

- (3) Public safety directors and those chief officers, designated by the public safety director whose primary responsibility is devoted to fire administration and/or operations.

Associate Members

- (1) Any fire officer in a supervisory capacity in any organized public, private, governmental, or industrial fire department or public safety department.
- (2) Person affiliated with any fire investigation, fire underwriting, fire education, or fire research firm or corporation may become associate members upon payment of annual dues, provided the persons application for membership is approved by a majority of the members voting. Associate members shall not have voting privileges nor shall they be eligible to hold office in the association.

Sustaining Members

Sustaining members shall consist of salespersons, representatives of fire apparatus manufacturers, fire hose, fire appliances, fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, computers, and any product of an allied nature that is offered for sale to the fire service, may become sustaining members upon payment of annual dues, provided such persons application for membership is approved by a majority of the members voting. Sustaining members shall not have voting privileges nor shall they be eligible to hold office in the association.

Honorary Members

Honorary members may be conferred upon the following: State Police Fire Marshals serving Genesee County; Genesee County Emergency Preparedness Director; Salvation Army canteen officers; DNR officers serving Genesee County, and any person who has rendered conspicuous service to the aims and purpose of the association. Such membership may only be conferred by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Board of the association. Honorary members shall not have voting privileges nor shall they be eligible to hold office in the association.

Life Members

A member who retires from the fire service and who has been a member of the association for five (5) years or more may be granted a life membership in the association upon approval of the Executive Board. Life members shall not be required to pay dues or assessments and will not have voting privileges nor shall they be eligible to hold office in the association.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Members shall be required to pay annual dues each year as set by the membership. Annual dues shall be due and payable during the month of January each year. Members who fail to pay before April 1 shall be removed from the mailing list and will be charged at the rate of outside agencies prices for classes until dues and a \$25.00 reinstatement fee are paid.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the membership of the association shall be held the third Wednesday of each month, except when such meeting falls on a legal holiday an alternate meeting date shall be set by a majority vote of the members present at the preceding meeting.

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or upon written request to the President by five (5) or more members, in which case the request shall be made at least seven (7) days preceding such special meeting.

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held as often as shall be deemed necessary by the members of such Executive Board to properly conduct the business of the association.

ARTICLE VI

QUORUM

Ten (10) members or more present at any regular or special meeting of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Three (3) or more officers of the executive board at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

The Executive Board shall consist of: President, Vice-President, the Immediate past President, one-year Trustee, and two-year Trustee, all with voting privileges and all to be members in good standing in the association.

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers the association with those Board members, listed below, having automatic ascension yearly to the next office. The Immediate Past President will also serve as a member of the Executive Board.

The order of ascension is as follows:

- President - automatic ascension to Immediate Past President
- Vice-president - automatic ascension to President
- One-year Trustee - automatic ascension to Vice-president
- Two-year Trustee - automatic ascension to one-year Trustee

Secretary-Treasurer

The Executive Board, with concurrence of the membership, shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTIONS

The President shall appoint a nominating committee in December. The committee shall give their report at the January meeting. For 1995-96 no election will be necessary. Thereafter, an annual election shall be held for the purpose of electing a two-year Trustee. The annual election shall be held at the first regular meeting proceeding March 1st of each year.

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular and special meetings for the association and Executive Board, appoint all committees and perform such duties as may be incidental to the office of the President or which may be required by action of the membership and/or Executive Board.

Vice-president

It shall be the duty of the Vice-president, in the absence of or inability of the President to act, to perform all the duties of the office of the President and when the President is presiding, to assist the President in every way.

Trustees

It shall be the duty of the Trustees, together with the Vice-president, to make an annual audit of the Treasurer's books and present a report of such audit to the membership once each year. They shall, with the other members of the Executive Board, transact all business of the association not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and shall carry out any plans as may be determined and assigned to them by the membership or President.

Secretary-Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep a record of the proceedings of all regular and special meetings of the association and Executive Board, receive and send communications pertaining to the business of the association; be prepared to give a record of the proceedings of previous association and/or Executive Board meetings to the membership at the request of the President; send notices to the membership of all regular and special meetings; disseminate all the correspondence, reports, etc., as directed by the actions for the membership or President.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to collect and keep records of all dues paid by the members; receive and disburse all monies of the association as directed by the membership and Executive Board and keep a true and correct account of all association monies; be prepared to give a record of the financial accounts for the association to the membership at the regular monthly meetings. The treasurer shall prepare a printed detailed financial report of association annually; shall deposit the funds of the association in a bank approved by the Board. Deposits thus made shall be in the name of the Genesee County Association Fire Chief's.

Filling of Vacancies to the Executive Board

Upon a vacancy occurring in the elected office of this association, the member holding elected office below the vacated office, will each move up one office and the President, with Executive Board concurrence, shall appoint a new two-year Trustee who will serve until the next regular election.

Filling a vacancy in the office of Secretary-Treasurer

Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Board, with concurrence of the membership, shall appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE X

EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES

Expenditures that need to be addressed before the next regular meeting shall not exceed \$500.00 and must be approved by a majority of the executive board.

ARTICLE XI

CHANGES TO ROG's

All recommended changes to ROGs will be distributed to the association general membership for review. Any changes or recommendations will be voted on at a regular association meeting.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended or altered at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose by a 2/3rd vote of those members present and voting at such meeting; provided that a written notice of such proposed amendments or alterations be given to all members at least sixty (60) days preceding such vote.