



SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 131st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL ISLIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 2, 2026

The Reverend Vincent A. Kennedy Memorial Service preceded the opening of the convention. We honored 4 line of duty deaths, 6 departed members and 2 Ladies Auxiliary members.

Our speaker for the evening was introduced. Chief Robert Celeste gave a presentation on the modern fire service.

The Convention was called to order by Viced President Steven Klein at 6:00pm., Sergeant at Arms Donald Bracciodieta led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Vincent Ammairiti gave an opening prayer, and a moment of silence was held for all who passed away over the year. Also, our troops are serving overseas.

Chairman Robert McConville. introduced Chief Joseph Vereline Sr. who welcomed us and sent best wishes for a successful convention. President Batta thanked Central Islip for their continued hospitality.

J. Batta made a motion, seconded by O. Kohlmier, and passed to accept the minutes of the previous convention as printed and mailed. There were no communications since our last meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **President Guarino:**
 - Excused from meeting
- **1st Vice President Klein:**
 - Since returning from Florida, I attended the following events representing SNYVFA
 - NCVFA Board meeting on April 15th in South Farmingdale.
 - NYS Fire advisory Board Zoom meeting on April 20 – (no quorum)
 - ICC Codes hearings from April 19-22 in Hartford, Conn
 - FASNY meeting on April 23-25 in Riverhead
 - LI Antique Fire Apparatus Association meeting at the Brookhaven Fire Museum.
 - Funeral for Deb Finnegan (FASNY past president's wife_ in Potsdam / Waddington, NY
- **2nd Vice President Sutton**
 - Reported that all his information will be covered in committee reports.
- **Secretary McElynn:**
 - Please continue to submit written reports for all meetings.
 - Be advised that my primary and only email address is kmcelynn@gmail.com . Please do not send anything to my old AOL account. It should be closed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- There were no communications.

FASNY OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **FASNY Vice President Farrell**
 - Spoke about nominal compensation fund. FASNY is in favor of this

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Chairman Perry gave the following report. The following were nominated for the following Offices in Southern New York:

PRESIDENT	FRANK GUARINO	HAGERMAN FD
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	STEVEN KLEIN	OCEANSIDE FD
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	ROBERT SUTTON	CENTRAL ISLIP FD
SECRETARY	KEVIN McELLYNN	BALDWIN FD
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	ROBERT McCONVILLE	SELDEN FD
TREASURER	ROY K. DAHLEN	MERRICK EMPIRE
SGT AT ARMS	DONALD BRACCIODIETA	CENTRAL ISLIP FD
JR. PAST PRESIDENT	JUAN BATTÀ	HEWLETT FD
CHAPLAINS	REV. JOHN FLESCHMANN	CENTER MORICHES FD
	JON WICKS	WESTBURY FD
	VINCENT AMMIRATI	SELDEN FD
DIRECTORS	ANTHONY SULLO	WEST BABYLON FD
	ROBERT OTTAVIANO	GLENWOOD FC
	JUAN BATTÀ	HEWLETT FD
	MICHAEL DeVITTORIO	PORTCHESTER FD
<i>NASSAU COUNTY</i>	JON WICKS	WESTBURY FD
	THOMAS UNDERHILL	GLEN COVE FD
<i>SUFFOLK COUNTY</i>	DANIEL BROOKS	PATCHOGUE FD
	GERARD OWENBURG	WEST BABYLON FD
	ROBERT SUTTON	CENTRAL ISLIP FD
<i>WESTCHESTER COUNTY</i>	ROBERT FRITCHE	
	FRANK GORDOSKI	
<i>CITY OF NEW YORK</i>	RICHARD BOGART	BROAD CHANNEL FD
<i>ROCKLAND COUNTY</i>	PAUL SCHLEGAL	STONY POINT FD
<i>DIRECTORS AT LARGE</i>	JOSE DaROCHA	ALBERTSON FD
	ROBERT REID	ARDSLEY FD
	VINCENT AMMARITI	SELDEN FD

FASNY OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	DONALD FARRELL
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	KENNETH HOLMES
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	OPEN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	JUAN BATTÀ
HOME TRUSTEE	JON WICKS

STEERING COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Eugene Perry read the recommendation of the Steering Committee.

NOIMINATION OF OFFICERS:

- Chairman Robert McConville conducted the nominations. A motion was made and passed to nominate the candidates for office in Southern New York as proposed by the Steering Committee by M. DeVittorio, seconded by O. Kohlmier. Motion carried.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Chairman R. Ottaviano reported that the audit has been completed on 4/29/26. All books found to be in good order. Thanks to Jerry Owenburg for his assistance. Seconded by M. DeVittorio.

DINNER COMMITTEE:

- Co Chairman reported that the dinner is on May 29,2026 at the Bar Association in Mineola. There are still tickets available, but there will be raffles available throughout the evening. Please support us as this is our only fundraising activity.

BURN AWARENESS COMMITTEE:

- No report.

BY LAW COMMITTEE:

- No Report.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

- 1st Vice President Klein thanked the committee for a job well done. R. McConville reported that the committee is working on next year's convention and will have a report.

LAWS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

- M. DeVittorio reported that the committee has been working on several items for the upcoming scorecard.

FIRE POLICE COMMITTEE:

- J. Wicks reported on meetings and activities he has attended.

WEBSITE:

- K. McElynn reported that the website has been brought up to date and is current. All meeting dates, locations and committee lists will be posted immediately after the re-organizational meeting being held on June 26th in Selden.

2% COMMITTEE:

- No report.

E.M.S. COMMITTEE:

- No report.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Sutton reported that the committee has received 2 applications this year, and the committee agreed that both applications be awarded. They were submitted by Central Islip & Glen Cove Fire Departments. The awards will be presented at the dinner.

YOUTH FIREMATIC ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE:

- K. Vella reported
 - The 3rd BEFO class will be given in North Patchogue on August 9th.
 - The next meeting of the Suffolk Juniors Association will be held at the Smithtown River Property on July 31st. This will be their 3rd annual barbecue.
 - There was a meeting of the Suffolk Juniors in Smithtown . 30+ juniors in attendance.
 - There was a Women in the Fire Service event at the Nassau County Fire Academy which was well attended.

SAFETY OFFICERS COMMITTEE:

- No report.,

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: D. Bracciodieta reported on the Ways & Means raffles.

50/50 - \$130.00

Dark Horse Winners

J. Batta

D. McIntosh

Bobby Ottaviano

Frank Gordoski

R. McConville

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:

- R. McConville reported that we have 3 new members for election tonight. Motion by B. Murray, seconded by T. Tripp to accept. Dues notices have been sent out.

FIRE PREVENTION:

- No Report.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

- Being this is the second year of the term of officers; the slate was elected by one affirmative vote by the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was reported that the LI Leg. Will be meeting in West Islip on May 6th
- Motion by M. DeVittorio, seconded by R. McConville to give a gift to outgoing Firemen's Home Director Keith Henchy. MOTION PASSED.
- There will be a testimonial dinner for J. Interdonati on October 10th at the Coral House in Baldwin. More to follow.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

- President Guarino announced that the Re-Org meeting will be held on June 18th in Selden before the next Board of Directors meeting in September. He also appointed Donald Braccioldieta to serve as Sergeant at Arms.

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Motion by J. O'Brien, seconded by B. Murray to set aside a page in these minutes in honor of FASNY Director Michael Krummenacker. **MOTION PASSED.**

1st Vice President Klein thanked the Central Islip Fire Department for hosting our convention. The location of the convention next year will be announced.

At this time, there was a motion by J. Batta, seconded by S. Klein to accept all committee reports as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

- Resolutions read by Secretary Kevin McElynn
- Motion by S. Klein, seconded by J. Owenburg that the Secretary cast one affirmative ballot for the slate nominated, seconded by R. Ottaviano Jr. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - Resolution # 1 thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners, Chiefs and members for hosting our convention.
 - Resolution # 4 thanked the members who participated in the Vincent A. Kennedy Memorial Service.
 - Resolved that this Association extend its thanks to the Hillcrest, West Babylon and Hagerman Fire Co. for the use of their facilities in hosting our quarterly membership meetings.
 - Resolved that this Association extend its thanks to the Matenico Rod & Gun Club, Oceanside, Baldwin & Glenwood for the use of their facilities and hospitality in hosting our Board of Directors meetings.
 - Resolved that this Association extend its thanks to the Matenico Rod & Gun Club for the use of their facility in hosting our Re-Organizational meeting.
 - Resolved that this Association extend its sincere thanks to the Albertson Fire Company and the Montrose Fire Department for the use of their facilities and hospitality in hosting our Legislative Conferences.
 - Resolved that this Association endorse the following individuals for the noted offices in FASNY.
 - President Donald Farrell
 - 1st Vice President Kenneth Holmes
 - 2nd Vice President OPEN
 - Home Trustee Jon Wicks
 - And it be further resolved that a true and exact copy of Resolution # 10 be sent to:
 - Mr. John D'Alessandro, Secretary
 - FASNY|
 - 107 Washington Avenue
 - Albany, New York 12210

. TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Treasurer R. Dahlen read a list of bills to be paid. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills. He reported a balance of \$50,438.91 in our account. A motion was made by R. McConville seconded by D. McIntosh to accept the report as read. Motion Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

45 Members in attendance for Memorial Service.

	MEMBERS	DELEGATES	MEMBER DELEGATES	GUESTS	TOTAL
Suffolk County	0	0	10	0	10
Nassau County	0	0	23	0	23
Westchester	0	0	5	0	5
Rockland	0	0	1	0	1
Queens	0	0	2		2
Guests			4		4
Total	0				45

TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR MEETING: 45

. There being no further business to attend, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the convention at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By.

Kevin P. McElynn

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Secretary



*This page is dedicated to the memory of director of the
Firefighters Association of the State of New York*

Michael K. Krummenacker

*For his dedicated service to the Hicksville Fire Department,
FASNY, Nassau County Firefighters Association and
Southern New York Volunteer Firefighters Association*

Rest In Peace

