



## 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes **DRAFT** October 21, 2025

1. The virtual 2025 annual membership meeting was called to order on October 21, 2025, at 9:45 p.m. Eastern Time and the quorum was established.
2. The following NAEFO Directors and Officers were recognized as being present:
  - Bruce Suenram, President
  - Marvin Hill, Vice President, and Illinois State Director
  - Bonnie Jones, Montana State Director
  - Jay Cross, Oregon State Director
  - Monte Olsen, Secretary/Treasurer
3. The NAEFO Executive Director Cole Arreola-Karr was recognized and there were no other members or guests.
4. Director Jones move that the minutes from the 2024 Membership Meeting held on September 17, 2024 be approved as presented and the motion passed.
5. President Bruce Suenram reported on the bi-weekly meetings of the Ad hoc Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the Executive Director, which have mostly be focused on legislative issues and the recent government shutdown; however, future meetings will become more focused on the delivery of services to membership—especially services that also generate revenue for NAEFO.
6. NAEFO Executive Director Arreola-Karr reported on recent activities in various states, particularly Missouri due to the recent passage of property tax legislation that will have extremely negative impacts of Missouri’s emergency services organizations.
7. NAEFO Legislative Committee Chair Hill reported on the following federal legislation that currently is of high interest:
  - House Bill 204 Access to Cred for our Rural Economy (ACRE) Act
  - House Bill 471 Fix our Forests Act
  - House Bill 2766 and Senate Bill 2014 District Fairness and Accessibility Act
  - Senate Bill 356 Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization
8. The attached 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Monte Olsen.
9. There was no Unfinished Business.
10. There was no New Business; however, there was general discussion without objection for the following:

- Development of a plan to approach five state associations with a proposal offering 50% off membership dues using the \$1,250 that was donated in 2025.
- Preparation of materials of items that can be auctioned at state association conferences such as the upcoming Oregon Fire Service Conference, e.g., NAEFO webinars or individual district membership.

#### 11. Orders of the Day

- No one was nominated to be Director At-Large to the NAEFO Board of Directors for the next one-year term because there were no nominees for this office from NAEFO's Individual District Member.
- Bruce Suenram was nominated and re-elected as President for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
- Marvin Hill was nominated and re-elected as Vice President for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
- Monte Olsen was nominated and re-elected as Secretary for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
- Monte Olsen was nominated and re-elected as Treasurer for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.

#### 12. Reports from the following State Associations were presented by the following

- Vice President and Illinois Director Hill reported that the recent conference, which included the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the Illinois Firefighter's Association, was a success with great speakers; however, the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts has decided to have their own standalone conference in 2026. Hill also shared details about the approach a caucus of 14 Illinois emergency services organizations are going to take regarding future legislative priorities.
- Montana Director Jones reported that the recent Fire Service Convention, which was a collaboration of the Montana State Fire Chiefs Association, the Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association, the Montana Fire Trustees Association, and the Montana County Fire Wardens Association, was a success with great speakers.
- NAEFO Executive Director Arreola-Karr reported on recent activities regarding regional roundtables regarding the recent passage of property tax legislation that will have extremely negative impacts of Missouri's emergency services organizations, including providing testimony the previous day to the Senate Select Committee on Property Taxes. Arreola-Karr also reported that a special districts coalition that formed as a result of recent passage of property tax legislation will meet after the first of the year to consider formal incorporation.
- Oregon Director Cross reported on the upcoming Oregon Fire Service Conference, including his master of ceremonies role in an annual fund raising auction held during the Conference.

#### 13. The upcoming conferences and webinars were announced:

- Washington Fire Commissioners Association [Conference](#) October 22 - 23 in Tulalip
- Oregon Fire District Directors Association's [Oregon Fire Service Conference](#) on November 20 - 22 at Seaside

- [Emergency Services Organizations Addressing Threats to Local Revenue Stability](#), 45 minutes virtually at 1 p.m. Eastern, Noon Central, 11 a.m. Mountain, 10 am Pacific
- Arizona Fire District Association, [Winter Conference](#), January 14 – 16 in Laughlin, Nevada

14. The President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer took their oaths of office.

15. Adjourned at 10:45 pm Eastern by the President.

Submitted by the Secretary on October 21, 2025:



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Approved by the NAEFO Membership on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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