Chief Dan Fries was very instrumental maintaining direction as outlined in the By-Laws and the wishes of the membership.

He retired after serving 40 years in the fire service. He retired from the St. Petersburg Fire Department in 1974 and with the Largo Fire Department in 1997.

* He was elected to the board of directors for the Florida Fire Marshals Association in 1981 and served (4) years in that position and served another (4) years as this organizations 4th President.
* He was a member of the Life Safety Code sub committee for (10) years.
* He is a past President of the Florida chapter of the (IAAI) International Association of Arson Investigators.
* He was a founding board member of the “Building Fire Safety Systems” Section of the NFPA.