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2 OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 150TH ANNUAL
3 MEETING OF THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW YORK, HELD FROM THE 10TH DAY OF
5 AUGUST THROUGH THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, AT
6 TARRYTOWN HOUSE ESTATE, 49 EAST SUNNYSIDE LANE,
7 TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK.

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MR. FARRELL: Good morning. Welcome to the business session of the 150th Annual Meeting of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York.

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The exits are located to your right and left. If there is an emergency at any time during this session, it will announced from the dais and instructions will be given. Please exit the ballroom in an orderly manner.

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I ask that you please silence your cellphones and pagers now at the present time.

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Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant-at-Arms With. Please remain standing for the invocation by the Reverend Barrie-Lyn Foster.

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(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all led by Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas With.)

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MR. FARRELL: I would like to call upon our Chaplain Barrie-Lyn Foster for an opening prayer.

(Whereupon, invocation by Reverend Barrie-Lyn Foster.)

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MR. FARRELL: Just a couple of introductions here, recognition. Our first,

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Stuart Gates is with us this morning; and he's from the past executive board from 1986 to 1999. Let's give him a round of applause.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. FARRELL: And I found out just a few minutes ago, Gary Hunt; is he in the room?

MR. HUNT: Right here.

MR. FARRELL: Happy birthday.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: At this time, folks, I don't know -- getting a little soft here after my experience last night -- Steve, can you come to the microphone; and before you move forward, I'd like to have April Rounds and Donny Farrell come up to the podium.

Steve?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, everybody.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KLEIN: I think part of the official record of this 150th convention certainly needs to show our appreciation to Events Manager April Rounds and 150th Anniversary Chairman Donny Farrell and their team for last night's amazing,

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(Standing ovation.)

MR. KLEIN: The only way we're going to top this is by doing like a convention cruise to Aruba.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: I'm just saying 2025, 2026 -- Thank you.

MR. FARRELL: I know when I got back to the room last night I just let it all -- It was just unbelievable. I have to share with you, an elderly couple that was on the boat, and the gentleman says to me, John, I just want to say thank you, because my wife and I went through three years of hell with COVID, and we never thought we would see the old days come back. And you know, that's all we need to hear; and I knew that we were on the road; and even the President only in Washington DC gets roads closed.

(Laughter.)

MR. FARRELL: And even the Governor she came in a little vehicle, but we were a class act; and it's all because of the convention committee and Donny Farrell; and I'll tell you --

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I can't tell you how many people came to me last night and they said, thank you, thank you; and I said the President, you're just on the top.

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Yeah, I did couple of things, but it's the people underneath me that makes us all look proud, and last night was one of the top. Nobody is going to match that for years to come, and what can I say. So I wanted to bring that up, because last night was just an outstanding performance.

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Okay, moving forward. Donny Farrell? He has a presentation he wants to do.

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MR. TASE: They went running out the door.

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MR. FARRELL: We'll move into Ed Tase for a couple of announcements this morning.

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MR. TASE: I guess next year I'm going over the falls in a barrel.

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(Laughter.)

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MR. TASE: I can honestly tell you though, it's been known that there's been a few people that have go over the falls, and they have survived.

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MR. OWENBURG: Is that a fundraiser you're going to do?

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MR. TASE: Well, we'll see.

UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: It will be for
the Home.

MR. TASE: Okay, there you go. Good
morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. TASE: Just for a reminder, all of you,
the voting booth and the election process is in
session now. The polls will be open until 1:00.
When you come into the registration area in the
front of the Biddle Mansion, you go to your right
before you hit the dining area; that's where the
election area is. Please be there by 1:00 p.m.
Make sure you have your signed voting credential
card with you at the time of you casting your
ballot. You do not have that, you will not be
able to vote.

We have two training sessions this
afternoon. The session one, "So, you want to
climb the ladder of leadership." That's going to
be held over in the atrium --

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Here.

MR. TASE: I apologize. That one is in
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Then this afternoon they have the "Introduction into Fire Company Director and Civil Officer Training class," and that's going to be in the Riverview Conference Room, which is in the Atrium. What class is being held over there? John, clarification, please.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: The training session.

MR. TASE: The training session. The second one -- in the atrium here?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The second one is in the atrium.

MR. TASE: In the atrium?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.

MR. TASE: The second one is over in the carriage house, and that's at 10:00 a.m. I just want to send you in the right direction.

And from 11:00 to 2:00 is the barbecue outside the big tent on the lower level there outside the cottages there. Make sure you have your meal wristbands with you for that event.

Thank you very much. Again, Donny Farrell, thank you.

Donny, will you join us on the dais, please.

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2 MR. D. FARRELL: Thank you, Mr. President.
3 Forty five years ago this convention was held
4 here in Westchester on our 125th anniversary of
5 FASNY. It was held in the City of White Plains,
6 and the General Chairman at that time was Richard
7 Apostolico from Ossining; and if anybody
8 remembers Richie, he served for years on FASNY
9 committees. I received a package in the mail
10 yesterday with a little note from Richie, and
11 it's addressed to President Farrell. "Dear John,
12 On behalf of the Westchester Volunteer Firemen's
13 Association Convention Committee, host of the
14 FASNY 125th annual anniversary convention held in
15 White Plains, New York, it gives me great
16 pleasure and honor to present you with some
17 memorabilia of credential ribbons and anniversary
18 medallions. I would hope that this will be
19 secured in a proper FASNY fashion for all to
20 enjoy in the future and to all past. Yours
21 truly, Richard Apostolico, General Committee
22 Chairman."

23 Rick had this made up. We'd like to have
24 this displayed in the FASNY office, and maybe we
25 can do something with this year's ribbons to go

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with it. Thank you. He apologized for not being able to make the trip here.

MR. FARRELL: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: At this time, I would call upon the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Secretary John D'Alessandro, to deliver his report.

John?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Just to remind everybody, if you're going to second the motion to accept any resolution, please step to the microphone and state your name and affiliation for the Stenographer.

All the resolutions are presented by the resolutions committee on behalf of the FASNY Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Home, and the membership of the association.

Resolution Number One, "WHEREAS, the 150th Annual Convention of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York is being held in Tarrytown, New York,

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thanks of the Association be extended to the elected officials, convention speakers, invited guests, forum presenters, and representatives of other fire service organizations in attendance."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number One.

Need a second.

MR. KLEIN: Steven Klein, Nassau County, seconds the resolution.

MR. FARRELL: You've heard the motion and second it.

All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Two, "WHEREAS, the 150th Annual Convention of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York is being held at the Tarrytown Estate House, in the Village of Tarrytown, New York,

AND WHEREAS, this venue has accommodated the needs of the attendees of this gathering,

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thanks of the Association be extended to the owners and employees of the Tarrytown Estate House."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Two.

MR. TASE: We have a motion. Do we have a second on that?

MR. SCHMIDT: David Schmidt, Niagara County, seconds.

MR. TASE: Motion by Dave Schmidt.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Anybody opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

Resolution Number Three, "WHEREAS, Michael P. Wutz was dedicated to FASNY's mission of educating, informing, and training the volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, he served from 1990 to 2002 on FASNY's Board of Directors,

AND WHEREAS, he served as President of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York from 2006 to 2008,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Past President Michael P. Wutz on his passing,

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AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a posthumous rising vote of thanks."

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Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Three.

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UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: John -- Erie County, seconds that resolution.

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MR. PERRY: We have a motion. We have a second.

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Any questions?

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(No response.)

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MR. PERRY: All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

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MR. PERRY: Any opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. PFERSICK: Resolution Number Four,

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"WHEREAS, Thomas E. Eiswerth was dedicated to FASNY's mission of educating, informing, and training the volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, he served as President of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York from 1998 to the year 2000,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Past President Thomas E. Eiswerth on his passing,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and the Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a posthumous rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Four.

MR. TASE: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. MCELYNN: Kevin McElynn, Southern New York, seconds the motion.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

(Applause.)

MS. PFERSICK: Resolution Number Five,
"WHEREAS, Wayne Hance was dedicated to FASNY's
mission of educating, informing, and training the
volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, he supported the efforts of
FASNY Director Laurie Hance,

AND WHEREAS, he was a member of the Fire
Police committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the
officers and members of the Firefighters
Association of the State of New York offer their
heartfelt sympathy to the family of Wayne Hance
on his passing,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the
Association and the Board of Directors commends
him for his service and that the membership
affords him a posthumous rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
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MR. TASE: You've heard the motion. Do I have a second?

MR. FINNEGAN: Mr. Chairman, from St. Lawrence County, Joe Finnegan, proudly seconds that.

MR. TASE: We have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Six, "WHEREAS, Delbe Spath is dedicated to FASNY's mission of educating, informing, and training the volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, he has been a member of various FASNY committees for more than 25 years,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their gratitude for his decades of service to FASNY,

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AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Six.

MR. TASE: You've heard the motion. Do I have a second?

MR. SCHRADER: Yes. Robert Schrader of Hudson Valley.

MR. TASE: That's Robert Schrader of Hudson Valley.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

Thank you, Delbe.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Seven, "WHEREAS, Chaplain Barrie-Lyn Foster is dedicated to FASNY's mission of educating, informing, and

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training the volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, she has provided wise and moderating counsel to the leadership of this Association,

AND WHEREAS, she has been a constant source of optimism and positive energy through trying times,

AND WHEREAS, she has diligently provided support to the members of FASNY and the entire fire and EMS services through her inspirational "Backyard Moments",

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their gratitude for her dedication to FASNY and the entire fire and EMS services,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends her for her service and that the membership affords her a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Seven.

MR. TASE: Before I take this motion, I just want to let you know that Barrie-Lyn asked

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REVEREND JAGOW: Wayne Jagow from Niagara

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MR. TASE: We have a motion from Mr. Jagow

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MR. TASE: Any questions?

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(No response.)

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

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MR. TASE: Any opposed?

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(No response.)

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MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

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(Applause.)

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MR. D'ALESSANDRO: God actually spoke to me

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Resolution Number Eight, "WHEREAS, Edward Cooke is dedicated to FASNY's mission of educating, informing, and training the volunteer fire and EMS services,

AND WHEREAS, he has served as FASNY's General Counsel,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their gratitude for his decades of service to FASNY,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Eight.

MR. TASE: You've heard the reading. Do I have a second?

MR. HANNIGAN: Tim Hannigan from Albany County, I will second that.

MR. TASE: We have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so carried.

(Applause.)

MR. OWENBURG: Reverend Mike thanks you for that letter last night.

(Laughter.)

MR. OWENBURG: Resolution Number Nine, "WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1.1, of the By-Laws of the Association provides that the membership shall have the opportunity to approve or reject the annual budget for the Firefighters Home at the annual meeting or convention,

AND WHEREAS, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York Board of Directors has submitted to this convention its budget for the purpose of operating the Firefighters Home for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 in the sum of twelve million, two hundred and sixty-one thousand, six hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$12,261,624.00),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there be appropriated the sum of twelve million, two

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hundred and sixty-one thousand, six hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$12,261,624.00) for the purpose of operating the Firefighters Home at Hudson, New York, for the period commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023."

Mr. Chairman, I so move to adopt Resolution Number Nine.

MR. TASE: You've heard the reading. Do I have a second?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, Anthony DeMarco, Livingston County, would like to second that motion.

MR. TASE: I have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: So carried.

MR. OWENBURG: Resolution Number Ten, "WHEREAS, Alan C. Way has been, and continues to be, a friend and outspoken advocate for the members of the Firefighters Home,

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AND WHEREAS, he served for 10 years as a dedicated member of the Firefighters Home Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to Trustee Alan C. Way, who has served the members of the Firefighters Home and this organization to the best of his ability,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Association and Board of Directors commends him for his service and that the membership affords him a rising vote of thanks."

Mr. Chairman, I so move for the adoption of Resolution Number Ten.

MR. TASE: You've heard the reading. Do I have a second?

MR. NEMIER: I second that resolution, Rick Nemier from Onondaga County.

MR. TASE: We have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

(Applause.)

MR. OWENBURG: Resolution Number Eleven,
"WHEREAS, the Firefighters Home has provided a
"home away from home" for thousands of
firefighters who gave dedicated and committed
service to the citizens of New York,

AND WHEREAS, the staff of the Firefighters
Home exhibits extreme dedication and
professionalism on a daily basis,

AND WHEREAS, the staff of the Firefighters
Home provides unparalleled care for the residents
of the Home as exemplified by keeping the Home
COVID-19 free,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the
officers and members of the Firefighters
Association of the State of New York offer their
heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the
Firefighters Home for all they do for the
residents of the Firefighters Home and the
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Mr. Chairman, I so move for the adoption of
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MR. TASE: You've heard the reading. Do I
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MR. MCKINNEY: Tom McKinney from the
retirement home as well as Hudson Valley proudly
seconds it.

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MR. TASE: We have a second.

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Any questions?

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MR. TASE: All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

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MR. TASE: Any opposed?

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MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

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MR. D'ALESSANDRO: As they say in

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Cooke and Chaplain Foster were not here when the

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(Standing ovation.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you, without a doubt.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Twelve, "WHEREAS, the officers, committee people, and the staff of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York exhibit dedication, commitment, and professionalism on a daily basis,

AND WHEREAS, the officers, committee people, and staff of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York enables the association to fulfill its mission to train, educate, and advocate for volunteer first responders across New York,

AND WHEREAS, the officers, committee people, and staff of the association are a primary reason that the Firefighters Association of the State of New York is regarded as one of the premiere volunteer first responder organizations in the country,

AND WHEREAS, they have kept FASNY moving forward during the challenging year of 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Association offer their heartfelt appreciation to the officers,

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Firefighters Association of the State of New York
for all they do on a daily basis."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
Resolution Number Twelve.

MR. TASE: You've heard the reading of
Resolution Twelve; do I have a second?

MR. DAROCHA: Yes, sir. Jose DaRocha of
Nassau County seconds the motion.

MR. TASE: We have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number
Thirteen is especially appropriate after our
little bus ride last night.

(Laughter.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number
Thirteen, "WHEREAS, current events across the
nation have highlighted the danger and threats to

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2 the personal safety of our brothers and sisters
3 in the volunteer and career fire service,
4 volunteer and career EMS service, and the law
5 enforcement community,

6 AND WHEREAS, individuals in these
7 professions in this state and throughout the
8 nation are routinely called upon to serve and
9 protect their fellow citizens by responding to
10 horrendous events and acting heroically to save
11 the lives of others,

12 AND WHEREAS, they perform their duty while
13 frequently putting their own personal safety in
14 jeopardy, including exposure to dangers such as
15 COVID-19,

16 AND WHEREAS, certain factions in society
17 have called for the disbanding or defunding of
18 emergency services,

19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the
20 officers and members of the Firefighters
21 Association of the State New York that they
22 declare their support and solidarity with the men
23 and women who serve, or who have served, in the
24 volunteer and career fire service, the volunteer
25 and career EMS service, and the law enforcement

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community and who have earned our respect and deepest gratitude for their efforts to serve their fellow citizens."

Mr. President, I so move the adoption of Resolution Thirteen.

MR. TASE: You've heard the reading of Number 13; is there a second?

MR. REIBEN: Paul Reiben, Oneida County, seconds it.

MR. TASE: We have a second.

Any questions?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Fourteen, "BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York extend their sincere condolences to the families of Joseph M. Boyle (Fire Department City of New York), Joseph A. Ferrugia (Fire Department City of New York),

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2 Joseph W. Maiello (Fire Department City of New
3 York), Vincent L. Malveaux (Fire Department City
4 of New York), Frank A. Portelle (Fire Department
5 City of New York), Jesse Gerhard (Fire Department
6 City of New York), Judy Spencer (Hartland
7 Volunteer Fire Company), Peyton Morse (City of
8 Watertown Fire Department), and Jared Lloyd
9 (Spring Valley Fire Department) on their passing,

10 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our
11 eternal respect and gratitude to our brothers and
12 sisters who made the ultimate sacrifice in the
13 line of duty while protecting their communities."

14 Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
15 Resolution Number Fourteen.

16 MR. TASE: You've heard the reading of
17 Resolution Fourteen; do I have a second?

18 MR. FRAME: I proudly second that motion;
19 Walter Frame, Nassau County.

20 MR. TASE: We have a second.

21 Any questions?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. TASE: All in favor?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. TASE: Any opposed?

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(No response.)

MR. TASE: Carried and so ordered.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. Chairman, that concludes the report of the Resolutions Committee.

MR. TASE: Thank you, John. Thank you for all the time you did in putting those things together. Adding them, moving them, spending a lot of hours on them, but thank you very much for your diligence on that. We appreciate it.

Further moving forward, Jerry Dunst, President of the Western New York Firemen's Association come forward for a presentation.

MR. DUNST: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. DUNST: I have two checks from the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association presented to FASNY and the Home. The first one is for the Gerry Buckenmeyer Scholarship Fund and then to the Firemen's Home for small change, and this is from the past presidents and all the members of Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Thank you very much.

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(Applause.)

MR. TASE: Thank you very much, and thank you for the support of Western for us.

Tony Cruz from the Cancer Support Network; are you in the room? Please join us at the podium.

Tony, on behalf of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York, we continue your support of the Cancer Support Network and the volunteer fire and EMS service of the state of New York, the firefighters of the state of New York would like to continue to give our support to you with a monetary amount donation to the network and say thank you so very much for what you guys do for the firefighters and the people of New York state.

MR. CRUZ: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. CRUZ: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. CRUZ: I would like to thank you all. From day one FASNY has been a supporter of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. They recognize the danger. They embrace us and help

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2 us in supporting you folks. It's been a long,
3 long road to dealing with cancer, but I think we
4 have seen a little bit of light at the end of the
5 tunnel. Firefighters are cleaning their gear.
6 They're looking into cleaning camps for the
7 members. They're taking showers after they have
8 structural fires. They are aware of being around
9 the firehouse with their gear on and going into
10 the TV room and the kitchen. So education is
11 working. We still have a lot of work to do. We
12 still have a long ways to go. Cancer is a
13 horrible disease, and we have to be aware of
14 that.

15 So thank you once again for your support.
16 We will do our best to help you if you call.

17 Thank you, FASNY, for everything.

18 (Standing ovation.)

19 MR. TASE: Thank you again, Tony, for you
20 and your team for what you do for the fire
21 service.

22 At this time if there any presentations to
23 the scholarship fund from the sectionals or other
24 organizations, if they could please gather on the
25 side over here, and we will move forward with

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those presentations.

Do we have any this morning?

Okay.

At this time, I'll call on Donny Farrell to come up to the podium, please.

MR. D. FARRELL: Mr. President, so after this year's convention, we've already started working on the convention for next year's. FASNY will be moving to Niagara Falls for the next two years. I promise to do some homework and get familiar with the area, but not knowing a lot of about it, it's my pleasure to introduce Taylor Comb, Director of Sales, American Niagara Hospitality; and Melissa Gearhart, Director of Sales, Niagara Convention Center, to help this program this morning. Ladies?

(Whereupon, a video was played.)

MS. GEARHART: So what do you think after seeing the video?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Awesome.

MS. GEARHART: Certainly after your experience last night we know that we have a challenge to deliver an amazing convention to you for the next two years; and we certainly feel

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2 that we're up to challenge. We're used to being
3 the underdog, but I think it was 2009 the last
4 time that your organization visited Niagara
5 Falls, New York; and we are so excited to welcome
6 you back after such a long delay. And I have to
7 tell you, I've been here since Tuesday, and it
8 has been extremely humbling to see the selfless
9 service that you all provide every single day.
10 It's been very emotional for me, and we're
11 excited to open our doors to welcome you next
12 year.

13 So thank you.

14 MR. D. FARRELL: Thank you, ladies. So
15 looking forward to seeing everybody in Niagara
16 Falls the week of August 8th. I'm not going to
17 pinpoint days, but I do have some things turning
18 my head that I want to approach the Board with
19 and to the committees for next year and make it
20 an enjoyable time and experience in Niagara
21 Falls. Looking forward to seeing everyone and
22 their families. Everyone knows my feelings on
23 trying to make FASNY younger, and we want to
24 bring families back to the conventions and be all
25 inclusive. Everybody heard our speaker, Captain

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Dugan, on Wednesday says you need to keep the fun in the fire service. Don't ever forget that. If we don't have fun, we will lose the fire service.

Thank you all for everything you do.

(Applause.)

MR. TASE: Thank you, Don. And I can honestly tell you that Niagara County is willing to step forward to try to match it, Donny. We'll give it a shot, you know, but working with the visitor's convention and FASNY's convention team, we will put together -- I am confident that Donny will --

Further, I call Second Vice President Eugene Perry to the podium for some announcements.

MR. PERRY: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PERRY: It look likes the conventions for 2023 and 2024 will be as enjoyable as the one this year.

We do have a few announcements at this time.

The LAFASNY Installation of Officers will take place this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the New

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York Ballroom.

Please don't forget that the Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Memorial Scholarship night will be at 6:00 p.m. here in the Mary Duke Ballroom.

The swearing in of FASNY Officers will take place tomorrow morning here in the Mary Duke Ballroom. The program will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The swearing in ceremony will begin at about 9:30 a.m.

The 150th Anniversary Dress Parade will take place tomorrow afternoon. The shuttle busses for those who want to go watch the parade will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you.

MR. TASE: Is there any other business to come before this association this morning?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. Chairman, there is no new business at this time.

MR. TASE: Thank you. Hearing none, I'll call on Secretary D'Alessandro for his responses to move forward.

Do we have a motion to recess until tomorrow morning -- I'm sorry -- 3:00 p.m. for the announcements of the election results?

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MR. SCHMIDT: Dave Schmidt, Niagara County.

MR. JEWITT: Jan Jewitt, Erie County.

MR. TASE: Jan Jewitt, Erie County, seconds
it.

Any questions?

MR. D. FARRELL: We're reconvening at 3:00
in the Carriage House, not in this room.

MR. TASE: At 3:00 the election results
will be in the Carriage House up front, a little
bit across from the registration area of the
hotel, at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you.

We had a motion and a second.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. TASE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. TASE: So carried.

Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned to
3:00 p.m.)

MR. FARRELL: Good afternoon.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

MR. FARRELL: I feel like a minister here

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with everybody standing out in the back. I'm not going to ask for any money today, okay?

(Laughter.)

MR. FARRELL: All right. Welcome back. At this time we will reconvene the business session.

I now call upon association secretary, John D'Alessandro, to announce the results of today's elections. John?

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I'm going to read it in the order they appeared on the ballot.

So for the office of Second Vice President, Mike Caron, 74 votes; Wayne Butts, 49 votes; Chan Rivera, 303 votes.

(Applause.)

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Again, in order the way it appeared on the ballot for the Home Trustee, Mike Lapinski, 311 votes; David Sweet, 108 votes.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: I want to take this opportunity to thank Secretary D'Alessandro and the election inspectors for the work today. I would also like to congratulate President Elect Ed Tase, First Vice President Elect Gene Perry, and our new Second Vice President Elect Chan

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Rivera on their being elected to the office.

I would also like to congratulate Director Kenny Holmes for his election to his second five year term on the Board of Directors.

And a congratulations to Michael Lapinski on being elected to your first five year term to the Firefighters Home Board of Trustees.

My sincere thanks to the retiring trustee Alan Way for his dedication over the last 10 years as a trustee. Is he in the room?

(Standing ovation.)

MR. FARRELL: And finally, to you the members of FASNY, thank you for all coming out and voting for our respected candidates today.

Is there any other motion?

MR. FINNEGAN: Mr. President, I believe the election results have been fully validated, and I would respectfully request that the Secretary be directed to destroy all written ballots.

MR. FARRELL: Do I have a second?

MR. KISLACK: Mr. President, Mike Kislack, Niagara County, seconds that motion.

MR. FARRELL: You heard a motion and a second.

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All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

Is there any other business?

UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. President,
could you just announce the dress for tonight? A
lot of people are asking, and I know everybody is
not in the room, but announce it, and pass the
word, please.

MR. FARRELL: Okay. Slacks -- casual.
Let's put it that way. No shorts.

UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: Golf shirts?

MR. FARRELL: A golf shirt is fine. Okay.
Is there anything else?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: Okay.

MR. TASE: Again, it's a reminder that the
commemorative 150th anniversary book order forms
will be in the scholarship room tonight. So if
anybody hasn't ordered theirs yet, continue to
order them, and get the applications to me; and
then we'll get them all processed, but again,

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this is the book of your history, so please let's pass the word, get these thousand books sold.

MR. LAPINSKI: For the departments that have equipment and golf carts and all that to the parade, where is it lining up?

MR. FARRELL: Donny Farrell?

MR. D. FARRELL: What was that?

MR. LAPINSKI: For all the units that have apparatus and golf carts for the parade, where are they lining up?

MR. D. FARRELL: 303 South Broadway.

MR. LAPINSKI: Thank you.

Also, I just want to apologize for last night on the bus, I'm sorry for the singing.

(Laughter.)

MR. FARRELL: Any further questions?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: With no further questions or other business to come before the association, I will entertain a motion to recess this session of the 150th annual meeting.

MR. WAY: So moved, Alan Way.

MR. FARRELL: Alan Way.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Second.

MR. FARRELL: Ken Pienkowski seconds it.

All those in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. FARRELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. FARRELL: So carried.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned to
Saturday, August 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.)

