

Pennsylvania Pump Primers General Meeting
And Annual Banquet
November 7, 2009
Penn Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.
Newville, PA

President Derstine welcomed those present at 1830 hr. After an invocation by George Byerly, the pledge to the flag, and a moment of silence remembering our fallen firefighters and our military personnel, a delicious turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the Fire Co.

President Derstine opened the business meeting at approximately 1930.

ATTENDANCE:

President ... Jim Derstine	Director ... Ed Peterson (2011)	Secretary Dave Houseal was
Vice President ... Don Deitz	Director ... Mike Rugh (2009)	unable to attend.
Treasurer ... Cal Little	Director ... Linn Lightner (2010)	

In addition, approximately 59 other PPP members and guests were in attendance.

A motion was made, duly seconded, and approved to dispense with the usual business agenda items. This was done in the interest of meeting time constraints while allowing for several award ceremonies and presentations of important and interesting information.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Election of officers for 2010 was the next order of business. The incumbent Pres., V-Pres., Treasurer, and Director(2009) agreed to seek reelection. Linn Lightner had accepted the nomination for Secretary and, accordingly, resigned from the Director(2010) position. Thomas J. T. Ness, Jr. had accepted a nomination for this open Director(2010) position. President Derstine asked for additional nominations from the floor for all of the offices. There being none, he instructed the acting Secretary, Linn Lightner, to cast the deciding ballot. This was done, and the election process was closed.

At the request of President Derstine, each of the banquet attendees rose and introduced themselves.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Harvey Eckart was called upon by the President, whereupon he delivered an interesting and enlightening talk on the histories of both SPAAMFAA (our parent national organization) and the PA Pump Primers. He noted the founders of these organizations and the circumstances of their founding.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

President Derstine was pleased to announced that Ken Buohl will become the new editor of the newsletter, the Primer Times, and that Brandon Grubb will be the new webmaster for the organization.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD AND RECOGNITION:

President Derstine continued the program by presenting Life Membership certificates to the following PPP members:

Wayne A. Bollinger	George Byerly	Carl E. Moyer	Sasmuel Swartz, Jr.
Byron R. Brumbaugh	James R. Derstine	Thomas J. T. Ness, Jr.	
T. Brook Byerly	Harvey Eckert	Edward Peterson	

Also, Carl Moyer accepted the certificate for Mary B. Klaus. Certificates will be mailed to 10 other Life Members who were unable to attend the meeting.

PAUL DOUTRICH AWARD:

After the counting of the ballots for the Paul Doutrich Memorial Award for outstanding service to the PPP, President Derstine announced that this year's winner is Jim Yiengst. After receiving his award, Jim was accorded a much deserved round of applause.

PPP AND SPAAMFAA AWARDS:

President Derstine introduced guest Mr. Ernest A. Rojahn, Jr., editor of the highly regarded Pennsylvania Fireman publication. He proceeded to present to Ernie the 'Spirit of SPAAMFAA Award' and the 'PPP President's Award' for the outstanding support he has given the PPP through his publication. The PPP is truly grateful to Earnie

Linn Lightner announced that he had copies of the "Contestant's Favorite" 30 year muster commemorative booklet that he had prepared, and that they were available to members who had not received them. Numerous booklets were distributed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

President Derstine introduced Ken Buohl who made a very professional Power Point presentation covering the plans for the 2012 SPAAMFAA Winter Convention which the PPP will be hosting in the Gettysburg area. It was noted that a great deal of work will be required for this effort and that the members are being urged to take a role. Committee for the Convention is Tom Ness, Ken Buohl and Jim Derstine. The exact dates for this event have not yet been determined, but need to be soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

After the proper motion, second and approval, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2045 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Linn S. Lightner
Secretary Elect