



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

Minutes of February 18, 2010

**Members Present:** Mark Bross, Dawayne Coombs, Ryan Eckardt, Martha Ellis, Eldon Farnsworth, Ross Folks, Frank Heumann, Steve Lutz, Ryan Mellor, Ron Morris, Marty Peterson, Jim Rampton, Gil Rodriguez, Lynn Schofield, George Sumner, and Jay Westergard

**Phone:** Ted Black, Coy Porter, Dave Spatafore, Robert Stoker, and Kevin Ward

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

**Excused:** Jim Judd

**1. Call to Order:**

a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Frank Heumann 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

Frank Heumann asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

**George Sumner made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2010. Dawayne Coombs 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 System Updates

Marty Peterson provided update on the following retirement bills:

- H.B. 233 Retirement Office Amendments – Sponsor: Don L. Ipson – **Watch**  
This bill should pass the Senate.
- H.B. 412 Retirement Task Force – Sponsor: Melvin R. Brown – **Watch**  
Marty Peterson has not heard anything on this bill.

- S. B. 42 Retirement Eligibility Modifications – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**

Marty Peterson stated this bill is still on hold.

- S.B. 43 Sub 1 Post- Retirement Employment Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**

Marty Peterson reported that at the Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Committee hearing on Friday all retirement bills passed out on party lines. It was obvious that no one read the fine print on the fiscal note. He explained that this bill would increase the Firefighters Retirement System by 1.37 percent increased costs to eliminate double dipping in the fire service.

Jim Rampton discussed the proposal for double dipping. Senator Liljenquist went from an absolutely not double dipping to maybe double dipping. The proposal may be a hard separation from any employment that is contributing to the retirement system for one year. If an employee comes back from one year, it is assumed that an employee would suspend their pension to return to work.

Ryan Mellor made a recommendation not to support this bill without further study.

**Marty Peterson made a motion to change the position status on S.B. 43 from watch to cannot support without further study as written. Ryan Mellor seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

- S.B. 63 Sub 1 New Public Employees’ Tier II Contributory Retirement Act – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch Cannot Support w/o Further Study (2/18)**

Jim Rampton reported on a meeting on Tuesday he attended with Senator Liljenquist, the Utah State Chiefs Association, public safety, firefighters, and representatives of others organizations. The Senator proposed a substitute bill to carve out Public Safety out of the Tier II system making it A, and B system, full retirement benefits after 25 years of service credit, and 1.5 percent multiplier for each year of service. The substitute bill may be out today.

Marty Peterson stated that he was assured that the death and disability benefit for volunteer firefighters would be correct in the new system and its not.

Ryan Mellor made a recommendation not to support this bill without further study.

**Marty Peterson made a motion to change the position status on S.B. 63 Sub 1 from watch to cannot support without further study as written. Ryan Mellor seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

- S.B. 94 Supplemental Benefit Amendments For Noncontributory Public Employees – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**

Marty Peterson reported that this bill passed out of Committee. People understand that they have to give up 1.5%.

- S.B. 240 Retirement Participation Amendments – Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**  
Marty Peterson stated this bill has no language.

b. Legislative Watch List (refer to the list on the following website: [www.firecouncil.com](http://www.firecouncil.com)).

The Joint Fire Council discussed the following bills:

- H.B. 45 State Construction Code Adoption Sponsor: – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley – **Support**  
This bill passed the Senate on the second reading.
- H.B. 113 Child Restraint Device Amendments – Sponsor: Christopher N. Herrod – **Oppose**  
This bill failed in the House.
- H.B. 121 Emergency Medical Services Act Transport Amendments – Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes – **Watch**  
This bill is in the House assigned to the standing committee.  
Jim Rampton reported that Senator Hughes has been meeting with different departments to discuss the inter-facility request for proposal (RFP) process. He will have further discussion and more meetings.
- H.B. 173 911 Amendments – Sponsor: Brad L. Lee – **Watch**  
This bill is in the House assigned to the Standing Committee.
- H.B. 175 Amendments to Light Requirements on Motor Vehicles – Sponsor: Kraig Powell – **Watch**  
George Sumner reported this bill failed in the House Transportation Committee. We need to be more effective at the grassroots. He did email Representative Kraig Powell on suggested language changes.
- H.B. 183 Construction and Fire Code Related Amendments – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley – **Watch**  
Ron Morris reported Representative Morley did make the amendments reinstating the water supply back in the bill. This bill is in the House should go through with no problem.  
**Lynn Schofield made a motion to change the position status on H.B. 183 from watch to support as written. Ryan Mellor seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

- H.B. 201 State Fire Marshal Modifications – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove **Support**  
Ron Morris reported that this bill is in the Senate Committee placed on the second reading calendar.
- H.B. 202 Fireworks Amendments – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove – **Support**  
Ron Morris reported that this bill assigned to the Standing Committee.
- H.B. 253 Transfer Of The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services From The Department of Health To The Department Of Public Safety – Sponsor: Paul Ray – **Watch**
- H.B. 308 State Fire Code Adoption – Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser – **Watch**  
Ron Morris reported that Representative Kiser make the amendment from July to June. He received a letter from the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association or FEMA asking for amendment to the bill. An amendment

denied by the Fire Prevention Board twice. Ron Morris stated they are not in favor of the amendment.

**Ryan Mellor made a motion to change the position status on H.B. 308 from watch to support as written. Gil Rodriguez seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.**

- H.B. 356 Emergency Medical Services Amendments – Sponsor: Paul Ray – **Watch**

This bill is still a Box Car.

- S.B. 113 Wireless Telephone Use Restriction For Minors In Vehicles – Sponsor: Ross I. Romero– **Support**

This bill is in the Senate placed on second reading calendar and moving forward.

- S.B. 178 Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act Amendments – Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell – **Watch**

Jim Hansen reported that there is a committee meeting on this bill on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Ron Johnson is asking for support of this bill. This bill expands the coverage area for allocating grants to assist with the delivery of emergency services from certain rural areas of the state to the entire state; permits the State Emergency Medical Services Committee to determine what percentage of the funds will be used as per capita block grants; and makes technical changes.

**Gil Rodriguez made a motion to change the position status on S.B. 178 from watch to support as written. Lynn Schofield seconded the motion. There were one abstention and no negative votes. This motion was approved.**

c. Other

Kevin Ward discussed the following bills:

- H.B. 139 Emergency and Disaster Management Amendments – Sponsor: Representative Oda
- H.B. 345 Public Safety Code Amendments – Sponsor: Representative Oda

Coy Porter explained at the Executive Appropriation Committee two million dollars was taken out of the firefighters restricted account fund.

Jim Hansen reported that at the Executive Appropriations there is a proposal to move EMS system from the Highland Building to the Cannon Health Building. We were asked by UDOH to move to the Highland Building, we did not seek out the move. Paul Patrick is asking support to have Executive Appropriations “add-back item 15 on page 69 of the Recommendations of the Appropriations Subcommittee for Health and Human Services – Department of Health for the Year Ending June 30, 2011.” That item is titled, “Building Consolidation (Highland Drive) for a reduction of (\$56,000).”

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

- a. Chair – Frank Heumann had nothing more to report.

- b. Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson invited everyone to attend the Western Region Firefighters Conference.
- c. Treasurer – Ryan Mellor had nothing to report.
- d. District Representatives – Martha Ellis reported receiving a \$2,500 check from Gold Cross Ambulance for fund raising.

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.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.