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FIRE MUSEUM BOARD RECOMMENDS MODIFICATIONS TO CODE OF REGULATIONS

By John Zangerle and Roy Ziganti

The Code of Regulations is the document that governs the operation of the Fire Museum. That Code has been modified several times as the Museum has grown and its operations have changed. This fall, the Board started reviewing the Code so that any necessary changes could be presented at the Annual Meeting. As part of this process, the Board used the Code of the American Association of Museums as an example. We also reviewed similar documents from other Fire Museums and non-profit organizations. The Board also asked an officer of a very well regarded local non-profit organization to review our Code of Regulations and make suggestions. The entire Board then met with this person and discussed proposed

Modifications. The conclusion was that our Code of Regulations should be changed to follow the same pattern set by other Museums and Historical Societies.

These changes will put the Fire Museum in a much better position to attract new funding resources for both the capital campaign and the annual operating fund.

These Modifications will be proposed at the annual meeting of the Fire Museum and Education Center which will be held Sunday, January 28, 2007 at the Fire Training Academy.

A complete copy of all Modifications will be provided to all those attending the annual meeting. This article is intended to provide members with a short summary of some of the significant Modifications and the reasons for those Modifications.

1. Article III – Modification in Membership Requirements

Modification: The requirement that members must be at least 18 years of age has been deleted.

Explanation: The museum seeks to encourage younger members including the Sparky Club so the age requirement seems inappropriate.

2. Article IV – Board of Trustees Terms

Modification: Currently, the Board Members serve for one year subject to re-election at the Annual Meeting. This Article has been modified to provide that members of the Board shall serve three (3) year terms. Initially the Board will decide how to stagger these terms into three (3) nearly equal groups.

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President's Log

By John Zangerle

I hope everyone has had a joyous and happy holiday and did not gain too many pounds. The Museum starts off the new years with its traditional January Annual Membership Meeting. This years meeting will be held at the Fire Training Academy because the Museum Building is currently a work-in-progress and does have the suitable amenities for holding an annual meeting. It is my hope and expectation that this time next year we will have made enough progress to return to the Museum for our Annual Meeting with many improvements to show off to our members.

While we have had approximately 1,000 members over the last year, we traditionally see only a small percentage of those members at the Annual Meeting. I encourage you to participate for several reasons. First, this is your Museum and it is a change to hear first-hand what is happening and to ask questions of the officers and directors. Second, it is a chance to meet the Museums Board and other volunteers who are helping to support this project. Third, is a great opportunity to provide input and suggestion, and finally, it is always an enjoyable social event with plenty of good food and interesting programs and displays.

I also want to let our members know about efforts we have made to increase the visibility of the Museum in the past several months. Following the Memorial Day

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Explanation: This provision is inserted for stability of the Board so that a minimum three (3) year term would be served. Foundations reviewing our by-laws would normally expect to see some type of similar provision so that it is clear the Museum will have a continuity of leadership. There is no limit on the number of terms that a Trustee may serve.

3. Article IV – Board of Trustees – Election

Modification: The provision for the election of five directors has been modified so the directors will be elected by the Trustees at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Explanation: This follows the model of the American Association of Museums and the structure of local museums and historical societies. It gives the Board the ability to add members who can bring special skills and resources to the Board.

4. Article IV – Board of Trustees – Active Cleveland Firefighter Representation

Modification: The provision provides that at all times the Board of Trustees shall include at least one active Cleveland Firefighter.

Explanation: This modification was made to ensure that our largest group of supporters, Cleveland firefighters, would always be represented on the Board of Trustees.

5. Article IV – Elimination of the Policy Committee

Modification: The former structure of the Board contemplated two (2) groups, the Executive Committee and the Policy Committee. The Amended Code of Regulations would consolidate the entire Board into one (1) entity which would have a number of different standing committees including the Executive Committee.

Explanation: This Modification was made to bring our Code of Regulations into conformity with most other museums and larger non-profits which have a single board that has a series of different committees. This way, new members joining the Board may serve on one or more different committees based on their interest and skills. The smaller Executive Committee will still be in existence and responsible for immediate oversight of the Museum.

6. Article IV – Addition of Standing Committees and Advisory Groups

Modification: Four standing committees have been added to the Code of Regulations. These are the: Executive Committee; Finance Committee; Development Committee; and Nominating Committee. In addition, the by-laws set forth the Boards ability to create other committees referred to as advisory groups and the by-laws set out four advisory groups and defines their responsibilities.

Explanation: This is a Modification to make our structure consistent with most organizations where standing committees carry out the primary operations and the advisory committees

deal with more specific tasks. This structure provides that the Executive Committee will be composed entirely of trustees, while the other three standing committees (Finance, Development and Nominating) shall have three trustees but may also include non-board members. The advisory groups need have only one trustee and may include other non-trustee members. The Executive Committee has authority to create additional advisory groups as they may be needed.

7. Article V – Officers

Modification: The duties of each officer have been specifically defined and the term for officers has been changed from one (1) to three (3) years.

Explanation: The previous document did not provide specific duties for the officers of the corporation. This provides more specific guidance for the duties of each officer.

8. Article VI – Executive Director – New Article

Modification: The previous document did not include any discussion of an Executive Director.

Explanation: In almost all museum settings an executive director is the museum professional who operates the museum on a day-to-day basis. This Article formally establishes this position and sets general guidelines for the Executive Director.

9. Article VII – Volunteers – New Article

Modification: This Article has been added.

Explanation: This is simply to recognize the importance and contribution of our museum volunteers.

10. Article VIII – Indemnification – Conflict of Interest

Modification: Addition of new Article VIII on Conflict of Interest.

Explanation: This is an additional Article to make sure those trustees and officers do not have any business transactions with the organization where there could be a potential conflict of interest.

11. Article X – Code of Regulations – Amendments

Modification: Simplification of amendments process so the Board can amend the Code without the need for an annual meeting.

Explanation: In order to avoid the necessity for bringing Modifications in the Code of Regulations to the attention of the entire membership, the Board of Trustees may amend the by-laws through a two/third majority vote with notice to be sent out through regular Board announcements to the general membership.

We have provided this outline so members will be aware of the general Modifications being proposed. It is hoped this will help focus the discussion at the Annual Meeting. Any member desiring the complete text of the proposed Modifications prior to meeting may contact Board Secretary Ed Hawk and a copy can be emailed or mailed to you. Copies of the new Code of Regulations will be available to everyone attending the annual meeting.

Happy New Year!

A Report from the Executive Director

Another year has gone by and we are looking forward to an exciting 2007 for the museum. There is so much going on in the background of this project. We are constantly on the phone, sending emails, going to meetings, working on getting all the pieces lined up to make the museum a reality. Those who come down to the building see only what we have done to the building, but there is a lot more involved in the project.

Last week we had a visitor come up from the University of Cincinnati who is doing a history project on the rivers in Ohio and wanted some info on the Fire Boats in Cleveland and the river fires. I took him down into the archive room and showed him the shelves of journals that we have

collected. After a little searching we found a journal from Eng.21 dating to 1952. That was the time period he was looking for. He will return in March to do more research. That was only a little taste of what we are experiencing every week.

I want to send out a big THANK YOU to the firefighters of the CFD. Joe Mason, Roy Ziganti and I did another appeal to the CFD at the United Way campaign. We were disappointed that we couldn't host it at the Fire Museum but, thanks to Chief Stubbs, we were allowed to set up a table and let the firefighters know what is going on with the museum and to help them if they wanted to make any changes in their deductions. We were blown away by the number of firefighters who finally

said I want to be part of this and signed up as new members. And those who said they want to increase their deductions. One member increased his deductions from \$10 to \$15 a pay. Maybe I'll get that Hummer!

We've done a lot with the volunteers who come down on Thursday and I thank you. And I hear from those members who tell me that they wish that they could afford to help. I know a lot of you would love to be able to help, but with kids in school and bills to be paid you can't afford to. I appreciate your letting me know that you want to help, but can't. But I do hope that eventually you can show up on a Thursday or whenever to help.

Dan Hayden

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Motorcycle Rally, a nice article with pictures appeared in a widely published motorcycle magazine. This summer we also received an inquiry about the building from the publisher of a magazine known

as "Properties" which is circulated to the real estate community. They visited the Museum and prepared a very nice article on the building and our project. Finally, CFD Captain Roy Ziganti and Project Manager Scott Carpenter worked with the Cleveland Fire Department to put together an educational demonstration on the hazards of Christmas trees. Fox 8 News filmed the event and did a very nice piece which included credits for the Fire Museum. Channel 19 also filmed the demonstration. Efforts like this to help in public education which is very important to the Museums mission.

See you at the Annual Meeting!



Channel 8 reporter Dray Clark interviewed Captain Roy Ziganti as quickly as possible so as not to miss Santa Claus who was on hand for the Holiday Fire Safety Demonstration organized by the Cleveland Fire Department and Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center.



NEVER MISSED A DAY

by Paul Nelson

Cal Ripken Jr. set the major league baseball record for playing in the most consecutive games. He answered the bell an amazing 2,632 times never missing a day and setting a mark that probably never will be equaled. Not exactly in the same league but Cleveland's Engine Co. 2 holds a remarkable record of its own. At the end of 2006 they will have answered the bell a total of 52,171 consecutive days since striking in service on February 2, 1863...and they never missed a single day. In a more manageable number, that is 143 years!

Engine Co. 2 is Cleveland Fire Department's oldest, continuously operating company without interruption. John J. Benton was named Captain when the company was established with a complement of 12 members who worked six days, 24-hours a day with a seventh day off. (They could leave the firehouse for meals.) Engine Co. 1 was established earlier on December 17, 1862 but was disbanded on October 27, 1982 at 310 Carnegie Avenue and reestablished on March 14, 1893 at Headquarters when Engine Co. 14 was disbanded.

When placed in service Engine Co. 2 took over the firehouse of the Volunteer Hand Engine Co. 5 in their

Apparatus used by company on Champlain Street:

1863-1867	1863 Silsby, rotary, 400gpm
1867-1873	1867 Silsby, rotary, 400gpm
1873-1875	1873 Silsby, rotary, 600gpm
1875-1885	1875 Amoskeag, piston, 700gpm
1885-1900	1885 Clapp & Jones, piston, 1000gpm
1900-1924	1900 LaFrance, piston, 850gpm
1918-1920	1918 Knox tractor
1920-1924	1913 Peerless tractor

Street firehouse began in 1913 when Hose Co. 2 (who shared quarters with the engine company) received a new Prospect hose wagon. In 1918 Engine Co. 2 received a new Knox 4-wheel tractor to place under the 1900 LaFrance steamer and shortly thereafter an 1918 South Bend hose wagon to accompany the steamer. The last horse from the old hose wagon was sent to Engine Co. 6.



Station No. 2 with 1885 Clapp & Jones Steamer (1898 CFD History Photo)

2-story, single bay house on Champlain Street at Dibolt Place. That house was built in 1859, remodeled in 1863 to accommodate horses and was doubled in size in December 1873 to a two-bay house. Unfortunately no photo exists of the house in its original construction.

The conversion to motorized apparatus in the Champlain



1900 La France steamer of Engine 2 on run (PD photo/WRFMC Collection)

The Union Depot and Terminal Tower project spelled doom for the Champlain Street firehouse and on August 29, 1924 Engine Co. 2 and Hose Co. 2 moved to a renovated 4-story commercial structure on Huron Road at E. 4th Street. The structure had been erected in 1885

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and converted to a 2-bay firehouse facing Huron. The two top floors were removed in 1932 making it look like a pretty typical firehouse.



Station No. 2 312 Huron Road
(Cleveland Press/CSU Special Collections)



Engine Co. 2 1951 American LaFrance, 1500gpm in front of Huron Road station.
First CFD 1500gpm pumper. (CFD Archives)

Engine company apparatus on Carter Road included:

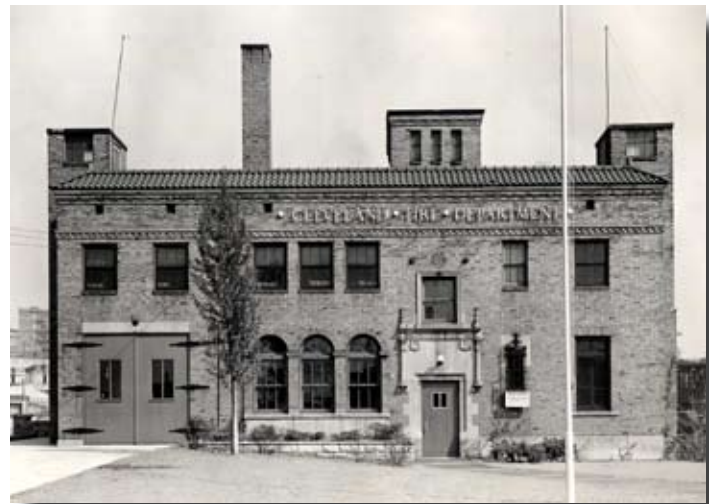
1954-1965	1951 American LaFrance, 1500gpm
1965-1966	1949 Seagrave, 1000gpm
1966-1971	1951 American LaFrance, 1000gpm
1971-1979	1969 Sutphen/Ford, 1000gpm
1979-1983	1971 Sutphen/Ford, 1000gpm
1983-1990	1983 Pierce, 1250gpm
1990-2002	1990 Grumman, 1500gpm
2002-now	2002 Luverne/Spartan, 1500gpm

Apparatus in the Huron Road firehouse:

1924-1927	1900 LaFrance steamer, piston, 850gpm with 1913 Peerless tractor and 1918 South Bend hose wagon
1927-1949	1927 Seagrave, 1000gpm (apparatus destroyed at Central Market fire December 17, 1949)
1949-1951	spare 1929 Seagrave, 1000gpm
1951-1954	1951 American LaFrance, 1500gpm

On November 17, 1954 Engine Co. 2 moved to Station No. 21 at Carter and Scranton Road built in 1924. Hose Co. 1 moved out of the single bay there to accommodate the new engine company where they are still located.

The only other significant change for the company was assuming the dual role of operating the fireboat and the land engine company after the boat company was deactivated in 1999. When the boat is needed the engine is placed out of service and the company responds with the boat. From 1863 to 2006 that's a lot of "hooves pounding" or "wheels rolling."



Station No. 21 Carter and Scranton Roads
1941 Photo (CFD Archives)

Western Reserve Fire Buffs Association

by Paul Nelson

Sort of an update about the fire buffs club. WRFBA was established on July 9, 1972 with 16 charter members (three still are active) and incorporated as an Ohio public, non-profit corporation on July 27, 1975. It's main focus has been social in nature providing a meeting place for ordinary people interested in fire fighting, fire history and fire apparatus as well as for fire fighters whose interests go beyond "the job" itself.

It is an umbrella organization that visits fire departments, photographs apparatus and kicks the tires, watches demonstrations or dispatch operations or listens to presentations on serious fires or new trends. It is also a means for one to bring his antique, or not so antique, truck to a lake or park for a pump-in muster. It is also a means for one to just sit around with others and look at slides or videos of fires or apparatus. There are about 60 such groups around the US and Canada, all affiliates of the International Fire Buff Association (IFBA) that has existed for over 50 years. Some of the buffs clubs have been active for almost 100 years.

WRFBA hosted an IFBA Convention in Cleveland in 1993 which drew about 400 attendees. They watched demonstrations at the FTA and other stations, the Airports and NASA, the TRI-C Academy and a downtown parade that drew over 120 rigs from Cleveland and surrounding departments. It was the profits from that convention that provided the first seed money for the Western Reserve Fire Museum at Cleveland and the beginning of a long road of planning and site selection for a fire museum.

WRFBA continues to exist as an autonomous organization, financially sound, with its own nominal annual dues structure.

All of the memorabilia and artifacts that had been collected have been incorporated into the Museum collection. That preservation of items began in 1975 when old Headquarters closed and WRFBA started saving log books, records and other materials in an attempt to preserve Cleveland Fire Department history. As it stands today WRFBA owns no property or assets other than its treasury and a couple of sign boards.

Many WRFBA members are also active Museum members but there still is the desire to do "fire buff stuff!" Members voted in December to continue the buffs club and plan events in 2007 similar to those of past years. Tentative plans for 2007 include a visit to Mentor (they have 5 stations) and a visit to their newly created local fire museum. Other visitations are being planned for far eastern suburbs with unusual apparatus builder names, unusual colors, rear mounted pumps and a Bronto aerial ladder and to several western suburbs with a visit to North Ridgeville's newly finished local fire museum.

Last summer WRFBA members and friends conducted a pump in at Hudson that drew about a dozen rigs. It gave them a chance to draft from a pond and "play away" for the whole afternoon. A similar event is planned for September 2007 at Hudson.

All Museum members are welcome to attend any of the buff activities if they are of interest and take an active part. Information will be provided by a page in each issue of the Bugle (WRFBA will make a financial contribution to the Museum for its inclusion) or contact Dan Hayden or Paul Nelson for more details. Leave a message on the Museum phone (216) 664-6312 and someone will get back to you.



Dan Hayden teaches pumping skills on Tom Green's ex-Shelby, Ohio ALF pumper



Tim Elder pumps a WWII trailer pump from the Collinwood Railroad Yard with other rigs behind



Solon restored Model T
(all photos by Bob Schimits)

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, January 28, 2007** – **Cleveland, OH.** The Western Reserve Fire Museum at Cleveland will hold its annual meeting at the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. Be sure to mark your calendars now. Refreshments start at 1:00 PM with the business meeting promptly at 2:00 PM. Entertainment following the business meeting. For more information and/or to volunteer to help with this event, contact the Fire Museum at (216) 664-6312.
- **Saturday, March 3, 2007** – **Cleveland, OH.** The Western Reserve Fire Museum at Cleveland will hold its 22nd Annual Firematic Flea Market at the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information and/or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the Fire Museum at (216) 664-6312.
- **March 9-10, 2007** – Southwest Ohio chapter SPAAMFAA annual auction (March 9) and Flea Market (March 10).
- **April 14-15, 2007** – **Allentown, PA.** Annual auction (April 14), flea market (April 15)
- **April 28, 2007** – **Jackson, MI.** Annual Flea Market, Jackson County Fairgrounds, 8:00 AM, www.gliafaa.com
- **May 29, 2007** – **Cleveland, OH.** 3rd Annual Firefighters Memorial Bike Ride starting at Firefighters Memorial, details to be announced.
- **August 8-11, 2007** – **Cambridge, MA.** IFBA Convention.
- **August 9-11, 2007** – **Burnsville, MN.** SPAAMFAA Summer Convention and Muster.

Don't forget Thursday Workdays at the Museum

THURSDAY WORKDAY Project Manager's Report

Even though our last newsletter was published just a little more than a month ago, I still have a lot of progress to report. Thursday Workdays have been very busy. The volunteers have showed up in force these past two months and in that time the dumpster has been filled at least three times. Walls that needed to be torn down in the basement and second floor have been removed. The collections storage room has even seen some progress with sorting and re-boxing taking place whenever the right group of volunteers was on hand.

The latest round of demolition started in the basement. What used to be a kitchen and the mess room is planned as the new volunteer lounge and kitchen. The partition wall, separating the little kitchen from the eating area, has been removed.

In addition to the kitchen demo work, a nine-foot doorway needed to be made between the lounge area and what will become the elevator vestibule.

All of the walls in the basement were in-fill walls and even though they weren't structural they were tough to take down. Nevertheless, volunteers made quick work of tearing them down and removing the rubble.

When Volunteers finished with the rubble in the basement, work began on the second floor. In order to create a women's room on the second floor a

few walls needed to be removed from the old offices. It took less than a day to knock down the walls but after two weeks of Thursday Workdays, we're still not finished carrying down the rubble from the second floor.

When it comes to final construction, all of this demolition will make it much easier to install the new plumbing, electrical, and HVAC—saving us both time and money.



Since the United Way Drive some new volunteers have been coming down to help out. Pounding away on the second floor is "Noodles," Bill Marconi.

Work is also being done in collection storage in anticipation of a major effort to organize, catalog, and re-box the journals.

Once again if any of you is interested in helping out with demolition at the Fire Museum please don't hesitate to call—we could really use your help (216) 262-1723.

Scott Carpenter

Photo by Scott Carpenter



Santa Clause visited the FTA to help kickoff a safe holiday season. For more on this story see the President's Log on page 1 of The Bugle.

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Annual Meeting at the FTA Sunday, January 28th

The Western Reserve Fire Museum at Cleveland will hold its annual meeting at the Fire Training Academy, 3101 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Be sure to mark your calendars now. Refreshments start at 1:00 PM with the business meeting promptly at 2:00 PM. For entertainment following the business meeting we hope to have a 1970s film with sound of the Cleveland Fire Alarm Office in action. For more information and/or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the Fire Museum at (216) 664-6312.

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