



Newsletter

June 2021

Preconvention Meeting Results

The 2021 NOVFA Preconvention Meeting was hosted on April 17th by the Central Joint Fire District in Wood County.

Requests for Election into Office for 2021 - 2022

<u>President</u>	Eric Arquette	Gibsonburg FD	Sandusky County
<u>1st. Vice President</u>	Louie Snyder	Clyde FD	Sandusky County
<u>2nd. Vice President</u> (one to be elected)	Terry Kuhlman Jerry McKinney	Lakeview FD Vermilion FD	Logan County Erie County
<u>Secretary</u>	Tim Schroeder	Bowling Green FD	Wood County
<u>Assistant Secretary</u>	Keith Feeney	Perrysburg Twp. FD	Wood County
<u>Treasurer</u>	Charlie Horne	Green Springs FD	Sandusky County
<u>Board of Directors</u> (2 to be elected)	Doug Ebright Mark Wilhelm	Central Joint FD Put In Bay FD	Wood County Ottawa County

The above names will be placed on the ballot for the 2021 Convention Meeting at Central Joint Fire District on June 19th. Per the Association's Constitution and By Laws, all requests for office have been closed.

Requests to Host Association Events for 2022

<u>Hose Bowling</u>	No Requests	
<u>Preconvention</u>	Put In Bay FD	Ottawa County
<u>Bowling</u>	No Requests	
<u>Convention</u>	No Requests	
<u>Fire Muster</u>	Liberty / Washington Township FD	Henry County
<u>Softball</u>	No Requests	
<u>Fun Day Golf</u>	Clyde FD	Sandusky County

Per the Association's Constitution and By Laws, for the events that have not been requested for 2022 your department can be placed on the ballot by sending a request to Secretary Tim Schroeder by June 1st. All open event requests have been tabled until the Convention Meeting where nominations will be taken from the floor.

By Laws Amendments

The following have been approved at the Preconvention Meeting to be placed on the ballot for amendment.

Article IV

Current Reading

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet within 30 days after the close of the annual Conference for the purpose of disposing of such business as may have been referred to it by the Conference. Said Board is also empowered to meet upon request of a majority of its members, at such time and place as the President may designate.

Proposed Change

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet within **45** days after the close of the annual Conference for the purpose of disposing of such business as may have been referred to it by the Conference. Said Board is also empowered to meet upon request of a majority of its members, at such time and place as the President may designate.

Article XII

Current Reading

Section 3. All departments that have become delinquent over thirty (30) days after March 1 of any dues paying year shall be withdrawn from the Charity Fund Roster. If at any later date this department wished to rejoin the Charity Fund, they shall pay the same as a new department joining the fund.

Dues are due March 1, of each year, and a notice that dues are due and a roster blank will be mailed to each department by the Association Secretary after the current year's Association dues are paid. All checks for the Charity Fund shall be sent to the Secretary of the Charity Fund of Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

Proposed Change

Section 3. All departments that have become delinquent over thirty (30) days after **January 1** of any dues paying year shall be withdrawn from the Charity Fund Roster.

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Charity Fund Treasurer

The association is in need for a new Charity Fund Treasurer. This position is appointed by the Executive Board of the Association. The Charity Fund Treasurer is in charge of the fund's financial accounts. Interested persons can contact any of the Directors for more information. While the duties will begin on June 19, 2021, we would like to have the candidate in place as soon as possible to train with the current Treasurer Louie Snyder.

2021 Convention Meeting

The 147th Convention Meeting will take place on June 19th at the Central Joint Fire District located at 13179 Mermill Road, Portage, OH 43451. This will be a meeting only with no meal or entertainment. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm. We are in need of Delegates to attend this meeting. In 2020, we we're unable to have a meeting. Registration for the Delegates will take place at the meeting. The meeting will follow the current COVID-19 guidelines of the State of Ohio and Center for Disease Control that is in place.

2021 Membership

Currently the NOVFA has 216 Department members which is a drop from the last two years. In 2019 we had 251 members; in 2020 there were 234 members. Registration for department members is open throughout the year. Hopefully the registrations will pick up when the pandemic ends. Our Associate membership is at 23. We have 5 lifetime members, Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Fire Safety Services, Mr. Emblem, Owens Center of Emergency Preparedness, Sutphen Corporation, and United Fire Apparatus. Finley Fire Equipment was acquired by Atlantic Emergency Solutions this year and offers the same great service. The Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund is an honorary member. The Officers of the NOVFA thank everyone for their continued support.

NOVFA Fire School On-Line Training

There has been two on-line training sessions so far this year and they have been successful. The training information can be found on the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association Fire School Facebook Page. CEU's are offered on completion of the training.