

## **Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting**

### **Webex meeting**

**June 26, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Attendees:** Freddy Johnson      Lee Newcomb      Buddy Thompson  
D.R. Burkett      Barry Overman      Jason Davis  
Excused – Chris Smith, Derrick Clouston, Matt Davis

**Staff:** Brian Wade      Monna Gillespie      Michele Thomas

**Guests:** Robert Thomas

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

#### **Invocation** – Barry Overman

Freddy Johnson introduced Robert Thomas and Dilcy Burton. Monna introduced Michele Thomas as new employee in the F&R Commission section of OSFM.

Agenda – Buddy Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Barry Overman seconded the motion. Approved.

Lee Newcombe moved to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2024, meeting with one correction on the spelling of the Farbe book. Barry Overman seconded the motion. Approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

Discussion on test bank. Freddy is ordering the Farbe book. Freddy appointed Barry Overman, Lee Newcombe and Himself to test committee. Brian Wade gave update on passing rate of the tests.

**Appeals** - None

#### **Old Business**

Wildland Fire discussion.

SAFRE - CFI Legal Update class by Lisa Coltrain confirmed. Discussion on CFI Legal update class online with little exams throughout the lesson.

### **New Business**

CFI Classes submittal discussion. Must be complete packet – Official form, test and resume.

Monna presented the classes submitted. CFI Board will approve via email and also put in the minutes at the following board meeting.

Monna presented the NFA classes pertaining to the Arson/Investigation Courses. (See attached). Discussion. Jason Davis moved to approve all the NFA courses as presented for TIER credit including the ones in development. D.R. Burkett seconded. Approved. Monna will put on website.

Robert Thomas gave a report on the AAR/NC IAAI Conference held May 13-17, 2024. 153 people for the whole week and 23 that bounced in for specific classes. Results from the software that they used for verification. This will be used for the NC/SC IAAI Conference, October 21-25, 2024, at Myrtle Beach, SC.

He also presented the Mountain Fire Investigation Summit being held August 20-22, 2024, at AB Tech Woodfin Campus. 20 hours in total. Discussion on the classes. He will work with Bill States to submit a corrected packet.

Buddy Thompson has a few questions.

- Is there an expiration on the classes listed on the Tiers on our website? No, but there is a 10-year limitation for training on the initial CFI application. Classes are not updated when the new standards come out in someone submits an older class on their application.
- Are we only allowing certain instructors to teach classes? Discussion. Classes are approved included the instructor who presented the class. You can have the same class by multiple instructors if they submit a course form.

Brian Wade - Rules is moving on to the next step at the FR Commission Board meeting but nothing that will affect this board at this time. Recommend rules for this board to be put in place. Discussion on policy being turned into Administrative Code.

Informed the board that there is an IFSAC Site visit next year. CFI was established under Alternative Standard which is different from all other IFSAC accredited programs at OSFM. The re-certification piece is not included in the current program so this needs to be updated before the site visit. Ex. NFPA has 40 hours in the standard. Discussion.

## **Application Requests – Monna Gillespie**

Approved – 9, Denied - 2, Pending – 1 Total CFI Applications - 12

Barry Overman moved to approve the CFI applications as presented. Lee Newcombe seconded the motion. Approved.

Next CFI Board meeting – October 2, 2024, and F&R Commission Board meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup> at Kernersville.

Freddy thanked everyone for their hard work.

Lee Newcombe moved to adjourn. Barry Overman seconded the motion. Approved.  
Adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monna Gillespie