

Forest Fire Lookout Association Eastern Meeting Minutes Chambersburg, PA October 5 - 7, 2007

The Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association invited the FFLA to join their annual meeting program in Chambersburg on October 5-7. Since the two organizations share many of the same goals and objectives, this turned out to be a highly successful session.

The FFLA attendees held a brief and rather informal meeting during the lunch break to deal with a couple of matters which had come up.

The first item on the agenda was to act on a resolution of thanks and appreciation to the PAFFMA for their invitation. After comments, the resolution passed unanimously. Steve Cummings past chairman and charter member of FFLA introduced John Bitzer, director and treasurer of PAFFMA, noting that it was John who had provided the spark that got the FFLA going. John got a letter from Henry Isenberg asking for interest, which he handed over to Steve, who promptly got in touch with Henry, and the rest is history.

The second item to be discussed was the upcoming election of an eastern deputy chairman for FFLA. Henry Isenberg, who has held that post for several years, and who was the initiator and a founding member of FFLA is now in poor health. (We were saddened to learn that he is very nearly blind.) He did not make his intention to run for another term known to the nominating committee. After discussion, the group voted, again unanimously, to recommend to the FFLA board that when elections are held in January, the Board elect Henry to the position of Director Emeritus, and express to him our appreciation for his service, and our hope that he will continue as FFLA Answerman, and offer other words of wisdom as he is able. Bill Price, representing the New Jersey chapter, since Director Wolfe and Historian Spear were working, offered to place his name in nomination for the Eastern Directorship. The group voted that it be recommended to the Board that this be accepted as a formal nomination for the position, and urged it to be accepted.

It is perhaps of interest that of the fifty or so attendees at the conference, ten were FFLA; some of these hold membership in both organizations.