qualification for Duty Nights? President Ordway recommended that each Association is different and suggested that it be handled by the Local Association. This recommendation was approved by the Committee

Item #2: Should a member who commits an act of Sexual Abuse be stricken from the rolls of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. President Ordway stated that recent Legislation was introduced whereby a person Convicted of this crime can lose his pension no matter when the offense occurred. On the advice of Counsel Cavallo we should change the statement Sexual Abuse to Moral Turpitude. President Ordway then said that the Local Association needs to make the recommendation that the person be removed. Also, the Local Association needs to submit documentation regarding the crime with their recommendation. Once this request is received by the office a hearing will be held by the Advisory Committee and that they will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. After approval this will be added to Article XI, Discipline and Suspension, Section 1 as new paragraph (c) of the Constitution and By-Laws as found on page 14.

Item #3: Should we have a sliding scale like the Burial Benefit for Health Care, and Relief. There were 3 suggestions submitted in writing, one from Executive Committeeman Speigel, one from Executive Committeeman Mellert, and one from 2nd Assistant Secretary Rich Dreby All three recommended a sliding scale for Health Care and Relief. Chairman Walker then asked that they discuss each individually. First to be discussed was Health Care. President Ordway then recommended that this sliding scale would work better with Health Care than relief because we control the Health Care Program from our office. The scale would be like the Burial Benefit scale starting with 1 to 12 months and continued to be increased until the member is qualified. President Ordway said that when an application is received, our office can see how many

months/years the person has prior to being qualified. This was agreed by all. The next part of the discussion was what would happen if a non-qualified member was injured in the line of duty. It was determined that the member would start at the first step while an investigation is conducted and if it is determined that it will be a permanent injury and he cannot perform the duties of a firefighter, he will then be given Qualified Status and will be eligible for the maximum benefit. This will become a new Section 11 of Article IV of the General Relief Rules currently on Page 27. The Committee then felt that the second part regarding Relief needs to be researched further so it will not be acted upon at this meeting and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Item #4: There was discussion regarding unqualified members who are kept on the rolls and do not make any Fire Calls or Drills and get zero credit year after year. Much discussion ensued on this topic, for instance how many consecutive years of zero credit must occur before the member is removed from the rolls. The Committee agreed that 5 years of consecutive zeros will remove the members from the rolls. President Ordway said that a date of this beginning cannot be effective until we have our system in place to begin. He stated that we need check and double check that the process on the State Office end prior to this beginning. Once everything is in place, we will determine an effective date. The committee agreed to start this program when the State Office is equipped to handle the program.

Item #5: Should Per Diem Firefighters be considered Career or volunteer? After much discussion it was determined that they should be treated as volunteers

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pelaia

Thomas J. Pelaia
Secretary



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

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Date: November 12, 2022

To: Officers and Executive Committeepersons

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

Subject: NJS Firemen's Home Report

**Meetings: 9/15/22 Full Board Meeting (Wildwood); 10/8/22 Full Board/Reorganization Meetings;
11/22/22 Full Board Meeting**

9/15/22 Full Board Meeting

- Superintendent Veras reported on various building projects planned and underway.
- A discussion took place concerning the Physical Therapy Room and the lack of vote by the Board of Managers to approve the room conversion and expenditure. Superintendent Veras reported the Physical Therapy Room project includes the conversion of 3 residential room (6 beds) and is a \$150,000 line item. A vote to table the project failed (13 No, 7 Yes, 1 Abstention) and a vote to approve passed (4 No, 17 Yes).
- Finance: Bills: \$297,094.31 (8/9 through 9/6); motion to pay approved.
- Census (as of 9/6/22): 55 Long Term; 5 Memory Care; 5 Residential = 65. **9/6/22 Applications Committee Report is attached.**
- The Home Managers voted to suspend the \$850/month guest fee. The loss in income will be covered by the current budget surplus.
- Manager Matthews (Cape May) stated that he was very disappointed that the Community Nursing Home program is not moving forward, especially given the program was supported by a majority of the Board of Managers. Mr. Matthews further stated that the Home and the NJSFA are two separate and autonomous entities, and he believes the NJSFA wants oversight control over the Home. According to Mr. Matthews, the NJSFA responsibility is relief, and the Home's responsibility is nursing care. No further action was taken.

- Chairman Greci appointed a committee to obtain RFPs to replace former Solicitor Ward. The search committee includes Managers Wilson, Jeffer, Signorello and Apgar as well as Greci and Superintendent Veras.
- Next meeting: Full Board – 10/8/22, 9:30 AM, at the Firemen's Home.

10/8/22 Reorganization Meeting

- Manager Greci elected Chairman
- Manager Signorello elected Vice Chairman
- Manager Sutphen elected Treasurer
- Manager Roger Hull elected Secretary
- Executive Committee election: Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman Jeffer, Members: Apgar, Greci, Hull, Washer, Signorello, Giglio, Sutphen.
- 2022/2023 Meeting Schedule approved (notice attached).

10/8/22 Full Board Meeting

- Resolution to suspend the \$850 monthly guest fee approved; \$583,000 (estimate) to be used from the current budget to cover the suspension of these fees.
- Sprinkler issue at the Home and quotes for demolition of the Vreeland Avenue building discussed.
- Finance: Bills: \$362,421.57 (9/6 through 10/4); motion to pay approved.
- Census: (as of 10/4): 52 Long Term; 8 Memory Care; 7 Residential = 67. **10/4/22 Applications Committee Report is attached.**
- NJSFA Committeeman Otterbein requested that Manager McDougall's 9/15/22 abridged meeting minutes be corrected. Corrections dealt with the incorrect spelling of Mr. Otterbein's name and the use of the current \$1 million surplus in the 2022/2023 budget. Mr. Otterbein noted that contrary Mr. McDougall's notation, his comments on use of the surplus had nothing to do with the suspension of the \$850 monthly guest fee, but rather the use of the allocated reserve/surplus given the current anticipated budget under expenditures. Ordway indicated the 2022/2023 budget in the allocated reserve line has been approved and funded and can be used as deemed appropriate by the Home management. The abridged and verbatim minutes will be reviewed for appropriate correction per Mr. Otterbein's request.
- Next meeting: Full Board- 11/12/22, 9:30 AM, at the Firemen's Home.

11/12/22 Full Board Meeting

- New Solicitor retained: Bell, Shivas & Bell, P.C. of Rockaway; Joseph J. Bell, Jr. Esq.
- Elevator repair to be a capital item funded from surplus reserve.
- Current Reserve/Surplus estimated to be **\$7.1 Million** at this point in the current budget year.
- Building at 320 Vreeland Ave.; \$80,000 (estimated) to demolish; asbestos remediation required. Managers approved a motion to remove and remediate not to exceed \$100,000.
- 16 COVID cases in house currently. Superintendent Veras cutting down outside activities.

- Kitchen floor and sprinkler system repairs; sprinkler parts ordered; floor repair logistics need to be worked out.
- Finance: Bills: \$378,730.60 (10/4 through 11/8); motion to pay approved.
- Census: (as of 11/8): 61 Long Term plus Memory Care; 7 Residential = 68. **11/12/22 Applications Committee Report is attached.**
- By-Laws: Chairman Jeffers and the By-Laws Committee will be making recommendations on changes to the Home By-Laws. He asked for input from all Home Committees.
- Home Golf Outing – Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Budget: Discussion – NJSFA President and Home Manager Ordway suggested that based on the reported \$7.1 million reserve/surplus, the amount of allocated reserve in the proposed 2023/2024 should be increased to 1.5 million. The proposed budget reflects a \$750,000 reserve/surplus allocation. It is reported that the Home Auditor recommends that the Home maintain a \$5 million reserve/surplus. President Ordway suggested that even with a reserve line item increase to \$1.5 Million, the Home reserve/surplus would still be more than \$5 Million. This would provide more than the 5% reduction currently in the NJSFA Revenue line in the budget. After discussion and comments by various Managers indicating they would prefer to maintain the \$750,000 reserve/surplus amount in the proposed budget with the potential of allocating another \$750,000 in the 2024/2025 budget, the motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget as presented was approved with President Ordway voting NO. **See the attached approved Budget.**
- Chairman Greci appointed Managers Wilson, Apgar and Heflich to serve on the Liaison Discussion Committee with the NJSFA.
- Next Meeting: Executive Board, 12/19/22, 9:00 AM, at the Firemen's Home.

Applications Meeting 09/06/2022

The Applications Committee meeting was held on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at the Firemen's Home Boonton New Jersey at 09:00 hours.

Attending the meeting were Board Managers Bruce Horvath, Albert Freeman, Paul McDougall, Joe Signorella, Peter Jeffer, and Tom Washer. Representing their respective departments were Mrs. Ursula Baumgartner, Ms. Amber Lee Brundrik, and Mrs. Mary Kate Ernst.

The Census as of September 6, 2022 is as follows. Long Term (60) sixty. This includes (5) in Lathrop Station. There are (5) five in Residential. This gives us a total of (65) sixty-five Residence at this time. Since the August meeting we have lost (1) Brother who has answered his last alarm. May he rest in peace.

Since the last meeting we have taken in (6) six applicants. There are (4) four applicants that are scheduled for later this month. During the meeting (7) seven applications were gone over by the committee. (5) Five applications on hold for various reasons. (1) One application will be pulled after the (6) month hold period. This was done after talking with that County Manager. One (1) application approved (TBA) time to be announced at later date.

To all managers please do not give times to applicants for admission. These applications are on average take about (30) thirty to (60) days for review and final approval.

Copies of this report have been submitted to the Board's Secretary, and the Board's Stenographer.

The next meeting of the Applications Committee will be Tuesday October 4, 2022 at 09:00 hours at the Firemen's Home Boonton New Jersey.

Respectively Submitted
Bruce R. Horvath
Applications Chairman

The New Jersey Firemen's Home

Census August 1st 2022, to August 31st 2022

Census as of 8/31/2022

-First Floor:	31	}	60
-Lathrop Station Memory Care Unit:	5		
-Second Floor:	24		
-Residential:	5		
<u>TOTAL: 65</u>			

Passing's: 1

Resident	County	Date
Howard Rombey	Monmouth	8/16/2022

New Admissions:6

Resident	County	Date
Robert Cahill	Morris	8/2/22
Robert Yeager	Morris	8/18/22
Robert Ruit	Bergen	8/24/2022
Alexander Scott	Morris	8/26/2022
Richard Huhn	Morris	8/30/2022
Lester Snyder	Warren	8/31/2022

Discharged:

Resident	County	Date

9/1/2022 – 9/6/2022

Admissions	Passed	Discharged

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME
565 LATHROP AVENUE
BOONTON, NJ 07705**

TAKE NOTICE the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home has meetings of its Full Board and Executive Board on the second Saturday of each month at 565 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ. Meetings are open to the public.

FULL BOARD

**NOVEMBER 12, 2022
JANUARY 14, 2023
APRIL 8, 2023
JULY 15, 2023
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023*
OCTOBER 14, 2023****

Meetings convene at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

**DECEMBER 10, 2022
FEBRUARY 11, 2023
MARCH 11, 2023
MAY 13, 2023
JUNE 10, 2023
AUGUST 12, 2023**

Meetings convene at 9:00 a.m.

***This meeting is held at the Uries Dockside Restaurant located at 588 W. Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, NJ commencing at 3:00 p.m.**

****Includes Reorganization Meeting**

For further information, see website at www.njfh.org.

**Roger C. Hull, Secretary
New Jersey Firemen's Home
\$87.12**

10/19/22

The New Jersey Firemen's Home

Census September 1st 2022, to September 30th 2022

Census as of 9/30/2022

-First Floor:	26	}	60
-Lathrop Station Memory Care Unit:	8		
-Second Floor:	26		
-Residential:	7		
	TOTAL: 67		

Passing's: 1

Resident	County	Date
Lester Snyder	Warren	9/10/2022

New Admissions: 3

Resident	County	Date
Harry Radell	Morris	9/7/2022
Ebele Bruining	Bergen	9/15/2022
Samuel Henderson	Camden	9/28/2022

Discharged:

Resident	County	Date

10/1/2022 – 10/9/2022

Admissions	Passed	Discharged
Daniel McDonough-Hudson County- 10/4/2022. (Makes 68 total)		

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

11/~~22~~/2022

The Applications Committee held their meeting, on 11/08/2022, at 9:00am.

Attending were Mgrs. Freeman, Washer, Jaffer, and Kayser. Representing their departments were A. Bundrik, M. Ernest, and U. Baumgartner.

Guests: None

The committee reviewed five applications and they were lacking information.

Since the last meeting there have been five admissions as of October 31, 2022. Three from Morris County and one each from Somerset County and Sussex County.

The monthly census as of October 31, 2022 was:

Long term care: 61 (includes Lathrop Sta.

Residential : 7

Total : 68

Five guests answered their alarm.

The next meeting will be on December 5, 2022, at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E Freeman II
Applications Chairman

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November 7, 2022

Robert F. Ordway, President
New Jersey State Firemen's Association
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Dear Mr. President:

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on November 7, 2022 at the office of the Association. At that time, the accounts of the Association were audited for the first quarter ending September 30, 2022. 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.

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.

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.

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

Date: November 19, 2022

To: Executive Committee

From: Special Relief Committee

The Special Relief Committee Report

- November 19, 2022
- Applications Approved YTD: 159
- For a total of \$757,456.00

Last year for the same period we approved 128 applications for a total of \$585,967.00

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u> <u>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

Respectfully Submitted,

Konrad Mellert

Konrad Mellert, Chairman

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Date: November 19, 2022

To: Executive Committee

The Health Care Committee Report:

HEALTH CARE

NEW CLAIMS Y/T/D 231 OF THAT

FIREFIGHTER Y/T/D 135

SPOUSE Y/T/D 96

PAID YTD \$7,158,683.77

ACTIVE CLAIMS TOTAL – 298 OF THAT

ADULT DAY CARE – 3 – ASSISTED LIVING – 65 – IN HOME CARE – 183 – NURSING HOME 46

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

Sincerely,

James Reeves

James Reeves
Health Care Committee

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Long Range Planning Committee Report

The Long Range Planning Committee met on Thursday, November 3, 2022 to discuss the following topics:

1. Local Relief Scales available on-line:

- a. It was suggested that each Local Relief Association have their own current relief scale available for review on-line under their individual log-ins. This will be updated annually after the financial reports are received in February.

2. Relief Forms available on-line:

- a. ALL Relief forms (101, 113 and 102) will now be available on-line. This will eliminate the requirement to use specific colored copies. This will allow a more stream line process along with having the most current form on-line and available. We are also working on having it as a PDF fillable form.
- b. We are also working on a single relief form with check boxes on the top for the various forms (see attached). Because all information is repeated on all forms (with the exception of NJSFA actions for 102 and 113 applications) this will also streamline the application process. The current 101 and 102 forms are going to also be modified to have sections 9 and 10 (report of Trustees and Action of Trustees) placed into on section together to avoid confusion.

3. Pink/Blue Forms available on-line:

- a. Convention Delegate and Life Member expense forms will now also be available on-line. These will be able to be downloaded and printed by anyone removing the requirement of having them on specific colored paper.

4. Treasurer/Secretary records kept in State:

- a. It was suggested to require both Treasurer/Secretary records to be kept in a New Jersey location. The individuals who hold these positions and live out-of-state, go on extended vacations and/or snowbird south for the winter months would be required to leave those records in the custody of another officer/office within the state available if needed.

5. Field Exam Requirements:

- a. It was suggested that Secretary/Treasurer records be required to be presented at their counties scheduled field exam and if for some reason they are unable to they would have to be presented at the ONE State Office make-up field exam date. Failure to comply would cause that association to go out of accord. It is also Strongly Suggested that Secretary/Treasurers make said field exam meetings.

Respectively Submitted

Daniel Speigel
Chairman - LRP Committee