



State of Maine LOSAP  
LOSAP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2019

Attendees: Bill Gillespie, Fred Brewer, Stephan Bunker, and Jeff Brackett

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Bill Gillespie at 10:25

Approval of November 18, 2019 Minutes: Stephan Bunker Motion to Approve, Jeff Brackett seconded, All members present approved the minutes.

Fire Commission Meeting – Discussed the 6,891 members of MSFF in 2009 and 4,677 today and the impact of the decreasing membership on communities in Maine. Discussed the possible funding of the TPA and administrative side and having municipal contributions not being enough to grow the membership. PFFME has seen the number of new members rise and the feeder program from the volunteer ranks has been diminishing. They still have multiple open positions and can't fill them. How do we stop the decline? We can't repair the system until we can triage it and work to fix the problems that we have. Recruitment and retention issues are becoming an even bigger issue with the diminishing ranks. Currently LOSAP is what the Commission feels is the start to getting to triaging the problem. Thought is that there is high 300's for fire departments in the state.

Maine EMS meeting – They have a better understanding of their membership and will be getting information to us to work on arriving at a contribution amount to incorporate into our budgetary numbers. We will be submitting legislation next October to get a placeholder in to add two board members from the EMS field.

It looks like January 6<sup>th</sup> is when the next legislative session will start.

Website update – Things are going well and Google search is working to find the website.

Next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at MMA's offices.

Stephan Bunker Motion to adjourn at 11:12, Jeff Brackett Seconded, all in Favor.

Respectively Submitted

Frederick Brewer

Future Meetings February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>