

BYLAWS ARTICLE III - STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 22 **Proposed Change Bolded**

The CONVENTION COMMITTEE, to consist of at least six (6) members to be made up of the previous years Convention General Chairman, who will act as Chairman of the Committee, and three (3) upcoming convention General Chairman and two (2) appointed members who have served as convention General Chairman and will be appointed by the President of the WNYVFA. This committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Local Convention Committee, and shall in no way interfere with the operation of the convention.

This Committee will also select a site for the annual convention as per the following: When a person is elected to the position of Second Vice President of the WNYVFA in July, he/she will have until the September meeting to select a convention site for the Annual Convention during the year as President of the WNYVFA. If the Fire Company of the Second Vice President does not wish to host the convention, then the Second Vice President will meet with the Convention Committee to select a host Fire Company or organization from the list of convention bid proposals on file with the **Recording Secretary**. Then the Convention Committee will submit the selection to the membership for approval at the January meeting of the membership.

BY-LAW ARTICLE IV - DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.....

SECTION 5 **Proposed Changes Bolded**

A member shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues until he or she shall be two years in arrears. If dues are two years in arrears for these members, the **Financial Secretary** will drop them from the rolls and they will have to reapply for membership to the Association with no credit for time served.

SECTION 7 NEW

Any member belonging to Association for 50 Year shall be recognized with a "50 Year Membership" Pin denoting such.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 **Proposed Changes Bolded**

These By-Laws may be amended on the second day of any annual convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting provided the By-Law Committee presents the proposed amendments to the convention at the first day's meeting. All proposed amendments must be submitted in duplicate to the **Recording Secretary** at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

Respectively Submitted,



William W. Kershner, Chairman
WNYVFA By-Laws Committee

Current Section 5 - *Assistant Secretary*

- A. It shall be the duty of the *Assistant Secretary* to attend all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board and to perform all duties assigned to the Assistant Secretary by the Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall be duty bound by all duties of the Secretary.
- B. The Assistant Secretary shall be present at the time of the audit.

Current Section 6 - *Treasurer*

- A. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Association from the Secretary, to whom he or she shall give a receipt for same; and deposit these funds in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. He or she shall pay all bills upon order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary. He or she shall at the Annual Meeting of the Association make an interim report of the financial condition of the Association. He or she shall also make a report to the Executive Committee from time to time as they may require. He or she shall serve as "ex-officio" member of the Steering Committee and serve as their Treasurer. He or she will pay their bills out of their account on order of the Secretary of the Steering Committee.
- B. The Treasurer shall be present with his or her books at the time of an audit.

Current Section 7 - *Assistant Treasurer*

- A. It shall be the duty of the Assistant treasurer to attend all meetings of the Association and Executive Board and to perform all duties assigned to the Assistant Treasurer by the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall be duty bound by all duties of the Treasurer.
- B. The Assistant Treasurer shall be present at the time of the audit.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE I DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Proposed Section 4 - *Recording Secretary*

- A. It shall be the duty of the **Recording Secretary** to attend all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee, and to make and keep a complete record of the proceedings of these bodies. He shall receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association., He or she shall be responsible for the procurement of all convention liability insurance.
- B. The **Recording Secretary** shall be present with his books at the time of the audit.
- C. The **Recording Secretary** shall be responsible to send a copy of the Annual Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Delegates Report to each member organization of the WNYVFA.
- D. The **Recording Secretary** will send all Life Members of the Association a list of the dates, times and location of all regular business meetings and the Annual Convention no later than January 1 of each year.

Proposed Section 5 - *Financial Secretary*

- A. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to attend all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee. He or she shall collect all monies due to the Association, render a monthly account of same to the Treasurer, paying over to the Treasurer the amount received during the month, obtaining a receipt for same, and keeping an accurate record of their account. He shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, and make such reports as the Executive Committee may require from time to time, and he shall verify that all orders for payment conform to the limits of the current budget.
- B. He or she shall at the Annual Meeting make a full report on the condition of the Association regarding the membership. He shall issue to each and every organization and member, whose current dues are paid, a printed card or certificate setting forth thereon that the possessor thereof is entitled to a badge and such other privileges as may be presented by the "Citizen's Committee" where conventions are held, and upon surrender of said card or certificate to the local committee the badge shall be delivered without roll call. On the opening of the convention the Financial Secretary shall procure a printed list of all delegates, members,

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Current Section I

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the By-Laws Committee presents proposed amendments to the convention at the first day's meeting. All proposed amendments must be submitted in duplicate to the *Secretary* at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

Proposed Section I

Change last sentence: "All proposed amendments must be submitted in duplicate to the **Recording Secretary** at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting"

BY-LAWS ARTICLE I DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current Section 4 - *Secretary*

- A. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee, and to make and keep a complete record of the proceedings of these bodies. He shall receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association, collect all monies due to the Association, render a monthly account of same to the Treasurer, paying over to the Treasurer the amount received during the month, obtaining a receipt for same, and keeping an accurate record of their account. He shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, and make such reports as the Executive Committee may require from time to time, and he shall verify that all orders for payment conform to the limits of the current budget.
- B. He or she shall at the Annual Meeting make a full report on the condition of the Association regarding the membership. He shall issue to each and every organization and member, whose current dues are paid, a printed card or certificate setting forth thereon that the possessor thereof is entitled to a badge and such other privileges as may be presented by the "Citizen's Committee" where conventions are held, and upon surrender of said card or certificate to the local committee the badge shall be delivered without roll call. On the opening of the convention the Secretary shall procure a printed list of all delegates, members, and life members, who are, by the terms of the Constitution and By-Laws, entitled to vote at the convention, and that the distribution of badges, etc., by the local committee shall be in a separate room from the convention hall.
- C. He or she shall be responsible for the procurement of all convention liability insurance.
- D. The Secretary shall be present with his books at the time of the audit.
- E. The Secretary shall be responsible to send a copy of the Annual Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Delegates Report to each member organization of the WNYVFA.
- F. The Secretary will send all Life Members of the Association a list of the dates, times and location of all regular business meetings and the Annual Convention no later than January 1 of each year.



WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

WNYVFA P.O. Box 216 Niagara Falls, New York 14304-0216

To: Members of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association
From: William W. Kershner, Chairman WNYVFA By-Laws Committee
RE: Proposed 2014 Amendments to Association Constitution and By-Laws
Date: June 8, 2014

At the April 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, the By-Laws Committee was charged with presenting proposed Constitution & By-Laws Amendments regarding creation of new Financial Secretary Office and elimination the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurers Offices.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Current Section I

The Officers of this Association shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, *Assistant Secretary*, Treasurer, *Assistant Treasurer*, and the Immediate Past President. These officers, with the exception of the Immediate Past President, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the annual meeting of the Association.

Proposed Section I

The Officers of this Association shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, **Recording Secretary**, **Financial Secretary**, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. These officers, with the exception of the Immediate Past President, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the annual meeting of the Association.

Current Section II

There shall be elected a Board of Trustees. This Board shall be composed of one (1) member of each County holding membership in this Association. This member shall be nominated by the County Firemen's Association, which they represent and reside in. The Secretary of that County Firemen's Association shall submit a certificate to the *Secretary* of WNYVFA stating that that County for such position has duly nominated the WNYVFA Trustee candidate. This certificate shall be submitted to the WNYVFA *Secretary* prior to the annual meeting of this Association. In the event that the County Secretary fails to file such certificate, then the office shall be declared vacant.

Proposed Section II

There shall be elected a Board of Trustees. This Board shall be composed of one (1) member of each County holding membership in this Association. This member shall be nominated by the County Firemen's Association, which they represent and reside in. The Secretary of that County Firemen's Association shall submit a certificate to the **Recording Secretary** of WNYVFA stating that that County for such position has duly nominated the WNYVFA Trustee candidate. This certificate shall be submitted to the WNYVFA **Recording Secretary** prior to the annual meeting of this Association. In the event that the County Secretary fails to file such certificate, then the office shall be declared vacant.

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the St. Johnsburg Volunteer Fire Company

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday July 23rd

12:00 pm	Tent City Opens	Town Hall
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Secretary's Office Open *	Senior Center
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Ladies Auxiliary Registration Opens	Senior Center
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Vendor Displays Open	Senior Center
7:00 pm	Kick Off Dinner	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
8:00 pm	Entertainment	Beer Tent

Thursday July 24th

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast (hosted by the St. Johnsburg Ladies Auxiliary)	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
7:00 am - TBD	Showers Open	Youth Center
8:00 am - 4:00 am	Secretary's Office Open *	Senior Center
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Vendor Displays Open	Senior Center
8:30 am - 9:45am	Ladies Auxiliary Registration Open	Senior Center
9:00 am	Official Open of the 115th Convention	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
9:30 am	Golf Tournament	Shawnee Country Club
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall - Front Bar
11:00 am	National Grid Seminar	Senior Center
12:00 pm	State Officers Luncheon	Yub's Restaurant
12:00 pm	Ladies Auxiliary Basket Raffle Drawing	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
2:00 pm	Amkus Rescue Tools Display and Demo	Senior Center Parking Lot
4:00 pm	FASNY Firefighter Olympic Games	Tent City
6:00 pm	Past Presidents Dinner	Suzanne's Fine Dining Restaurant
6:00 pm	John Valby "Dr. Dirty" Concert	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
6:00 pm	Food for EMS Judges	Youth Center
7:00 pm	EMS Competition	Youth Center Gymnasium
8:00 pm	Beer Pong Tournament	Beer Tent
8:00 pm	Entertainment (Black Widow Band)	Beer Tent

**WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the St. Johnsburg Volunteer Fire Company

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday July 25th

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast (hosted by the St. Johnsburg Ladies Auxiliary)	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
7:00 am - TBD	Showers Open	Youth Center
8:00 am - 4:00 am	Secretary's Office Open *	Senior Center
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Vendor Displays Open	Senior Center
9:00 am	WNYVFA Memorial Service	St. John Lutheran Church
10:00 am	Firefighter of the Year Awards	St. John Lutheran Church
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Election Polls Open	Senior Center
11:00 am	WNYVFA Meeting	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Nozzle Practice Registration	St. John Lutheran Church Athletic Field
12:00 pm	Nozzle Practice	St. John Lutheran Church Athletic Field
3:00 pm	Can Jam and Horseshoe Tournaments	Tent City
5:00 pm	Judges/Parade Committee Luncheon	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
6:00 pm	Parade Line-up	Homeyer and Ward Roads
7:00 pm	Grand Firemen's Parade	Ward Road
8:30 pm	Fire Truck Pull	Beer Tent
9:00 pm	Entertainment (90 West Band)	Beer Tent

Saturday July 26th

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts for Fire Police	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Fire Police Seminar	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fire Police Registration	St. Johnsburg Fire Hall
11:00 am	Fire Police Training	Ward and Krueger Roads
1:00 pm	115th WNYVFA Convention Officially Closed	

* The Secretary's office will be closed during meetings, memorial service and awards presentations

**Hope you had a Good Time - Have a Safe Trip Home
See ya Next Year**

***** Schedule Times/Locations are Subject to Change *****