



## 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes **DRAFT** September 17, 2024

1. The 2024 annual membership meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada was called to order on September 17, 2024, at 3:07 p.m. Pacific Time and the quorum was established.
2. The following NAEFO Directors and Officers were recognized as being present:
  - Bruce Suenram, President
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  - Bonnie Jones, Montana State Director
  - Orlanda Smith, Individual Director At-Large
  - Monte Olsen, Secretary/Treasurer
3. NAEFO Members and guests were recognized along with Executive Director Cole Arreola-Karr.
4. Minutes from the 2023 Membership Meeting held on September 19, 2023 were approved as presented.
5. President Bruce Suenram reported that NAEFO's mailing address was changed to a post office box in Washington, D.C, NAEFO's financial software application transitioned online, regular meetings were being held with the new Executive Director along with an Ad hoc Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the Executive Director.
6. The attached 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Monte Olsen.
7. There was no Unfinished Business.
8. There was no New Business; however, there was general discussion about the need to continue having forum discussions regarding a number of concerns common to multiple states, including voter and legislative-directed reduction of revenue from lowering or eliminating property taxes—and a lively discussion followed on the topic.
9. Orders of the Day
  - a. Orlanda Smith was nominated and re-elected Director At-Large to the NAEFO Board of Directors for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
  - b. Bruce Suenram was nominated and re-elected as President for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
  - c. Marvin Hill was nominated and re-elected as Vice President for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
  - d. Monte Olsen was nominated and re-elected as Secretary for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.

- e. Monte Olsen was nominated and re-elected as Treasurer for a one-year term—there were no other nominees for this office.
10. The upcoming meetings and conferences were announced:
- a. Winter NAEFO Board of Directors meeting: October 15, 2024, at 9 pm Eastern; 8 pm Central; 7 pm Mountain; 6:00 pm Pacific
  - b. Montana Fire Trustees Association [Conference](#) on September 27 – 29
  - c. South Carolina Association Special Purpose Districts [Annual Conference](#) October 18 - 20, Myrtle Beach
  - d. Washington Fire Commissioners Association [Conference](#) October 23 -24 in Spokane
  - e. Oregon Fire District Directors Association's [Oregon Fire Service Conference](#) on November 7 - 9 at Seaside
11. The following action items were reviewed by Secretary Olsen:
- a. Ensure that the NAEFO website calendar is up to date with information for members about meetings of the Board of Directors;
  - b. Provide NAEFO lapel pins and certificates of attendance to participants in this year's NAEFO Conference;
  - c. Banners for state association conferences will be shipped to Past President McCullough for her to display at upcoming state association conferences; and
  - d. Explore the possibility of more NAEFO webinars—especially with speakers who could not present at this year's conference.
12. The President, Director At-Large, and Secretary/Treasurer took their oaths of office.
13. Adjourned at 3:52 pm by the President.

Submitted by the Secretary on September 17, 2024:



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Approved by the NAEFO Membership on October 21, 2025

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