



2025 FFLA BOARD MEETING

FEBUARY 8, 2025

The meeting was called order at 1003 PST by Chairman Mike Guerin

There were 19 present on the zoom/call meeting: Chairman-Mike Guerin, Eastern Deputy/NC-E - Mark Haughwout, Southern Deputy/SE US - Ron Stafford, Secretary/NJ co - Ray Grimes, Treasurer/N.ID-MT - Gary Weber, National Liaison - Keith Argow, ME - Bill Cobb, AZ - Dave Lorenz, CA-No. - Jon Aronson, CA-Sierra/Nev. - Jeff Baggett, CA-So. - Scott McClintock, CO-UT - Kathryn Lindquist, NH - Chris Haartz, NJ - Bob Wolff, NY - Laurie Rankin, TN - Bill Ulmer, VT - Peter Hayes, WI - Richard Ellis, Election Chair - Rob Hoeye

Bylaws

Mike asked for any comments or discussion on the bylaws; there were none. There was a motion by Scott McClintock, seconded by Ron Stafford/Mark Haughwout to accept the revised bylaws; all on the call were in favor. Mike will send an email to all directors for approval of the bylaws and ask them to send an email to the Secretary to tally and record the vote and let him know.

Financial/Budget

Gary went over the financial report and with the increased of cost for Lookout Network, insurance, and other expenses, there was discussion among the directors on the call of increasing the dues; proposals for increases to \$20 and \$25 were made. Mike will query the entire board, and also whether to change to notification period in the bylaws from the current one year to something less.

Gary went over the Budget that he had sent out to the directors earlier this month. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Laurie Rankin and seconded by Richard Ellis; all on the call accepted the budget, located below.

2025 FFLA Budget		Approved	2/8/2024
<i>Income</i>			
Balance Forward		\$45,535.44	
Dues		\$20,000.00	
Donations		\$1,000.00	
Chapter Grants/Donations (Pass-Through)		\$10,000.00	
Merchandise Sales		\$2,000.00	
Interest		\$5.00	
	Total	\$78,540.44	
<i>Expenses</i>			
Publication			-\$20,000.00
Chapter Distributions			-\$2,500.00
Brochure Cost			\$2,000.00
Restoration Grants			-\$27,500.00
Emergency Stabilization Grants			-\$300.00
Chapter Grants/Donations (Pass-Through)			-\$10,000.00
Insurance			-\$1,800.00
Merchandise Cost			-\$1,800.00
Operations			-\$500.00
History/Archive/Preservation Fund			-\$500.00
Website Upgrade			-\$2,000.00
	Total		-\$64,900.00
Year-end Balance			\$13,640.44

Election

Election Chair Rob Hoeye presented the results for the 2025 election. There were 4 positions open Western Deputy Chair, Southern Deputy Chair, Historian/Archivist and Secretary. With no write ins, the results were Western Deputy Chair-Kyle Stetler, Southern Deputy Chair-Ron Stafford, Historian /Archivist-Jason Johns, Secretary-Ray Grimes Jr.

Eastern Conference

NY Director Laurie Rankin announced that the Eastern conference will be June 20-22 in Richmondville, NY at the Richmondville Fire Department. More info will be in the next issue of the Lookout Network magazine.

Western Conference

At this time no one has stepped up to host a conference in the west for 2025

Gary spoke about the National Interdisciplinary Lookout Conference at the University of Idaho in Moscow, a one-day conference on Saturday April 19th that the FFLA is partnering on. More info about the conference can be found at their website <https://cdil.lib.uidaho.edu/lookoutconference/about/>

Website

Mike advised that the new website for the FFLA is live. Mike gave thanks to Gary Weber, Kyle Stetler, and Bill Cobb for all their work for getting the new site developed and up and running

NHLR

Mike advised that in trying to switch the NHLR from Keith Argow to the FFLA, with the election of the new Historian/Archivist, that individual should be the point person for the site and information.

After the agenda items were covered, directors on the call gave brief summaries of activities from their areas; go to the website to read their full reports at <https://firelookout.org/about-us/current-reports>.

Good and Welfare

Gary advised of the passing of former Western Deputy Chair and Eastern Washington Director, Dave Bula.

The meeting adjourned at 1126 PST.

Submitted by FFLA Secretary

Ray Grimes