

Newsletter July 2023

The 149th Convention Meeting took place on June 17th at the Wakeman Eagles Club. The Officers of the Association would like to thank the Fire District and the Village of Wakeman for hosting the 2023 Convention. The District and the Village hosted "Back to Back" Conventions in 2022 - 2023.

Convention Meeting Results

There were 52 attendees of the meeting with 29 registering as Voting Delegates.

2023 - 2024 Officers and Directors Jerry McKinney elected President Terry Kuhlman elected 1st Vice President Jerry Houtz elected 2nd Vice President Charlie Horne re-elected as Treasurer Tim Schroeder re-elected as Secretary Keith Feeney re-elected as Assistant Secretary Eric Arquette re-elected to Board of Directors Doug Ebright re-elected to Board of Directors

Per our Constitution and By-Laws, Past President Louie Snyder was appointed to the position of Chairman of the Board.

2024 Association Events

Pre-Convention will be hosted by the Put In Bay Fire Department Convention will be hosted by the Ada Liberty Fire Department Men's Bowling will be hosted by the Napoleon Firefighters Association

We are seeking departments to host our 2024 Hose Bowling Tournament, Softball Tournament, Antique Fire Muster, and Golf Tournament. Please contact any of the officers or directors if your department is interested.

By Laws Amendment

An amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws was approved.

Article XII - Charity Fund Section 2: Eligibility for Membership

Old Reading: In the charity fund. Any firefighter, both volunteer and paid, who are members of a fire department or a fire company, who are paid members of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., and Past Officers of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association are eligible to become members of the Charity Fund if they so desire.

Amended Reading: In the charity fund. Any firefighter, both volunteer and paid, who are members of a fire department or a fire company, who are paid members of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., Past Officers of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Association's Current Chaplain, are eligible to become members of the Charity Fund if they so desire.

<u>Awards</u>

<u>Queen's Pageant</u> Queen - Miss Julia Gross representing the Wayne Fire Department 1st Runner Up, Miss Kyana Crum representing the Upper Sandusky Fire Department

<u>1st Department to Register</u> Wayne Fire Department

Oldest Active Firefighter at the Meeting Mr. Doug Ebright - Central Joint Fire District (age 74)

<u>Oldest Retired Firefighter at the Meeting</u> Mr. Dean Bailey - New London Fire Department (age 95)

Department Traveling the Furthest Edgerton Fire Department

<u>Marching Band</u> 1st Place - Liberty Center High School

<u>Jim Tansey Memorial Water Ball Tournament</u> 1st Place - Florence Township Fire Department 2nd Place - Wakeman Fire District Team 1 3rd Place - Wakeman Fire District Team 2 7 teams competed in the tournament

Mark Wilhelm Put In Bay Fire Department

The Officers and Directors would like to thank Mark for his service to the association. Mark served as our President for 2015 - 2016 and then served on the Board of Directors for a number of years.

Post Convention Meeting

President McKinney has called for the meeting on July 20th in Green Springs at 6:30pm.