

# Newsletter



## Southern California Association of Foresters & Fire Wardens

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

2017-2018

#### OFFICERS

President Bart Kicklighter—SQF  
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Stan Hill—CNF  
Ed Shabro—Vendor Representative  
Doug Lannon—Arrangements  
Don Forsyth—Safety

*We, the members of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens, do band together for the purpose of strengthening inter-agency cooperation, fire safety coordination, and fellowship.*

**An Association dedicated to the  
Training and Safety of Southern  
California Wildland Firefighters  
for over 85 years.**





## Fire Whirls

Bart C. Kicklighter  
President

I'm honored to serve as your President for the remainder of 2017 and into 2018. I'd like to take an opportunity to introduce

myself to you. I was born and raised in central Florida, Titusville to be more precise. I have always had an affinity for the outdoors. I grew up playing in the Indian River and at Playalinda Beach. I also lived in a neighborhood that included a decent sized wooded area directly across from my house. I was exposed to nature in all forms, including occasional brush fires in the wooded lot. As a child fire fascinated me but I never knew I would end up where I am today. My eventual career in fire began as a graduate student at Florida State University. While there I studied the effects of prescribed fire as related to the health of the local population of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, an endangered species in the southeastern United States. In 2000 I began my career with the U.S. Forest Service, first as a wildlife biologist and Fire Ecologist. Then in 2007 I moved into a District Fire Management Officer role, first in North Carolina and then to California on the Sequoia National Forest. For the past 7 years I have become a student and teacher of the behaviors and customs of the California fuels and fire suppression program; a very multifaceted program between ground and air resources. Trust me, it was a steep learning curve after growing up in the South.

We just finished up our 87th annual wildland fire training and safety conference at Camp Pilgrim Pines and what an amazing time we had! As per the norm, there were great presentations, networking, and the ever-popular bingo night where we set records for number of players, number of bingo cards sold, and I believe length of bingo play time. I know I went to bed before the festivities ended. Many thanks to our newest bingo caller Trevor Johnson for a memorable evening. Presentations varied this year from discussions on active shooter incidents, drone use over wildfires, smoke jumper operations and availability, and a great history lesson on Smokey Bear and social media. Many thanks to outgoing President Vaughan Miller and the entire Board of



Directors and Officers for another great program and conference.

It is now that time of the year when we are all geared up and in full swing with initial attack and extended attack fires. This past winter finally gave most of California an overdue abundance of moisture in the form of rainfall and snowpack. This resulted in a rich grass crop in most low-lying areas, and subsequent grass fires, as predicted. Region 3 (Arizona and New Mexico) had a very busy season and required many crews, engines, and single resource assignments from California to their area in April, May, and June. Lightning fires and miscellaneous human caused fires have already occurred this year in California with several fires requiring Incident Management Teams. It is only early July and we have quite a ways to go this fire season. Please take it slow and be safe!







Board Members prepare for the conference at the Wednesday afternoon board meeting at Pilgrim Pines in Oak Glen.

## 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS

The board of directors will begin working on the programs and speakers for the **88TH Annual Wildland Fire Training and Safety Conference** that will be held on **May 3rd and 4th, 2018** at **Camp Pilgrim Pines** in beautiful Oak Glen, California. This promises to be another exciting and informative conference and we look forward to seeing you back at Pilgrim Pines.



You can now go directly to our web site by scanning the QRC (quick response code) with your smart phone.



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### Cover Photo

Conference attendees at the 87th Training and Safety Conference at Camp Pilgrim Pines, Oak Glen, CA



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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS  
88TH ANNUAL WILDLAND FIRE  
TRAINING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE.**

# May 3-4, 2018

Check our web site for further  
information [www.scaffw.org](http://www.scaffw.org)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS  
May 3 and 5, 2017**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOTES**

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Miller at 1630 hours at Camp Pilgrim Pines, Oak Glen, California on May 3, 2017. A round of introductions were made.

**Officers and Directors Present:**

Chris Childers – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept  
 Stan Hill – Cleveland National Forest.  
 Dave Witt – Treasurer, Kern County Fire Dept.  
 Bart Kicklighter – Sequoia National Forest  
 Trevor Johnson – Ventura County Fire Dept.  
 Doug Lannon – Arrangements Chair  
 Kevin Johnson – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
 Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.  
 Phil Johnson – Orange County Fire Authority  
 Don Forsyth – Safety Chair  
 Nathan Judy – Angeles National Forest  
 Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison  
 Tim Chavez – Secretary, CAL FIRE – Riverside County  
 Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest  
 Tim Ernst – Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
 Kurt Zingheim – CAL FIRE – San Diego County  
 Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative

**Officers and Directors Absent:**

Gary Helming – Los Padres National Forest  
 Dan Johnson – CAL FIRE – Southern Region  
 Ron Janssen – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.

**Guests:**

Tony Caezza --Life Member  
 Don Trapp--BDC  
 Larry Kurtz--ORC

**Minutes:** President Miller presented the minutes of the April 7, 2017 meeting. Motion by Director Whitman seconded by Chairman Forsyth, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Witt presented his report covering 4/7/2017 to 5/3/2017.

Balance as of 4/3/17	\$24749.14
Receipts:	
Dues and Conference Registration	\$6313.01
Total Receipts:	\$6313.01
Disbursements:	
Doug Lannon- ABC Permit	\$51.19
Custom Ink- Coffee Mugs	\$248.50
Total Disbursements	\$299.69
Balance on hand:	\$30762.46

Last year at this time: \$27346.91

Motion by Director Whitman, second by Director Kicklighter to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Arrangements:**

The Camp is ready. Estimated Meal counts and times Thu 0700, 35 Breakfasts, Thu 1200, 180 lunches, 1800 180 Dinners, Fri 0700, 125 Breakfasts, 1200, 95 lunches. Larry Kurtz to give head count as soon as possible. Road closures starting Thursday at 1200 are a concern. Apartments are available at both Pilgrim Pines and Luther Glen. Get the money for apartments to Doug, he will have the keys. Luther Glen will be \$75. Dartmouth Cabin will be for female attendees. The Junior Lodge and Junior Camp will be locked. Chairs in the main room are set up. Fire wood is available at the upper fireplace. Lower fireplace will be closed. Medics will be here. No bike traffic cop this year. LAC Crew will be here Thursday morning. VNC Van Drivers will need radio. ABC Permit is ready.

**Program:**

Mayhew is back on for Thursday. Some vendors left off the insert for the program. All others are ready.

**Exhibits and Demonstrations:**

Tent is set up. 3 vehicles and the Gel tender to be on display. Vendors will be in the tent with refreshments at the end to get traffic. The manikins for the safety gear display are in place at the end of the tent. Tent has lighting for evening. Shabro reports 8-10 vendors will attend.

**Registration and Membership:**

Registration tonight for Board members. 55 pre-registered, about same as last year. WIFI/CAT 5 cable and two card readers ready for registration.

**Entertainment and Raffle:**

We will have a DJ and sound system for between programs and at Bingo. Director Ernst will make a motion at Friday Board meeting to fund the raffle prizes out of the general fund. Self-purchases or donations by Directors is no longer working.

**Publicity:**

Posting on Facebook and twitter is up. Director Judy has a backup sound system. Director Kevin Johnson has IT staff ready for the morning.

**Historian:**

Nothing to report. Directors will stand for a photo after the Friday Board Meeting.

**Safety:**

Chairman Forsyth reports we have lost the CHP presentation due to the bike race. He will do the safety briefing. Including warning about snakes and heat injuries. He has two bear horns. Warning about use of the Bell at the camp. Multiple bell rings means camp emergency. Single bell ring means meals or meeting starting up again. The camp is undergoing an onslaught of lady bugs.

**Golf:**

Director Snow reported Golf cancelled this year. Only 20 people signed up. Next year will resume. Already reserved the course. Additional F&FW cutting boards available for \$13. If you ordered a shirt he has it.

**Newsletter:**

No printed newsletters available.

**Old Business:**

Need to finalize list for bell ceremony.

**Life Membership Recommendations:**

**New Business:**

None

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held after the conference on Friday May 5, 2017 at 1400 at Camp Pilgrim Pines.

The meeting was adjourned at 1710

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Chavez,  
Association Secretary



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOTES**

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Kicklighter at 1343 hours at Camp



Pilgrim Pines, Oak Glen, California on May 5, 2017.

**Officers and Directors Present:**

- Chris Childers – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept
- Dave Witt – Treasurer, Kern County Fire Dept.
- Bart Kicklighter – Sequoia National Forest
- Trevor Johnson – Ventura County Fire Dept.
- Doug Lannon – Arrangements Chair
- Kevin Johnson – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
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- Kurt Zingheim – CAL FIRE – San Diego County
- Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative

**Officers and Directors Absent:**

- Stan Hill – Cleveland National Forest.
- Dan Johnson – CAL FIRE – Southern Region
- Ron Janssen – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.

**Guests:**

- Vaughan Miller-- VNC Past President
- Albert Ward --LFD

**Minutes:** Minutes will be approved for both 5/3 and 5/5 Board meetings at the December Board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Witt presented his report covering 5/3/17 to 5/5/17.

Preliminary figures, detailed report will be given at the December Board meeting

Receipts:

Total Receipts: estimate	\$5800
Registration (cash) estimate	\$1800
Square- estimate	\$4000

Disbursements:

AH Rents	\$600
Director Snow (frame)	\$9.69
Awards	\$308
Card Stock for registration	\$89.40

Total Disbursements: \$1007.09

Director Witt advised with his promotion a nomination will be needed for Treasurer at the December meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Arrangements:**



Food was good, the barracks were clean, crew and van drivers did a great job, radios being accounted for. Luther Glen had 5 occupants. A crew from Oak Glen may be needed for final clean-up. A bin item for next year, do we need to provide drinking water for attendees? Bottled water or bulk with paper cups? May be a safety issue.

**Program:**

Program overall good. Earlier publication of speakers and topics needs to be done. We need "headliners".

**Exhibits and Demonstrations:**

Wolf Pack had a vehicle breakdown. All Star cancelled at the last minute. KME didn't show. Tent worked well especially with the weather. First timer vendors: APR, Midwest and Alturas. Vendor rep Shabro had to go home sick.

**Registration and Membership:**

114 registration sheets of cards printed. 2016-136. 2013-165. Downward trend of attendance. Attendees paid 34-card, 10 by check, 5 cash, the rest Paypal. A discussion regarding appealing to different groups such as Pilots, Equipment Operators, Dispatchers. Larry Kurtz asked about having the conference on a weekend. Mention was made about the President sending out a letter to the Agency Administrators promoting the Association. Usually sent out in February. Need to reinvest in our member agencies. A survey of attendees will be sent out.

**Entertainment and Raffle:**

Bingo Receipts \$795, Raffle receipts \$3065. DJ music system seemed to really help during the Bingo games.

**Publicity:**

The Web site needs Twitter and facebook links. Maybe need to have the agency logos on the poster. Flyer template needed. Discussion about a Check in sign and the Banner? Electronic "Banner" has been in use a few years.

**Historian:**

Director Whitman will get the conference photos ready for use on the web page and social media. Need to update history for the web page. Picture of the Board immediately after this meeting. An updated Life Member list is needed.

**Safety:**

No incidents.

**Golf:**

Dates reserved for next year golf tournament, May 2, 2018.

**Newsletter:**

To be out soon.

**Old Business:**

None

**Life Membership Recommendations:**

No new recommendation

**New Business:**

Motion by Past President Miller to build the cost of the raffle into the conference costs. The old system of Director contributions or donations is not sus-



tainable. Motion to set aside \$2000 for raffle prizes for 2018 conference. Seconded by Director Ernst. Motion carried.

Past President Miller suggested to the Board that we donate \$250 to sponsor Smokey Generation project. Tabled until next meeting to research if one 501c3 can donate to another 501c3.

New Ventura County Fire Department Director will be Travor Johnson.

Director Kicklighter has interviewed for a Fire Staff job in Region 3. If he gets the job, SQF will need another Director. Plan is for Director Snow to be President if that happens, Motion by Director Helming, seconded by Chairman Lannon. Motion passed.

Treasurer position also open, due to Director Witt's promotion to Division Chief. He will continue to be the KRN Director.

Motion made by past President Miller and seconded by Director Helming to have Director Witt and Chairman Lannon meet with Pilgrim Pines staff to secure the camp for the 2018 conference. Dates may 3-4, 2018. Motion carried.

**2018 Board Positions:**

First VP Director Zingheim- Program

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Director Ernst- Exhibits

Raffle and Entertainment- Director Helming

Publicity- Director Judy

Safety- Chairman Forsyth

Secretary- Director Chavez

Historian- Director Whitman

Treasurer to be announced.

Registration- Director Phil Johnson (and his assistant Larry Kurtz)

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held at Olive View Training Center in Bakersfield, CA, December 8, 2017 at 0900.

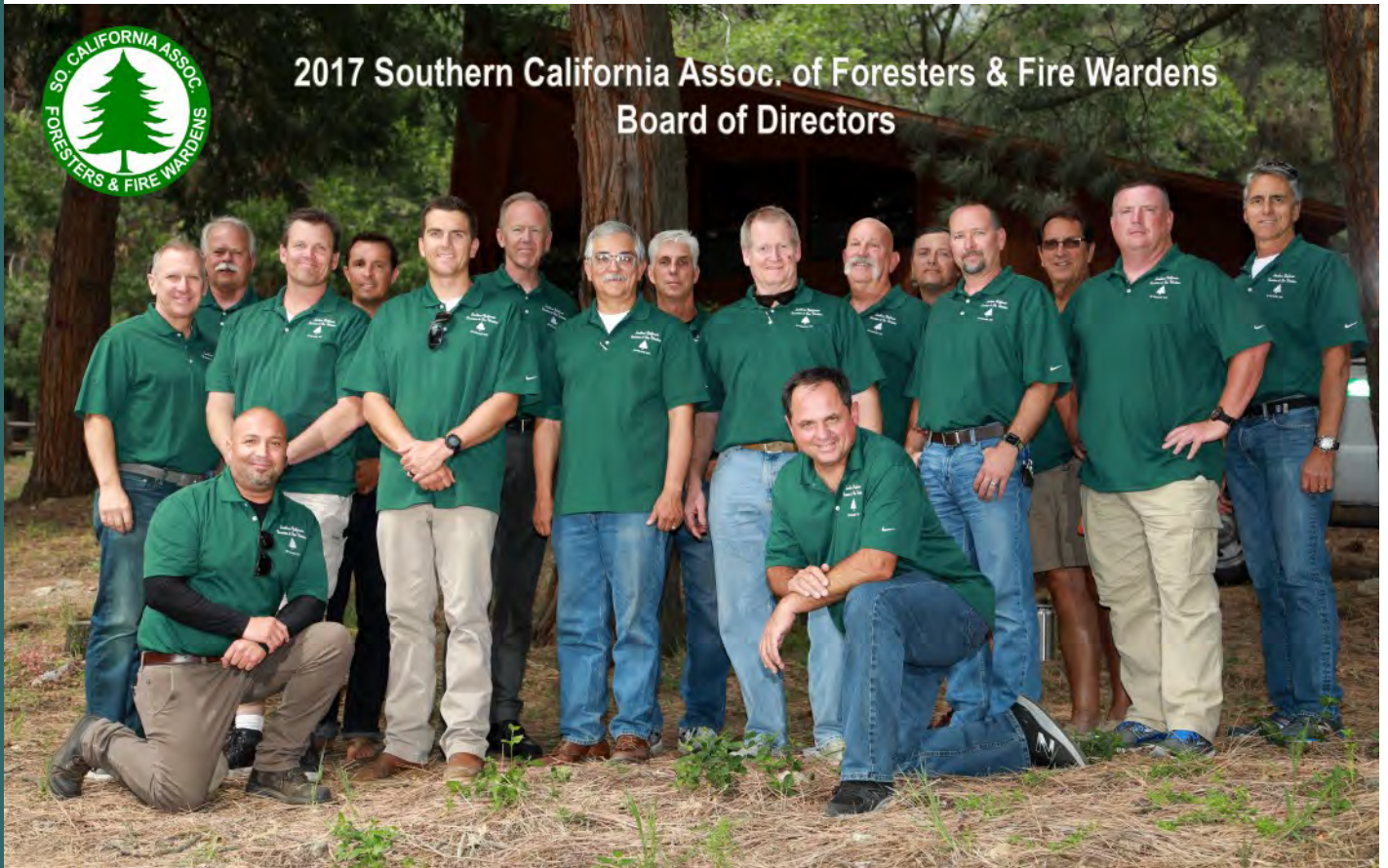
**Future Meetings**

February- Riverside County TBA

April- Ventura County TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 1530.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Chavez,  
Association Secretary



## 2017 Board of Directors

Top Row from left:

Troy Whitman, Doug Lannon, Phill Johnson, Dave Fowler, Trevor Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Tim Chavez, Vaughan Miller, Chris Childers, Don Forsyth, Gary Helming, Bart Kicklighter, Dan Snow, Kurt Zingheim, Tim Ernst,

Kneeling: Nathan Judy, Dave Wit