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# SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## 2008 Board of Directors

Jeff F. Bolton  
President 07-08

Stephen L. Curran  
Vice-President 07-08

John D. Owens  
Secretary/Treasurer 07-08

Vernon Pierce  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
07-08

Gary Collins  
Fire Director 07-08

Dale Jackson  
Fire Director 08-09

Doug Jones  
Industry Director  
07-08

Larry McBride  
Industry Director  
08-09

Tod McDowell  
Police Director 07-08

Aleta Cappen  
Police Director 08-09

Larry Richard  
At-Large Director  
07-08

Mark Brown  
EMS Director 08-09

Cindy Powers  
Health Director  
07-08

# NOVEMBER MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

## NEXT MEETING

The **December 3rd, 2008 712th SNCA meeting** at 10:00 a.m. will be hosted by Hardin Co. ESD #5. The location has not been determined at this time. Notification on the location will be made via e-mail prior to the meeting date.

The 711th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was hereby called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 5th, 2008 and was hosted by Stat-Care Ambulance at Courville's.

Scott Kerwood gave the invocation.

Steve Curran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-introductions were made and Host, Chris Demas with Stat-Care Ambulance welcomed the membership.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Gary Collins, Doug Jones, Larry Richard and Mark Brown

## READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jeff Bolton, asked for "Approval" of the 710th previous month's minutes as e-mailed for the October 1st, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Terry Basham and seconded by Larry McBride to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDANCE – None**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Information compiled by John Owens, Sec./Treasurer with the assistance of John Avery, PAFD

Balance as of 10-31-08.

Checking:	\$14,429.13
CD	\$ 4,967.86
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Total Balance        \$19,396.99

A motion was made by Tom Collwell and seconded by Vernon Pierce to approve the report from the Treasurer. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Bolton discussed the up-coming election to fill the Board of Directors Positions that are open. The election will be held at the December meeting. The following Board Positions are up for election:

- Secretary-Treasurer: currently held by John Owens
- Sergeant at Arms: currently held by Vernon Pierce
- One of the Fire Director Positions: currently held by Gary Collins
- One of the Industry Director Positions: currently held by Doug Jones
- One of the Police Director Positions: currently held by Tod McDowell
- The At-Large Position: currently held by Larry Richard
- The Health Director Position: currently held by Cindy Powers

**The following nominations have been received: (all nominations have been confirmed as voting members of their respective entities).**

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 08-09 Secretary-Treasurer: | Terry Basham<br>Tom Colwell  |
| 08-09 Sergeant-At-Arms     | Vernon Pierce                |
| 08-09 Fire Director        | Larry Richard                |
| 08-09 Industry Director    | Mark Czerwiec<br>Doug Jones  |
| 08-09 Police Director      | Roy Birdsong<br>Tod McDowell |
| 08-09 At-Large Director    | Jeff Kelley                  |
| 08-09 EMS Director         | Butch Holmes                 |

Written ballots will be available for the election at the regularly scheduled December meeting. As per Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution, "Spaces for write-in candidates shall be provided on the election ballot". "The slate (list) of nominations shall be presented to the membership at this meeting, and the President shall provide the membership the opportunity to make nominations from the floor, or accept the slate as presented. Should the floor nominations be made, the Nominations Committee Chairman shall insure that the prospective candidate(s) meet the qualifications for elected office in the Association prior to a vote being taken".

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Nominating Committee: Tommy Wells**

Tommy advised that he will oversee the aforementioned election, with committee members assisting.

### **Membership Committee: Dennis Gifford- No Report**

### **Constitution and By-Laws: Gary Collins - No Report**

### **Audit Committee: Andrew Garcia – No Report**

### **Training and Education Committee: Elgin Browning**

**NOTE:** All programs are subject to change at a moment's notice due to changes of emergencies, conflicts in scheduling, etc.

March 23-27, 2009     **Industrial Fire World Conference**  
Beaumont, Texas

April 6-10, 2009     **Hurricane Conference**  
Austin, Texas  
[www.hurricanemeeting.com](http://www.hurricanemeeting.com)

April 19-23, 2009    **Williams Foam School**  
Beaumont, Texas  
[www.williamsfire.com](http://www.williamsfire.com)

Nov 22-25, 2009     **Texas EMS conference**  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
[http://www.texasemsconference.com/texas\\_ems\\_2009.htm](http://www.texasemsconference.com/texas_ems_2009.htm)

For Calendar Updates or Additions, or more info regarding Training and Education, Please email Elgin Browning at [ebrowning@gt.rr.com](mailto:ebrowning@gt.rr.com)

### **Awards Committee: Stephanie Garsea**

Nominations were received prior to the deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board of Directors confirmed the nominations and awards for the following categories:

Outstanding Member: Presented to a member in recognition of exemplary performance relating to emergency management, emergency response, or emergency related duties or program administration.

Community Service: Presented to any person who has provided leadership, guidance, facilities, equipment, or support to an Emergency Response Program, a Community, or the Profession in the furtherance of emergency response activities.

Distinguished Service: Presented to the Outgoing President

Special Awards: The Awards Committee may recommend any Special Awards in recognition of contributions made in the advancement of Emergency Management, Emergency Response, or Public Safety.

The SNCA Awards will be presented at the annual Bosses Night Dinner on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **Communications Committee: Pat Grimes - None**

#### **Inventory: Vernon Pierce-**

Vernon reported very good support from the "Inventory Committee" members, especially considering the recent storms in our area. He has received several updated Inventories and appreciates the cooperation from the membership, but there are still a few inventories missing and he urges members that have not submitted them to please do so as soon as possible.

#### **Bosses Night: David Frenzel –**

Bosses Night is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> (second Monday in December) at the Brad Club. Social Hour will run 6-7PM and then dinner. The event should be over by 8:30PM.

David has requested that each member give him an estimate of how many people will attend from their respective entities so he can continue making preparations for the event. If you have not already given David this information at the November meeting, you can email David at [dfrenzel@orangefd.com](mailto:dfrenzel@orangefd.com)

#### **Program Committee: Bryant Champagne-**

Programs are scheduled through February of next year. However, Bryant welcomes any prospective Programs for the remainder of the year.

Should any member have an idea for a program, please contact Bryant at (409) 989-7909 or email him at [bryant.champagne@motivaent.com](mailto:bryant.champagne@motivaent.com)

**Drill and Exercise Committee: Bob Stegall – No Report**

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Homeland Security Committee: Steve Curran – No Report**

**Oil Spill Committee: Tommy Wells –**

There will be a One Gulf Area Committee, Nov 6th at 10:00 am at Sanderson's restaurant in Nederland, TX. If you are involved in Oil Spill response you are invited to attend.

**Overhead Team Committee: Scott Kerwood**

A meeting will be scheduled in the near future for the Overhead Team.

**Strategic Planning Committee: Cindy Powers- No Report**

**SNCA Golf Tournament Committee: Bobby Layne/ Bryant Champagne-**

Bryant advised next years tournament is scheduled for March 23rd, 2009, and the committee is hoping to have the event at Bevil Oaks Country Club and have two flights. Last years proceeds went to the LIT "Real American Hero" Scholarship Fund and was a huge success. This year, Bryant and Stephanie Garsea will be co-chairing. Industrial Fire World will be assisting. Other volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with the event please contact Bryant or Stephanie.

**Public Relations Committee: Stephanie Garsea—No Report**

## **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES**

Recent emergencies were discussed in the following categories: Industry, Municipal Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, Homeland Security and Health.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Laura Couvillon announced the 4th Annual Industrial Fire, Safety and Security Seminar and Solutions Exhibition will be held in Houston at the Reliant Center, February 4-6, 2009. A brochure was handed out and more information is available at [www.ifssevent.com](http://www.ifssevent.com)

## **PROGRAM**

Greg Weger and Nate Meier of Lockard and White Telecommunications Engineering Company gave a presentation on "Smart Wireless Technology" which focused on Infrastructure Security.

**PLEASE NOTE THE UP-COMING HOSTS:**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ENTITY</b>
December	2008	Hardin Co. ESD #5
January	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
February	2009	Garner Environmental
March	2009	Goodyear
April	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
May	2009	Chevron Phillips: Port Arthur
June	2009	Exxon-Mobil
July	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
August	2009	Nederland Fire Department
September	2009	Motiva
October	2009	Port Neches Fire Department
November	2009	Port Arthur Police and Fire Departments
December	2009	Beaumont Fire and Police Departments

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Scott Kerwood to adjourn the [711th](#) meeting at 12:05 pm. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Owens*

Secretary/Treasurer