

# Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.



## Minutes of the July 22, 2010 Convention Meeting

President Marc Kasprzak called the meeting to order at 900am. He pointed the fire exits out to the membership.

Mark Kasprzak  
President  
3610 Lockort rd..  
Sanborn NY 14132

Sgt. at Arms Don Trezpacz led the membership in presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Primo Biscaro  
First Vice President  
3989 Miller St.  
Warsaw NY 14569

Chaplin John Totter led in the invocation

### Welcome and Greetings

President Marc Kasprzak welcomed everyone to the 111<sup>th</sup> Western Convention.

Gerald Gehrig  
Second Vice President  
12 Hopkins St.  
Mt. Morris NY 14569

Wheatfield town supervisor Bob Cliffe welcomed everyone and thanked fire fighters for great service. Niagara County fire coordinator John Cecula welcomed all on behalf of the county and wished all a successful convention.

Wendi Walker  
Secretary  
2754 Stenzel St..  
No Tonawanda NY 14120

Niagara County Clerk Wayne Jagow welcomed everyone and hoped everyone to enjoys the convention.

Timothy Tyrrell  
Assistant Secretary  
2506 River Rd.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

The Queen Caroline Szpiacher and Princes Larissa Weinheimer were introduced.

Marc Kasprzak introduced FASNY vice president David Jakobowicz who spoke on the status of FASNY and its future plans. He introduced other FASNY officers

Thomas Mclaughlin  
Treasurer  
17 Orchard St.  
Perry NY 14530

John Montrose FASNY Home director introduced the other trustees. Marc Kasprzak read letter from State Senator Louise Slaughter wishing Western on a successful convention.

Jack Hurlbert  
Assistant Treasurer  
44 Hawthorn St.  
Perry, NY 14530

1<sup>st</sup> vice President Primo Biscaro thanked everyone and looked forward for support in the coming year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gerald Gehrig welcomed all.

Leo Greiner  
Jr Past President  
11630 Genesee St.  
Alden NY 14004

Recording Secretary Wendi Walker conducted roll call and announced times of secretary's office. She read a letter endorsing David Wolf to replace Howard Ayers on steering committee.

Report of Treasurer Tom Mclaughlin read account balances Savings acct. 6,599.72 checking acct. 8,529.81 scholarship acct. 5561.73 total acct. balances 20691.26

Motion to accept was made by Pete Frazon 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon Randall carried

Trustee Report Harold Wollaber 7 members audit was done Wednesday all was ok motion to accept was made by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Way carried

1<sup>st</sup> Vice president Primo Biscaro presided meeting

Convention Committee: Jack Hurlbert welcomed everyone Motion to accept was made by Bill Kershner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sturgis carried

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**Nominations Committee:** Report by Forrest Skelton

Nomination for president Primo Biscaro motion to accept was made by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Fuller carried

1<sup>st</sup> vice president Gerald Gehrig motion to accept by Bill Kershner carried

2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Anthony Demarco Mike Hefferon nominated Wendi Walker she declined motion to accept was made by Stanly McWilliams 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Wright carried

Secretary Wendi Walker Motion to accept by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glen Wendt carried

Assistant Secretary Timothy Tyrrell Motion to accept by Ed Tase 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Martin carried

Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin Motion to accept by Leon Randall carried

Assistant Treasurer Jack Hurlburt motion to accept by Alan Way 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Trepacz carried

Trustee Allegheny County Wayne Butts, Erie County Robert Carncross, Cattaraugus County Larry Nagel, Chautauqua County Doug Wood, Genesee County Kathy Wright, Livingston County Donald Taber, Monroe County Kenneth Fuller, Niagara County Harold Wollaber, Orleans County Ron Miesner Steuben County Walter Drum, Wyoming County Terry Snyder.

Motion to accept by Alan Way 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Trepacz

Secretary to cast one vote carried

**Bylaws Committee:** Report by Bill Kershner no proposals

**Parade Committee:** Report by Jack Hurlburt will met with committee at 5:00pm parade to start at 7:00pm at Lockport road awards to e given in beer tent later

Motion to accept by Ed Tase 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Parker carried

**Legislative Committee:** Report given by Ed Tase talked on problems in Albany 6 bills are on agenda

Pete Casey met with Rick Lazio, he asked to please register and vote to be heard cards are in office to so.

Motion to accept made by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glen Wendt carried

**Steering Committee:** Report by Bill Nichols no report

**Bowling Committee:** Report Marc Kasprzak tournaments are to held in Lancaster for next 2 years motion to accept by Leon Randall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sturgis carried

**Queens Committee:** Report by Sarah Bobo queens are here at meeting motion to accept by Ken Fuller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Kershner carried

**Presidents Participation Committee:** Report by Wayne Stanley please sign sheets clearly to get credit for awards motion to accept by Gar Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Lawrence carried

**Nozzle Practice Committee:** Report by Doug Wright all set

**Gerry Gerald took over meeting**

**Treasurer** Tom McLaughlin reported cash disbursements 4,770.10, scholarship account 5561.73, avings account 6599.72, Oppemhimer account 1711.11, total 13872.56, CD's 84636.81, total balance 107,038.84 profit 12,510.67

Motion to accept by Gary hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Casey carried

**Budget and program book** Bob Walker please put in budgets by July 31<sup>st</sup> Thanked everyone for help gross sales 69000.00 MKT squad 51,000.00 Western 17,789.00

He reported MKT Squad is out of business charitable charities might take over

Marc Kasprzak thanked Bob for work spoke on sending RSP'S for other solicitors

Motion to accept by Ron Waltman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Casey carried

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**Fire prevention Report:** Report by Dave Schmidt 5 essay were received  
Motion to accept by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Isaman carried

**History** Frank Wilczak sent in letter he is on vacation  
This will be the 14<sup>th</sup> convention in Niagara County companies celebrating Anniversaries  
Machias VFD 100 yrs, Randolph FC 125 yrs, Findley Lake 100yrs, Sheridan FC 100 yrs,  
Eagle Hose 125 yrs, Leichester FC 100 YRS, Honeyoe Falls 125 yrs  
He thanked Western for being history committee chairman

**Public Relations** Stanly MacWilliams enjoying convention will be taking pictures for  
FASNY magazine  
Motion to accept by Leon Randall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Curry carried

**Jr. Explores** Forest Skelton I am seeking names of other fire departments that host  
programs to compile a list to benefit western, Juniors are to participate in  
competition  
At water ball tanked for opportunity to serve

**Scholarship** Tim Wolfanger read report of names of winners 350.00 in donations  
Were received raising awards to 1500.00  
Motion to accept by Gary hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill McGuire carried

**Topics committee** Don Gravada seminar at 2:00 pm with Tiger Schmidtendorf  
Motion to accept by Jack Hurlburt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Snyder carried

Marc Kasprzak presided over the meeting

Introduction of guests was made by 2nd vice president Gerry Gehrig

### Announcements

EMS Competition 4 teams are entered

PAST Presidents dinner at 7:00 pm at Shawnee Country club

Harold Wollaber announced that Tiger Schmidtendorf will be at seminar 2:00pm

Fire Police Ken Fuller competition seminar at 9:00 am competition at 11:00am

Wayne Jagow spoke on windows at home chapel looking for window from Western to be  
discussed in new business

2nd Vice President Gerry Gehrig introduced guests and past presidents

Ed Tase thanked Western from FASNY read delinquent fire company dues and talked on  
membership

Mike Wutz spoke on rooms and windows at home

Sgt at Arms Don Trepacz reported 106 at meeting

Primo Bicaro said people are needed for committees and budget needs correct directory  
names and phone numbers

Invocation by Bob Carncross

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 was made by all

**Respectively submitted by**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

**SECRETARY**

Timothy Tyrrell

Wendi Walker