

Texas Fire Museum

North Texas Historical Fire Society



SPOTLIGHT

Annual TFM Officer Elections

On January 21, we elected our new board members for 2006. This year was the first time in our organization's history that we had multiple candidates running for elected positions. The January annual meeting was certainly the longest business meeting ever conducted, as it took over four hours to complete the election process. This was mainly caused by the mishandling of ballots along with improper recording of membership dues prior to election day. This year's election has brought to light the need for sweeping reform of our Museum By-Laws and how our annual elections are to be conducted and governed. By early afternoon, the TFM Election Inspectors Lindsay Dye, Jeff Kaye, John Belknap and Dale Boeth finished counting and preparing their report. The election outcome was announced before the membership present. The total number of members who voted was 85 out of 164 members. As reported by the Election Inspectors, our 2006 elected candidates are as follows:

- **President** - Graydon Vandament - by 1 vote
- **Vice-president** - Gary Brown - by 4 votes
- **Secretary** - Jeff Jones - unopposed by 81 votes
- **Treasurer** - Scott Simpson - by 14 votes
- **Director (2 year position)** - Paul Vinyard - unopposed by 73 votes



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Prior to our annual election, several letters circulated around to some of our TFM membership. This sparked an intense and concerned discussion at the annual meeting regarding the future of our restoration activities and museum direction. The TFM membership overwhelmingly voiced their concerns during the business meeting and our direction appears to be back on track and our goals somewhat certain. Thanks goes out to all our TFM membership who voted and especially to those who reminded our board members that the board only provides leadership and guidance and at least 173 of our current 2006 TFM members will determine the direction, policies and the control of our organization.

Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our annual business meeting on Saturday, **February 18, 2006, at 9:00 AM.** Our work session will follow.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served around 12:00 noon.