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The 213th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite #207 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Ronald Ayres, with Board Member Ken Boad, Board Member Jay Hughes, Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, Board Member Martin Spani, Chief Stan Loertscher (Mason Co. FPD #13), Chief Jake Doty (East Pierce Fire and Rescue), TJ Nedrow (Washington State Firefighter's Association President), Tammie Warnke (Washington State Firefighter's Association), Dennis Laine (Technology Solutions Group), Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews, Executive Secretary Brigitte Smith, and Confidential Secretary Nicole Stauffer present.

The Board reviewed the April 18, 2008, regular meeting minutes and the May 23, 2008, special meeting minutes. It was moved by Boad, seconded by Spani and carried that the minutes be approved.

The agenda was reviewed.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

TJ Nedrow, Washington State Firefighter's Association (WSFFA) President, asked to speak with the Board. He stated that Board Member Spani and Executive Secretary Smith attended a WSFFA Board Meeting and the vendor show during their annual conference. He wanted to thank the Board for enabling them to attend and that his organization appreciated it.

OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Laine, the Board's project manager from Technology Solutions Group, updated the Board on the status of the new database project. He explained the bid process to the Board. The staff is currently waiting to hear back from potential vendors, who will then be interviewed. One vendor will be selected to build the new database, and a different vendor will be hired to provide Quality Assurance (QA) oversight and make sure that the project is on track. While the Board has received bids to build the database, it has been a lot more difficult to receive bids for quality assurance. So far, no bids have been received. Mr. Laine believes that part of the reason for the lack of bids is because the project is considered relatively small, thus without a large profit margin, and many of the vendors that would bid on smaller projects are already booked with other projects. The staff has posted an invitation to bid on the Department of Information Services (DIS) website a second time. If there are still no bids, Secretary Smith and Mr. Laine will work with DIS and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to come up with a solution.

The Board reviewed suggested updates that were made to the participation requirement WAC draft and the definitions WAC draft based on the Board's requests at the last meeting. After a review and discussion, the Board looked at the line that read "Temporary exemptions may be granted for military service, maternity leave, or up to one year for injuries covered under 41.24 RCW, or up to one year for reserve officers injured in the line of duty and covered under Title 51". They expressed concern that the term "Temporary" was not defined. They asked that Secretary Smith and AAG Kyle Crews investigate other retirement systems to see how they handled similar situations. The Board asked for input from the public present. Tammie Warnke stated that she knew that Mike Brown, Executive Director for the Washington Fire Chiefs, expressed concern that the participation requirements may be difficult for some of the smaller departments to meet. TJ Nedrow suggested that the Board have an appeals process worked out in case of disagreements. What if a firefighter ALMOST met the requirements? He also asked if there was a way the Board could expand the definition to cover fire prevention educators, chaplains, etc, but not cover people answering the phones or mowing the lawns. Secretary Smith informed the Board that she spoke with Matt Smith, State Actuary, regarding an annual relief valuation. He told Ms. Smith that the State Actuary could perform that type of a valuation, but they would have to contract with health care actuaries to set up the healthcare assumptions. They could do everything else. He thought that the cost of doing the

valuation would double our Actuarial costs for a total cost of \$16,000 per year. Secretary Smith stated that it was her plan to write a decision package requesting that the legislature allot the additional amount in the next biennial budget.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed documentary evidence from Pend Oreille #8, attempting to prove service for Larry Hiebert for the years 1997-2000. It was moved by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the evidence provided was sufficient to prove uninterrupted service for those years. Secretary Smith was directed to contact the department and charge them the disability fee, plus the statutory interest. Because no pension payments were made on Mr. Hiebert's behalf prior to 2003, the pension payments for 1997-2000 cannot be made up under current law.

The Board reviewed documentary evidence from Spokane #13 attempting to prove service for Mary Alice Jones for the years 1975 through 1985. It was moved by Hughes, seconded by Spani, and carried that the evidence submitted was insufficient to prove that Ms. Jones was a volunteer firefighter for those years. Secretary Smith was directed to request any additional records from the department to prove Ms. Jones's service.

Secretary Smith provided each of the Board members with a hard copy version of a PowerPoint presentation outlining all of the states that have attended the Benefit Summit over the years and their state level benefits. Ms. Smith said that she has found the connections that she has made over the years invaluable. It has helped to know what happens in other states and has helped improve what we do in Washington. This year's summit was held in Alaska and it was no exception. She informed the Board that the next summit will be held in Ohio and it is her hope to attend once again.

The Board reviewed Secretary Smith's leave and pay records.

The Board reviewed and approved (Boad moved, Spani seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered (1728 - 1752 & 1712) and various travel vouchers. Voucher #1712 was on hold from the April 18, 2008 Board Meeting pending some clarification from the Attorney General's Office regarding the bill.

There was a motion by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates (Hughes abstained from the vote on Mark Reither's papers due to potential conflicts, Mark Watenpaugh abstained from the vote on Donald Warner's papers due to potential conflicts).

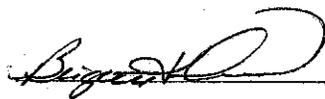
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| Allen, Ethan | Lewis #13 | 05/01/08 | 257.10 | |
| Batdorf, James | City of Shoreline | 06/01/08 | 80.50 | |
| Baughman, Michael | Snohomish #8 | 03/18/08 | 3,960.70 | LUMP |
| Baumberger, Bryan | Jefferson #1 | 05/16/08 | 3,300.58 | LUMP |
| Baxter, Terry | City of Kettle Falls | 04/10/08 JS | 196.54 | @ age 62 |
| Bergstrom, Doreen | Snohomish #23 | 05/13/08 JS | 96.01 | @ age 60 |
| Berremann, Larry | City of Clarkston | 05/16/08 | 55.86 | @ age 62 |
| Cooper, Edward E | City of Morton | 04/08/08 | 202.50 | |
| Cornwall, Allen | Stevens #2 | 05/20/08 | 182.40 | @ age 62 |
| Daharsh, Judy | Okanogan #12 | 04/01/08 | 3,850.68 | LUMP |
| Davis, Carol | Douglas #4 | 09/11/07 SURV | 4,668.90 | LUMP |
| Ellingson, Phaedra | Benton #2 | 03/15/08 | 1,540.27 | LUMP |
| Emery, Elaine | Mason #1 | 05/22/08 | 171.00 | @ age 62 |
| Fowler, Donald | Island #3 | 05/21/08 | 3,520.62 | LUMP |
| Gogan, Raymond | Pacific #5 | 05/01/08 | 180.00 | |
| Hammons, Gordon | Snohomish #14 | 03/11/08 | 3,740.66 | LUMP |
| Harder, Carl | Adams #4 | 05/07/08 | 202.50 | |
| Harder, Nina | Adams #4 | 05/07/08 | 202.50 | |
| Hawk, Lawrence | Skagit #7 | 06/25/08 JS | 240.60 | |
| Hell, Maurice | Darrington #24 | 04/30/08 | 153.90 | @ age 62 |
| Hill, John | Grays Harbor #2 | 03/29/08 | 3,300.58 | LUMP |
| Holden, Marvin | Clallam #3 | 05/16/08 | 2,320.75 | LUMP |
| James, Dwight | Thurston #1 | 04/21/08 JS | 252.00 | |

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| Jenicek, Roger | Lewis #5 | 04/24/08 | 3,740.66 | LUMP |
| Johnson, Larry | Skagit #3 | 07/03/08 JS | 257.10 | |
| Keller, Gary | Lincoln #1 | 03/07/08 | 1,980.35 | LUMP |
| Kendall, Kenneth | North Whidbey F&R | 06/01/08 | 77.00 | |
| Kime, Curtis | Yakima #6 | 07/10/08 | 187.50 | |
| Kingston, James Sr | Kitsap #7 | 02/23/08 | 3,520.62 | LUMP |
| Kostman, Jeannie | Clark #11 | 02/03/08 | 228.00 | @ age 62 |
| Larson, Robert | Jefferson #6 | 06/11/08 JS | 113.40 | |
| Lathers, Eddie | Whatcom #13 | 03/25/08 | 187.50 | |
| Ludwig, James | East County F & R | 06/01/08 | 300.00 | |
| Mackleit, Dennis | Town of LaCross | 05/01/08 JS | 154.26 | |
| Marcy, William | Pierce #5 | 06/01/08 JS | 236.53 | @ age 64 |
| Miller, Harry | Grays Harbor #1 | 03/06/08 | 4,620.82 | LUMP |
| Patterson, Wesley | Whitman #14 | 02/26/08 | 4,715.10 | LUMP |
| Pederson, Lester | Thurston #5 | 01/16/08 | 63.00 | |
| Pepperworth, Chad | Bellingham Police | 01/01/08 | 3,960.70 | LUMP |
| Plumb, William | Adams #7 | 07/20/08 JS | 146.52 | @ age 60 |
| Poole, Gary | Douglas #5 | 06/01/08 | 300.00 | |
| Poole, Gerald | Douglas #5 | 06/01/08 | 300.00 | |
| Porter, Robert | Skagit #17 | 01/22/08 | 4,620.82 | LUMP |
| Purdy, Clyde Jr. | City of Sunnyside | 06/26/08 JS | 163.44 | @ age 60 |
| Ragan, Frank | Mason #9 | 05/01/05 | 75.00 | |
| Ragan, Gordan | Mason #9 | 02/10/08 | 75.00 | |
| Reimann, Ron | Franklin #2 | 02/11/08 | 4,950.80 | LUMP |
| Reither, Mark | Pend Oreille #7 | 05/05/08 | 3,371.15 | LUMP |
| Schlegel, Sam | Pacific #5 | 05/22/08 JS | 253.20 | |
| Shields, James Jr. | City of Poulsbo | 08/27/06 | 58.52 | @ age 62 |
| Simmons, Kenneth | Kitsap #7 | 02/01/08 | 4,180.74 | LUMP |
| Slater, Barry | City of Washougal | 02/21/08 | 4,400.78 | LUMP |
| Smith, Thomas | Pierce #8 | 04/29/08 | 171.00 | @ age 62 |
| Stevens, James | Snohomish #8 | 06/23/08 | 80.50 | |
| Tooke, Larry | City of Medical Lake | 05/04/08 JS | 62.99 | |
| Torppa, Charles | Pacific #4 | 04/27/08 JS | 160.02 | @ age 60 |
| Underwood, Eugene | King #25 | 07/12/06 | 70.00 | |
| Warner, Donald | Klickitat #1 | 05/14/08 | 2,420.43 | LUMP |
| Weidner, Maxwell | Pacific #1 | 04/28/08 | 3,520.62 | LUMP |
| Wendt, Charles | Okanogan #2 | 05/01/08 JS | 257.10 | |
| Woodruff, Dale | Town of Concrete | 07/14/08 | 300.00 | |
| Wragge, William Jr. | Kittitas Valley F&R | 06/13/08 JS | 252.00 | |
| Yeoman, Larry | Skagit #14 | 02/14/08 | 1,760.31 | LUMP |

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

TJ Nedrow, WSFFA, encouraged the Board to write a newsletter article for publication in the WSFFA Newsletter regarding the importance of firefighter participation documentation. He said the next article was due by the 15th. He also stated that he wished more people would come to see the Board work through the WAC process and see how arduous it is. He expressed a desire to continue a working relationship with the Board and would also welcome them to write individual articles about what it's like to be a Board Member.

There was a motion by Boad, seconded by Hughes, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Brigette K. Smith, Executive Secretary