

April 1, 2026
L710 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 19:13

(delayed due to technical issues concerning zoom)

Accept minutes

Presidents Report:

Judge reports, Eckert out of town.

Chief selection process- will cover more in depth later

Congrats to newly elected e-board members Hixson/Hyder/Tolan

Houston and Eckert went down to Boise for the signing of the death benefit bill.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul reports

Checking \$29,343 EDF \$128,098

Savings \$137,068 Total \$294,509

Committee Reports:

Insurance:

Judge- No meeting, still working on transitioning EAP to IAAA

PAC:

Houston,

- Primaires upcoming

-attack on teacher's union continues, origins are national level, not the first attempt just chose a different route this time (committee shopping), Bill passed this morning 20-14, buffer is gone we are next

Old Business:

-Bingo night happened

-C&B change more to come in new Biz

New Business:

C&B change

-as discussed last meeting and emailed out

-motion to pass as written, Eckert second, Houston

- unanimous pass
- Bylaws now amended to reflect the fact the the PFFI is paying district reps and now L710 no longer will be paying our own member if they are district rep

Wildland deployment staffing

- Georgious presents proposal
- motion to accept is brought and later withdrawn
- consensus is reached that more discussion and time is needed, plans to bring back next month

Chief Payscale

- Sutherland brings motion to write letter supporting Bieker's fair pay as fire chief, second Dodd
- much discussion follows
- discussion includes role of union?, frustration with city, efforts already undergone, etc
- Bieker speaks and notes that while gesture is appreciated with his understanding of the proceedings that is not needed or helpful now
- withdrawn

Scholarship

- Houston motion to donate \$1,000 for Chamber of Commerce kid(s) scholarship fund. Seconded by Bieker.
- Bleker discusses how previously the Chamber has matched funds for these scholarships.
- Sutherland suggests a friendly amendment prioritizing scholarships going to a student focused on the trades.
- Friendly amendment accepted. Motion passes.

Dodd has question on status of "active retired" members. He proposes we have language added for active retirees. McCormick notes bylaws edit are underway, active retiree language already integrated, should have product to vote on soon.

Website

- Max motions for spending a one-time startup fee of \$1,500 to redo our website and \$600 the following years.
- improve Ease of navigation and use, minutes, voting, and potential for dues deduction. Union Coded is proposed vendor. Share background on pricing negotiations, matching current annual expense.
- Bleker asks if we keep our same domain, the answer is yes.

Motion passes.

Good & Welfare

Eckert: proud of our local for doing things professionally, standing up for what's right & not throwing a fit when things don't go our way.

Horton – memorial updates on flights/fighters.

Etherton: Greif told him he came across a flyer for a golf fundraiser for Tysdal in July. Wants to verify if it is legit. Dodd – this is a known fundraiser & they are going through Red & Blue.

Written by McCormick / second half notes from Hixson