



AFSS North

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Host: Julie Ervin

Location: Rocklin Events Center

0830 Flag Salute and Welcome

Self-introductions of attendees

Julie Ervin, Rocklin Fire
Christina Burroughs, El Dorado Hills Fire
Dominique Maurer, Modesto Fire
Kileigh Labrado, Lake Valley Fire District
Lynda Vargas, West Sacramento Fire
Joyce Engler, Truckee Fire
Sofia Ortiz, Yocha Dehe Fire
Robin Holcomb, Contra Costa County Fire
Beverly Fuchs, retired from Folsom Fire
Kim Ruggles, Folsom Fire
Jenn Weil, Folsom Fire
Brita Geiger, Cosumnes Fire
Leticia Andreas, Pinole Fire
Sallie Ross, South Lake Tahoe Fire

0900 Training – Microsoft Publisher

Business Meeting
Call to Order 1:09pm

Approval of 6.24.21 Meeting Minutes
All approved.

President's Report

Sallie has been working closely with Michelle Pearson, AFSS President from the South on ideas for the membership. The South is experiencing some of the same things as us in the North. Missing out on in-person meetings, networking, etc. This is the 1st meeting the North has had in person in over a year. Both sections are looking forward to the upcoming conference.

We are looking to fill a vacancy on the E-Board (2nd Vice President) as well as several committee positions. (Education and Training, Historical, Legislation)

At this time, Robin Holcomb Contra Costa County Fire and Sofia Ortiz from Yocha Dehe Fire raised their hands and volunteered to be the new Education and Training Committee. Everybody was very happy to hear this fantastic news and we are all very grateful to them for stepping up.

Treasurer's Reports

June 2021 and July 2021 reports were available to all attendees.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan will be voted on December 10th by the South and if approved, it will then be adopted.

Website Update

Nicole Long from Nevada Consolidated Fire is working on the website using Wild Apricot. There is one site for the North and one for the South. Hoping for some big changes, bringing back the membership forum, more pictures, a membership directory, etc.

New Business

- E-Board vacancy – We are currently seeking a member to volunteer to be our next 2nd Vice President. Our current 2nd Vice President had to step down due to changing circumstances at her agency and we need to fill this position right away. There was an idea to have a “coffee talk” over Zoom to talk about position responsibilities.
- Succession Planning – There was a discussion about succession planning – some members feel that because stepping into the 2nd or 1st VP positions leads to the President position, some would rather not hold the position of President, and this causes members to not volunteer. We discussed changing the SOG language to omit the succession planning rule. Members liked this idea. This language change request will be on the December 10th agenda for a vote.
- Approved 2021-2022 Budget
- Acknowledgement of outgoing board members in 2020. Lynda Vargas (present) and Janice Parker (absent) were each presented with a plaque in appreciation of the positions they have held for AFSS and the leadership they provided to the membership.
- Member of the Year Award for 2020 was presented to Lynda Vargas.

Committee Reports

Bylaws and SOGs – Jodi Martin

No Report

Communications – Heather Robertson

No Report

Education and Training – Robin Holcomb and Sofia Ortiz

Will be working together to come up with training for our meetings and conferences. Talked about Cal OES providing an upcoming training and the group liked the idea. They discussed the idea of engagements on the website and attendees liked that idea as well.

Conference – Joyce Engler

Conference committee is working hard to make a fun and educational conference for AFSS. Needs help on certain tasks and is calling for anyone to help out with the conference.

Christina Burroughs and Brita Geiger both want to help. Hooray!

Historical – vacant

No Report

Legislation – vacant

No Report

Meeting Host – Joyce Engler

Needs meeting host sites to fill up 2022.

Membership – Lynda Vargas

Membership drive is over...we have 84 members in the North this year. We strive to recruit more members each year. If you know someone at a neighboring agency who is not a member of AFSS, invite him or her to a meeting and encourage them to register as members and begin experiencing the value of membership.

Sunshine – Aleta Cook

No Report

Ways and Means – Lori Kicking

No Report

Identification of Items for Next Meeting

No Items identified for the next meeting, next meeting is December 10, 2021

Adjournment – meeting adjourned 2:30pm

Meeting minutes taken by Sallie Ross, President

Upcoming Meetings

12.10.21	Quarterly Training	Central Fire in Santa Cruz - hosted by Clara Turner
1.14.22	North E-Board Meeting	El Dorado Hills Fire – hosted by Christina Burroughs
2.9.22	Joint E-Board Meeting	Location TBD
3.10.22	Quarterly Training	Cosumnes Fire - hosted by Mari Suarez and Brita Geiger
3.29.22	Joint E-Board Meeting	At the Conference in Yosemite (South Host)
3.30.22 – 4.1.22	AFSS Annual Conference	-Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
4.8.22	North E-Board Meeting	Location TBD
6.16.22	Quarterly Training	South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue – hosted by Sallie Ross

Current Northern Executive Board

Sallie Ross	– President
Christina Burroughs	– 1 st Vice President
VACANCY	- 2 nd Vice President
Marisela Suarez	- Recording Secretary
Julie Ervin	- Corresponding Secretary
Clara Turner	- Treasurer
Dominique Maurer	- Member-At-Large