

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Written on 01/31/2024 for the 2024 Annual Meeting

Listed below are the proposed bylaw changes. The current bylaw language is listed in black. Proposed language to be removed will be italicized and have a single strike through. Replacement language or new language will be listed in red text.

Section 7. Assistant District Directors

Each of the elected or appointed District Directors shall ~~appoint~~ **recommend to the President for nomination** up to ~~two~~ **three** assistants to assist them with their duties. **District Directors shall have no more than one Assistant Director who is from the same Department or City/Town that the District Director is from.** The Board of Directors shall confirm all appointments. The Assistant Director shall act in place of the Director in his/her absence and have full voting authority in the absence of his/her Director.

Assistant Directors must be active members of the FFAM. Assistant Directors shall not hold any other positions on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

FFAM shall have the following standing committees. The President may make and appoint temporary committees and their members as he/she deems necessary, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Committees that stand for two years or more shall be listed in these by laws. No one shall serve on more than 3 committees.

1. Awards Committee
2. Budget Committee
3. Bylaws Committee
4. Chaplains Committee
5. Contest Committee
6. Convention Committee
7. Educational Committee
8. Fire Prevention Committee
9. Legislative Committee
10. Membership Committee
11. National Volunteer Fire Council Committee
12. Nominating Committee
- ~~13.~~ **14. Scholarship Committee**
- ~~14.~~ **15. State Fair Committee**
- ~~15. Web Site Committee~~ **13. Public Relations Committee**
16. Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri/Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri.

Section 1. Awards Committee

This committee shall establish what awards will be given at the annual convention or annual meeting as well as establish the rules of nomination for each award. They will make award selections based upon those rules. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 2. Budget Committee

This committee shall review all accounts and present to the Board a proposed Budget annually for approval and operation of FFAM. It shall be chaired by the First Vice President. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 3. By laws Committee

This committee shall review and propose update/revision as needed to the By Laws of FFAM. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 4. Chaplain Committee

The Chaplain's Committee shall work closely with the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corp and take care of any requested Chaplain's duties for FFAM. This committee shall have a chaplain for each Region/District of the state as a point of contact or the representatives/directors of the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corp may serve on this committee concurrently. This committee shall report to the Board of Directors.

This committee is comprised of lay and ordained chaplains of various faiths from across Missouri who are committed to caring for those who care for others by protecting life and property. This committee offers a wide array of services to members of FFAM to ensure that all firefighters are cared for in all facets of their lives. This committee is also available upon request to provide the immediate support of our families in time of need. The committee is active in FFAM events, leading services, and offering stress counseling.

Section 5. Contest Committee

This committee shall govern the fire activity contest at the annual convention. They will set rules of operation for each event scheduled. The committee will work closely with the host department of the convention to insure site feasibility. The committee shall have a maximum of five members.

Section 6. Convention Committee

This committee shall act as liaison between the Board and whoever is sponsoring the annual convention. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 7. Educational Committee

It shall be the duty of this committee to keep the association informed of all beneficial training in the State. It shall act as liaison between the Board of Directors, the Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office. It shall also work closely with all training organizations in the State. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 8. Fire Prevention Committee

This committee shall act as liaison with all prevention organizations in the State including but not limited to the State Fire Marshal. It shall also oversee the annual fire prevention contest. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 9. Legislative Committee

It shall be the committee's duty to work with organizations throughout Missouri that have similar fire legislation goals as ours. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

Section 10. Membership Committee

This committee shall consist of all FFAM Board members and officers to be chaired by the Second Vice-President or his designee. Its duties shall consist of promoting membership for FFAM. The committee shall have a maximum of nineteen members.

Section 11. National Volunteer Fire Council Committee

This committee shall represent FFAM at all function and meetings of the National Volunteer Fire Council. They shall report on activities and issues of interest to our membership at each meeting of the FFAM. The committee shall have a maximum of two members.

Section 12. Nominating Committee

This committee shall consist of the most recent past presidents that are available with the Immediate Past President as the chairman. They shall, when called upon by the President, place the name or names of active members for nomination to fill open positions or positions due for election on the ballot to be presented at the annual meeting. They will function on an as needed basis for any vacancy within the FFAM and shall operate under the direction of the President and Board of Directors. The committee shall have a maximum of three members. If the most recent three past presidents are not available to serve on the committee, the President shall appoint members, with approval of the Board of Directors, to fill any open committee positions.

~~**Section 13.**~~ **Section 14. Scholarship Committee**

This committee shall select the number of scholarships to be given by the Association, with the Board's approval. They shall set the rules of application, make evaluations, approve, and award all scholarships at the annual convention or annual meeting. The committee shall have a maximum of three members.

~~**Section 14.**~~ **Section 15. State Fair Committee**

This committee shall represent FFAM for contract purposes with the State of Missouri to form, equip, operate, and regulate the required fire, rescue and EMS protections for the Missouri State Fair. They will be responsible for the entire fire department operation and operates under the direction of the President and the Board of Directors. The committee shall have a maximum of five members.

~~**Section 15. Web Site Committee**~~ **Section 13. Public Relations Committee**

~~*This committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the web site for FFAM. The committee shall have a maximum of two members.*~~

This committee shall be responsible for facilitating communications with its members and the public through digital and printed media. They shall establish and maintain the website and all social media platforms. This committee shall be responsible for all matters concerning the FFAM magazine. The FFAM Secretary or his/her designee will serve as the committee chair and magazine editor. The committee shall have a maximum of five members.

Section 16. Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri/ Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri

At least eight FFAM members shall sit on the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation fifteen-member board. If the minimum number of FFAM members are not on the Foundation board, monetary contributions for active member dues will cease until such time as the minimum number is met. The Foundation shall report to the FFAM Board of Directors at each meeting and as requested.

ARTICLE XI - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the regular order of business at all FFAM meetings:

1. Call to order and welcome guests.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call of officers, directors, assistant directors, delegates (only at annual meeting) and sign in of all guests.
4. Approval of agenda
5. Approval of minutes
6. Approval of financial report
7. Report of officers and special guests
8. Unfinished Business
9. Election of Officers (only at annual meeting)
10. New Business
11. Report of Committees
(Committee reports have been put in alphabetic order)
 - A. Awards Committee
 - B. Budget Committee
 - C. Bylaws Committee
 - D. Chaplains Committee
 - E. Contest Committee
 - F. Convention Committee
 - G. Educational Committee
 - H. Fire Prevention Committee
 - I. Legislative Committee
 - J. Membership Committee
 - K. National Volunteer Fire Council Committee
 - L. Nominating Committee
 - ~~M.~~ N. Scholarship Committee
 - ~~N.~~ O. State Fair Committee
 - ~~O. Website Committee~~ M. Public Relations Committee
- ~~12.~~ FFAM Magazine
- ~~13.~~ 12. Historian Report
- ~~14.~~ 13. Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team
- ~~15.~~ 14. EMS Funeral Assistance Team
- ~~16.~~ 15. Foundation Report of Memorial and Museum
- ~~17.~~ 16. Adjournment