

2021

California State Firefighters'
Association



Conference
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RESOLUTION 02-21

Whereas: California has witnessed a steady increase in wildfires and their associated destruction—including 6 of the 20 most destructive wildfires in the state’s history occurring in the past year; and

Whereas: Amidst historic dry conditions, high rates of tree mortality and landscape management needs, experts predict the high level of wildfire severity will remain, and California now spends over \$2 billion a year on wildfire response efforts but historically a fraction of that on resource management and community preparedness activities, and California has lost over 130 lives and 35,000 structures and suffered \$47 billion in direct damage in the last three years; and

Whereas: Wildfires will happen, and the fire service will not be able to extinguish them all in time to save all the people and communities in their path, and science-based mitigation strategies can protect communities and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires; and

Whereas: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has launched Outthink Wildfire, a push for a comprehensive set of policy strategies to end the destruction of communities by wildfire, and the five Outthink Wildfire tenets define a holistic approach to reducing the risk of wildfire to communities, and persistent progress on these five fronts by all levels of government will significantly reduce the risk of wildfire to communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Firefighters’ Association, at its 99th Annual Conference held in Brooks CA. on May 4-5, 2021, designated the “California COVID-19 First Responders Conference”, endorse Outthink Wildfire as a holistic approach to end the destruction of communities from wildfire; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That CSFA will encourage and support legislation and rulemaking that will build a complete wildfire mitigation approach within California addressing these five tenets: 1) all homes and businesses must be retrofitted to resist ignition; 2) current codes, standards and land use practices must be used and enforced; 3) fire department must have sufficient resources to protect their communities, 4) vegetative fuel management must be a priority; and 5) a well-informed and motivated public must embrace its role in reducing wildfire risk.

Submitted by: Ed Foster, Santa Barbara City Fire Dept. (Retired)

Committee Consultation: Ray Bizal, Fire and Life Safety Committee

Financial impact: This resolution would have a minimal financial impact on the organization.

Committee Recommendation: 3 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

RESOLUTION 03-21

WHEREAS: The California State Firefighters' Association's (CSFA) financial health is challenged due to the listing of historic Political Action Committee (PAC) debt on its books, and recent declines in large department membership; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to constrain expenses CSFA has eliminated costly association management and legislative advocacy contracts, and has restructured and streamlined the organization's operations and specifically reimagined the purpose of the CSFA PAC to be of greater service in local political matters; and

WHEREAS: Future CSFA PAC monies will be awarded as grants to help fund local member political campaigns including: tax measures, district, city and county campaigns and other approved local issues as determined by the CSFA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS: The current budget shows that CSFA owes the PAC approximately \$377,000 from not properly funding the PAC in previous years, and that the historic and inherited PAC debt will be a continual budgetary challenge; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Firefighters' Association, at its 99th Annual Conference held in Brooks CA. on May 4-5, 2021, designated the "California COVID-19 First Responders Conference"; forgive the legacy PAC debt while continuing to maintain the current 5% allocation from annual member dues to fund the PAC and its mission.

Submitted by: CSFA Board of Directors

Committee Consultation: Vern Losh, Political Action Committee

Financial impact: This resolution would have a positive financial impact on the organization.

Committee Recommendation: 3 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

RESOLUTION 04-21

WHEREAS: The California State Firefighters' Association has suspended the rules for written ballots when there has been an uncontested election for the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS: It was discovered the practice of suspending the rules only applies to policies and not to the Association's By-laws in Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS: In order to legally not have a written ballot for an uncontested director position, the By-laws must have a provision to allow for these occurrences; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Firefighters' Association, at its 99th Annual Conference held in Brooks CA. on May 4-5, 2021, designated the "California COVID-19 First Responders Conference"; amend the By-laws, ARTICLE 6, 6.06 Election of Directors and President; Ballots, to read:

6.06. Directors shall be elected by the delegates at the annual conference from each of the respective divisions of the state as described in Section 6.02. The president shall be elected by the delegates for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected at the annual conference. An official ballot showing all nominees for office shall be issued at the annual conference to each credentialed voting delegate or the proper credentialed alternate. Delegates may only vote for nominees from their respective division for the office of director, but all delegates may vote for nominees for the office of president. Such delegate or alternate shall mark the ballot and deposit it in the official ballot box during the time specified by the board of directors. Once the nomination process is complete and there is an uncontested position for the board, a written ballot for that one position may be suspended by a majority vote of members present. (Amended: Res. #3-11)

Submitted by: Dennis E. Frazier, Los Angeles Fire Dept. (Retired)

Committee Consultation: Dennis E. Frazier, By-laws Committee
CSFA Board of Directors

Financial impact: There is a minimal financial impact on the organization.

Committee Recommendation: 3 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

RESOLUTION 05-21

WHEREAS: Retired and Life Members are not classified as Regular Members in the By-laws for CSFA, which is a requirement to submit resolutions; and

WHEREAS: Retired and Life Members are classified as Voting Members in Article 4, 4.01 C; and

WHEREAS: All Voting Members should be able to submit resolutions along with Regular Members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Firefighters' Association, at its 99th Annual Conference held in Brooks CA. on May 4-5, 2021, designated the "California COVID-19 First Responders Conference"; amend the By-laws, ARTICLE 5, 5.09 K. Rule 11 to read:

Rule 11 – Submission of Resolutions. Resolutions shall be submitted in written resolution form and be signed by the maker(s) who shall be ~~Regular~~ voting members, and shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee prior to noon on the second day of the annual conference. Resolutions mailed to the executive director not later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual conference will be published in an official publication of the corporation. All resolutions shall include a statement of financial impact and shall include a statement certifying all appropriate CSFA committees were consulted. Any resolution that does not comply shall be deferred until appropriate compliance is met. (Amended Res. #7-12) (Amended by Board of Directors 2/1/16 non-substantive change)

Submitted by: Dennis E. Frazier, Los Angeles Fire Dept. (Retired)

Committee Consultation: Dennis E. Frazier, By-laws Committee
Resolutions Committee

Financial impact: This resolution would have a no financial impact on the organization.

Committee Recommendation: 3 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Voting Instructions

1. All members may vote on those issues which only require a voice vote
2. Only **delegates** (or in their absence, their credentialed alternates) may vote on either roll call or secret ballot votes.
3. Delegates and alternates must be credentialed by the Credentials Committee before becoming eligible to cast a roll call or secret ballot vote.
4. All issues to be decided by secret ballot (election of officers, selection of future conference sites, etc.) will be voted on during polling hours, 8:30 to 12 noon, on the second day of business session.
5. Each delegate must sign for his/her ballot during the polling hours, after which, he/she will immediately mark said ballot and deposit in the locked ballot box.
6. In the event a delegate, for any reason, is unable to vote during the prescribed hours, his/her alternate will be allowed to sign for a ballot and vote in his/her place.
7. Only the person registered as an alternate for a specific delegate will be allowed to sign for a ballot and vote in his/her place.
8. Under no circumstance will a single alternate be allowed to vote in place of more than one delegate.