



Suncoast Professional Firefighters & Paramedics

Local 2546 of the
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AFL-CIO/CLC

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West Manatee Fire District (Est. 11/6/14)
Cedar Hammock Fire District (Est. 10/26/16)

Affiliated With:



Notice of General Membership Meeting

A meeting of the **General Membership** for Suncoast Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, Local 2546 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, **has been scheduled for April 8, 2024 starting at 1300 hrs.** This meeting will be held at 752 Commerce Drive Suite 1 in Venice, FL as required by Article 4.2 of the Constitution and Bylaws, to conduct the business of the Local.

NOTE:

Local 2546 is a private corporation; Only members in good standing shall be in attendance.

Posted March 26, 2024



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General Membership Meeting Agenda

Location: Union Business Office
752 Commerce Drive – Suite 1
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Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Time: 1 PM

Agenda Details

- I. Opening
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call of Officers
- III. Good and Welfare
- IV. Member Input
- V. Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - Bank Statements for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(5), PAC
 - Reconciliation reports for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(5), PAC
 - Balance sheets for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(5), PAC
 - Profit and Loss reports for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(5), PAC
- VII. Secretary's Report
 - New Members
 - SMFR DVP Special Election Nominations
 - FPF Alternate Election Nominations
- VIII. President's Report
- IX. FPF 7th DVP's Report
- X. Committee Reports
- XI. Old Business
 - Bylaws Changes
- XII. New Business
 - Brother Garry Lawson Trustee Emeritus Nomination
 - Swearing in of New Officer(s)
- XIII. Adjourn General Membership Meeting



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Notice of Proposed Bylaws Changes

The following Bylaws changes have been proposed for approval by the General Membership in accordance to Article 14 of the Local's Constitution and Bylaws:

- **Article 3.5 Separation or Retired Membership**
- **Article 7.1 Representation**
- **Definitions**

See the attached language reflecting the proposed changes.

3.5 Separation or Retired Membership

~~Members, who have retired from this union or have otherwise withdrawn as members in good standing, may be allowed to return to this local union as Retired Members upon making application (using form Appendix B) and subsequent ratification by the Executive Board and Membership of the Local. Retired Members may not vote on collective bargaining agreements or collect the death benefit, but enjoy all other rights and privileges as active members.~~

A member in good standing who has retired and separated/withdrawn from this local union may be allowed to return to this local union within 24 months of separation/withdrawal as an Active Retired Member. Upon making application (using form Appendix B) and subsequent ratification by the Executive Board and General Membership of this local union, Active Retired Membership status shall be granted to the applicant. If an Active Retiree is delinquent in paying his/her dues for 6 months or more, the Active Retiree will be automatically withdrawn and no longer eligible for Active Retiree membership. Active Retired Members may not vote on collective bargaining agreements or collect the death benefit, but enjoy all other rights and privileges as active members.

Required Change from IAFF Legal bylaws review.

Submitted on February 12, 2024 Special General membership meeting.

Cost: none

7.1 Representation

In accordance with the Constitution of the IAFF and the FPF, the Local is entitled to representation at conventions. The delegates shall express and vote the views of the Local membership delegation.

By virtue of their election, the Principal Officers shall be delegates to all authorized functions as listed in Article 6. In the order of President (1st), Secretary (2nd), and Treasurer (3rd).

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Cost: none

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DEFINITIONS

Provisional Member:

Any member of a bargaining unit within the Local that has applied for membership and been approved by the Executive Board and is awaiting approval by the membership at the next General Membership Meeting.

Active Member:

Any member of a bargaining unit within the Local that has applied for membership and has been approved by the Executive Board and by the membership at a General Membership Meeting.

Prospective Member:

Any member of a prospective bargaining unit that has petitioned the Local for representation, either via petition to PERC for recognition as a bargaining unit or via a service contract.

Retired Member:

A Member that retires from their respective Jurisdiction who maintained membership “in good standing” with the Local until their official retirement date and chooses not to pay Active Retiree dues. Retired Members shall not have any voting rights or collect any benefits that the Local provides to Active Members.

Active Retired Member:

A Member that retires from their respective Jurisdiction who maintained Membership “in good standing” with the Local until their official retirement date and chooses to pay Active Retiree dues. Active Retired Members may not vote on collective bargaining agreements or collect the death benefit, but enjoy all other rights and privileges as Active Members.

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