

# Newsletter



## Southern California Association of Foresters & Fire Wardens

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2020/2021

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President— Tim Ernst—LFD  
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Ed Shabro—Vendor Representative  
Doug Lannon—Arrangements Chair  
Don Forsyth—Safety Chair  
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*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 90 years.**



Minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens

November 5, 2021,



## 2022 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 **90TH Annual Wildland Fire Training and Safety Conference** that will be held on **May 5-6, 2022** 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.



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### Cover Photo

*A victim of the KNP Complex Fire in September 2021*



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS 90 TH ANNUAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE.

# May 5-6, 2022

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 5, 2021**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOTES**

The special meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Ernst at 0907 hours on a virtual call. The meeting was held by way of Google Meet.

A round of introductions were made.

**Officers and Directors Present:**

Tim Ernst – President- Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
Dave Fowler – Second Vice President- CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.  
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority  
Tim Chavez – Secretary, CAL FIRE – Riverside County  
Doug Lannon – Arrangements Chair  
Chris Childers – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept  
Kevin Johnson – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region  
Trevor Johnson – Ventura County Fire Dept.  
Garrett Huff- Member- Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.  
Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest  
Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison

**Officers and Directors Absent:**

Don Forsyth – Safety Chair  
Nick Ferrari- Publicity Chairman- Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
Stan Hill – Cleveland National Forest  
Rusty McCulley – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.  
Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative  
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County  
Brian Gaines – Sequoia National Forest  
Matt Ahern – San Bernardino National Forest  
Curt Schwarm – Los Padres National Forest

**Guests:**

John Hawkins- Life Member

This special meeting was called due to the extraordinary circumstances of not having a conference the last two years and wanting to get a jump on the 2022 conference.

The board talked about succession planning and confirmed the board and chair positions to the extent possible with those in attendance.

There was a discussion of the meeting dates for the remainder of 2021-22. It was agreed that the traditional date of the conference, the first Thursday and Friday of May 2022, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> would remain the dates for this year's conference. The board discussed the conflict with federal hiring but no decision to move the dates was entertained at least for this coming conference.

The venue was discussed and again the decision was made to remain at Pilgrim Pines this coming year as we have made a commitment financially to be there.

Arrangements Chair Lannon gave a report that he has been in contact with Connie at Pilgrim Pines and that are functioning with reduced staffing at this time. All facilities are open and they have had several large groups. They are leaving the restrictions up to individual groups. We will have to see what the status of the pandemic is as we get closer.

Director Snow reported that he is retiring at the end of 2021, but would like to remain involved in some capacity, perhaps as a liaison to the agencies as discussed in the previous meeting. He would also like to explore reinstating the golf tournament.

The board discussed having a regular IT/technical specialist as part of the organization. Any department that has someone willing to help let us know,

The Wednesday night "Directors Dinner" was discussed. It was suggested that we open up to the general membership and advertise it as such. Arrangements Chair Lannon said he would contact the Oak Glen Stake House and other venues to make a plan.

The upcoming meeting schedule that traditionally would be as follows:

December- Kern  
February- Riverside or San Diego  
April- Ventura/Santa Barbara/ San Luis Obispo

Ira Peshkin has retired and so far no Board Member from Kern has been appointed. So the Kern hosted meeting is doubtful at this time.

Director Trevor Johnson came on the line and reported that he would make changes to the web page as needed for the upcoming conference as far as dates and pandemic restrictions.

Director Kevin Johnson reported that he was retiring in March and his replacement has not been determined. Khoi Dao is not available.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held Friday December 3. Arrangements to be determined. More to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 1100

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Chavez,  
Association Secretary