



# Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association Pre-Convention Newsletter

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## 2018 Pre-Convention

The Annual 2018 Pre-Convention was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and took place at the Put-In-Bay Fire Department on South Bass Island. The officers and Directors of the association would like to thank Fire Chief McCann and his staff for hosting the event. There was an estimated 60 to 70 members attending the general meeting.

The following persons and departments have requested to run for office or to host association events. Their names will appear on the ballot at the Convention General Meeting in Gibsonburg, Ohio in June.

### President

Charlie Horne                      Green Springs FD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Dave Miller                        Woodville Twp. FD

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Eric Arquette                      Gibsonburg FD

### Treasurer

Rick Arquette                      Gibsonburg FD

### Secretary

Tim Schroeder                      Bowling Green FD

### Assistant Secretary

No Request

### Board of Directors

(2 to be Elected)

Fred Allen                          Wauseon FD

Jim Tansey                         Wakeman FD

### 2019 Hose Bowling

No Requests

### 2019 Pre-Convention

Hamler Marion Twp. FD                      Henry Co.

### 2019 Men's Bowling

No Requests

### 2019 Convention

No Requests

### 2019 Fire Muster

No Requests

### 2019 Softball

No Requests

### 2019 Fun Day / Golf

Green Springs Rural FD                      Sandusky Co.

Per the association's By-Laws those requesting to run for office or host events can be nominated from the floor during the Convention's General Meeting. All current open events and the Assistant Secretary's position can still be placed on the ballot without a floor nomination if your request is sent into Secretary Tim Schroeder by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the following address:

Tim Schroeder  
NOVFA Secretary  
13220 Clark Street  
Weston, OH 43569  
bgfiremedic@gmail.com  
(419) 308-6213

## **By-Laws Amendment**

Article VII section 1 of the By-Laws state that any proposal for amendments, revision, or alteration shall be submitted in writing to the chair at an annual Pre-Conference of this Association. The following amendment has been submitted for change:

Article XII - Charity Fund  
Section 3 Paragraph 2

### **Current Reading:**

“The Chief of the department wishing to belong to the Charity Fund shall furnish to the Charity Fund Secretary a roster of the persons wishing to be covered: include first name, middle initial, last name (not nickname) and social security numbers. The department's Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association Inc. dues numbers must be shown on roster form.”

### **Proposed Amended Reading:**

**“The Chief of the department wishing to belong to the Charity Fund shall furnish to the Charity Fund Secretary a roster of the persons wishing to be covered: include first name, middle initial, last name (not nickname) and the last 4 digits of their social security numbers.”**

This amendment will be placed on the ballot at the Convention General Meeting in Gibsonburg, Ohio in June.

## **Membership**

As of April 23<sup>rd</sup> we have 252 departments as members of the association. There are 18 departments from 2017 that have not sent in their membership dues for 2018. Membership is open throughout the year.

The Charity Fund that we offer with membership pays out a \$12,000 payment to the family of a member lost in the “line of duty”. This membership is also open throughout the year. Departments that belong to the fund are encouraged to enroll any new members to their departments through the year. The cost of the membership is \$3 per new member. Please be advised that the grace period for the Charity Fund ended on March 31st. Departments that have not rejoined the fund from 2017 will have to pay \$3 per member.

The listings for the regular membership and the charity fund membership can be found on our web site under “Members Page” and “Charity Fund Page”.

## **Charity Fund Officers**

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Charity Fund are appointed by the Board of Directors. We currently are accepting applications for the treasurer's position. Information and a brief job description of the position can be found on the web site's home page. If you are interested in serving, please contact Board Chairman Jim Tansey at the following address:

Jim Tansey  
NOVFA Chairman of the Board  
18 Franklin Avenue  
Wakeman, OH 44889  
jmtanse@aol.com  
(419) 706-8458

## **Condolence Committee**

Mike Gustwiller, Chairman for the condolence committee has provided a memorial card to list your members that have passed away for the convention year. The information is used to honor your members at the Condolence Ceremony during the annual Convention General Meeting. This card along with a copy of this newsletter will be sent out shortly to each member department. The reporting period is from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## **Kenneth Clady**

We have received word that former President Kenneth Clady from the Jewell Fire Department in Defiance passed away in November 2016. Ken served as the President of the Association from 1980 - 1981.

## **Information**

The next meeting of the association is on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gibsonburg Fire Department located at 110 North Main Street in Gibsonburg, OH 43431. The meeting will start at 6:30pm. We invite you to attend this meeting if your department would like to host an open event, if you are interested in running for office, or have any questions on how the association is operated.