

Hello FSSA Members,

With our 2019 Annual Member's meeting and first Board meeting "in the books", I would like to take a couple of minutes and give you an update, as we move into 2019.

The Annual Member's meeting was held on Saturday January 26, 2019 at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in Titusville, FL. The Police Hall of Fame and Museum was an excellent location, offering very nice accommodations for our meeting, an excellent museum and a fine indoor shooting range. The FSSA Bylaws require a minimum of 25 members in order to have a quorum for the meeting. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough members present for a quorum. However, the Board provided those present, with information on FSSA's 2018 and projected 2019 activities.

All member ballots that were mailed in were counted for election/reelection to the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to those members who were reelected:

"Doc" Kokol - Membership Director
Jim Kinley - High Power Rifle Director
Sue Carter – Pistol Director
Jeff Stuart – Director at Large
George Powell – Director at Large
Hope Hyde – Silhouette Director
Jayme Shipley – Junior Activities Director

Congratulations, and a warm welcome to our newest FSSA Board members:

Bob Grimes - Junior Activities
Jennifer Stanton - Junior Activities
Randy Schwartz - Smallbore Rifle

Thank you to all our Board members for their expertise, dedication and willingness to serve our state association members, affiliated clubs and the mission and objectives of FSSA.

Congratulations and Thank You to Mr. William Lumley, the silent bid winner for the Henry Golden Boy "1000 Man Shoot" Rifle. The entire bid amount will be used to support our junior shooters and junior shooting programs.

Following the members meeting, the FSSA Board of Directors meeting was convened.

Your association officers for 2019 are:

- President Ted Carter
- Vice President Joe Waldron
- Treasurer Jeff Stuart
- Secretary Sue Carter

This will be Jeff's last year serving as FSSA Treasurer. We are deeply appreciative for all of his work on behalf of the association. In the coming months, FSSA will need to identify a replacement for Jeff. I'm asking our membership to please consider giving some of your time and expertise to serve as Treasurer. If you would like to know what's involved, please contact Jeff at: treasurer@flssa.org.

The Treasurer reported that FSSA is in solid financial shape. We continue keeping our association's administrative cost to a minimum, thereby allowing more funds to be made available to our shooters and shooting programs throughout the state.

We were able to assist several of our junior shooters through our Grant program for 2018, and we were happy to be able to add additional funding for this program for 2019. With added Junior Directors we look forward to supporting more junior shooters and club sponsored programs for 2019. We anticipate working with the NRA and the NRA Foundation to identify scholarship funds to support our juniors as they transition to college. We are excited to again provide funding to promote women's shooting events throughout Florida. FSSA welcome's assistance from our members to be a part of expanding our women's

shooting programs. Please contact Sue Carter, secretary@flssa.org, if you would like to get involved. FSSA looks forward to supporting a number of state and regional shooting tournaments again this year. Additionally, FSSA will continue to provide state team funding to FSSA members who compete at the national championships.

A reminder that voting for the NRA's Board of Directors is ongoing. Life and 5 year members are eligible to vote in this year's election. A list of candidates is available in the NRA's February publications. Recognizing the extensive list of qualified candidates, the FSSA Board voted to endorse the reelection of Ms. Marion Hammer, and the election of Dr. John Thodos to the NRA Board of Directors. I hope you'll favorably consider these two exceptional individuals, when casting your vote.

To continue and expand FSSA's ability to support the many shooters and shooting programs that exist in Florida, FSSA relies entirely on membership dues and contributions from our members and friends. I am grateful for your support as members. But, I would ask you to please help recruit new members, member clubs and consider a contribution to FSSA. FSSA needs your help to enable your state association to grow our shooting sports.

Thanks for your support! Please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or questions; president@flssa.org. It's an honor to serve you, our members, as FSSA President.

It's another beautiful day in our great state of Florida. Let's get out and do some shooting!

All the best,

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Ted Carter

President, Florida Sport Shooting Association