



**Chair: Frank Heumann Vice-Chair: Marty Peterson Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Mellor**

Minutes of January 21, 2010

**Members Present:** David Austin, Steve Ball, Ted Black, Dawayne Coombs, Eldon Farnsworth, Ross Fowlks, Steve Lutz, Ryan Mellor, Ron Morris, Marty Peterson, Coy Porter, Gil Rodriguez, Greg Rynders, Lynn Schofield, Gaylord Scott, Jay Westergard, David Larsen, Mark Bross, and Michael Jensen

**Phone:** Frank Heumann, Ryan Eckardt, Robert Stoker, and Kevin Ward

**Bureau Staff:** Jenny Allred and Jim Hansen

**Excused:** Jim Judd

**1. Call to Order:**

a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Marty Peterson welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign the roll and update the contact list.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Marty Peterson asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

**Ryan Mellor made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009 with minor changes. Grey Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

**3. Old Business:**

a. Nothing reported.

**4. New Business:**

a. Utah Retirement Systems Modification Proposals

Marty Peterson reported that Jim Judd is attending another meeting this morning. He is involved in delicate negotiations on behalf of the firefighters. Jim Judd recommended for Marty Peterson to remind the membership to use great desecration when talking with their local representatives and legislative leaders.

Everyone needs to take the high road. Do not have your spouse or relatives contact them on behalf of the firefighters. This is a very delicate and political process.

Marty Peterson discussed the following bills:

- SB 42 Retirement Eligibility Modifications – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist  
This bill: provides, through a graduated scale, a zero to five year increase in the number of years of service credit a member must accrue to retire at any age based on years of service credit accrued on July 1, 2011 from the current: 30 years to 35 years in the Public Employees' Contributory and Noncontributory Retirement Systems; and 20 years to 25 years in the Public Safety Contributory and Noncontributory and the Firefighters Retirement Systems; provides that, in the Public Employees' Contributory and Noncontributory Retirement Systems, if a retiree is less than 65 years of age and has not accrued the years of service credit needed to retire at any age, the allowance is reduced by the full actuarial amount instead of 3% for each year of retirement from age 60 to age 65; and makes technical changes.

Marty Peterson explained that this bill changes the current system from 20 years to 25 years retirement system. We are proposing a compromise to keep it a 20 years system for those vested. **Marty Peterson assigned to watch this bill.**

- SB 43 Post Retirement Employment Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist  
This bill: defines certain terms; repeals a requirement that a participating employer who hires a retiree contribute the same percentage of a retiree's salary that the participating employer would have been required to contribute if the retiree were an active member of the retirement system; requires a participating employer who hires a retiree to contribute the amortization rate for the reemployed retiree to the retirement system that would have covered the retiree in the new position; provides that a retiree from the Utah State Retirement System who returns to work with a participating employer on or after July 1, 2010 is returned to active member status to earn additional service credit but: the retiree's allowance is canceled; and the employer's retirement contribution is made to the retirement system on behalf of the retiree for additional service credit; provides that a retiree who begins reemployment on a part-time basis with any participating employer on or after July 1, 2010 is subject to certain earnings limitations; repeals the maximum allowance that a member may receive for a member who initially retires on or after July 1, 2010, in the following systems: the Public Safety Contributory Retirement System.

Marty Peterson explained this bill referred to as the “double dip” bill. This is a fifteen-page cleanup bill. **Marty Peterson assigned to watch this bill.**

- SB 94 Supplemental Benefit Amendments for Noncontributory Public Employees – Sponsor: Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist  
This bill: removes for employees that began full-time employment with the state or its educational institutions on or after July 1, 1986, the requirement that 1.5% of salary be paid into the 401(k) account of state and educational institution

employees in the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement System; requires a participating employer to determine whether an employee is eligible to receive the 1.5% of salary nonelective contribution; provides a maximum 12 month look-back period to correct errors in the nonelective contribution.

**Marty Peterson assigned to watch this bill.**

b. Legislative Watch List

Frank Heumann updated the Legislative Watch List on the Joint Council web site.

Discussed the following bills:

Ron Morris made a recommendation to add H.B. 45 State Construction Code Adoption – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley to the watch list.

- HB 201 State Fire Marshal Modifications – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove  
This bill modifies the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act in the Public Safety Code to regulate the manufacture, storage, sale, and distribution of novelty lighters that have a shape resembling or imitating a toy or object other a lighter. Ron Morris stated that he met with Utah Retail Grocers Association and they seem to be fine with the bill. There does not seem to be an organization to represent the ma and pop shops cigarette shops. **Ron Morris assigned to watch this bill.**

Jay Westergard distributed samples of novelty lighters.

- HB 202 Fireworks Amendments – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove  
This bill modifies the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act in the Public Safety Code to regulate flame effects operators and require them to obtain a license. Ron Morris had a meeting with the flame effects industry and they seem to be in favor of the bill. **Ron Morris assigned to watch this bill.**

Dave Austin discussed the issues of the state's wildland suppression fund. This bill is not numbered was introduced to the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on January 20, 2010. Representative Dennis E. Stowell is the sponsor of the bill. A task force was set up in 2008 plans to meet on January 27 at Natural Resources to discuss revisions and changes. There is a lot of discussion that needs to happen.

c. Fire Caucus Planning Update

Greg Ryders announced that the Utah Fire Caucus Luncheon scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2010. He provided a summary of the Fire Caucus Planning meeting. Some of the items discussed were:

- Firefighters must wear “house” uniform
- 2 Fire Causus Newsletters
- Gift to the lawmakers is a steel water bottle – Dawayne Coombs
- Photos – Ray Schelble
- Firefighter of the year will be given to Eldon Farnsworth
- Fund raising efforts – Tony Espinoza and Martha Ellis
- Photos put on a CD for distribution to the lawmakers
- The room for next year’s luncheon will be reserved once the session opens – Ryan Mellor

- Put the video that the college did on fire sprinklers on the CD with the lawmaker's photos
- Decorations Coordinator – Heather George
- Important to contribute to fund raising
- New pin design

Marty Peterson asked for a motion for the approval of the helmet pin or flag pin design.

**Eldon Farnsworth made a motion for the approval of the flag pin design. Ryan Mellor seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

d. Other

Frank Heumann briefly discussed SB 84 Special District Amendments – Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

This bill modifies a provision relating to the withdrawal of an area from a special service district areas withdraw special service districts.

Frank recommended human resources reviewing H.B. 23 Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing – Sponsor: Trisha S. Beck

This bill modifies provisions related to an employer testing for drugs and alcohol.

**5. Board Member and District Representative Reports:**

- a. Chair – Frank Heumann introduced Lynn Schofield, representative for the Fire Marshal's Association of Utah. He recommended the Joint Council web site for review of the bills.
- b. Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- c. Treasurer – Ryan Mellor reported good financial footing for this year.
- d. District Representatives – Jay Westergard reported that there is another meeting today on license plates.

Eldon Farnsworth announced that the 2010 Utah Chapter IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Seminar would be February 22 - 24, 2010 in Wendover.

**6. Good of the Order:**

- a. Nothing to report.

**7. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.