

**Metro Business Meeting Minutes
June 23-25, 2009, Edmonton, Alberta**

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 from 2:45 3:15 P.M. Business Session #1

Call to Order & Invocation – President STEWART

Invocation was given by R. WOLSEY

Approval of Virginia Beach Meeting Minutes – STEWART

Motion by FINCHER to approve the Virginia Beach minutes/Second by RATTO – Unanimous Approval.

Nominating Committee Report – SANDERS

In K. RICHTER'S absence, SANDERS advised that the nominating chair (RICHTER) and executive board recommend the following officers and board members:

BRYSON – President

HENDRICKS – Vice President

FREDERICK – Secretary

BARRY – Treasurer

KAY – Alternate Board Member

SANDERS advised that BRYSON and BARRY plan to retire in the near future, at which time both would be required to step down. R. WRIGHT asked what happens at that time and SANDERS explained that, in accordance with the bylaws, each officer and board member would advance one spot and the new President (HENDRICKS), in consultation with the executive board, would select a member to serve as the Alternate Board Member.

SANDERS called three times for additional nominations for the officer and board positions listed above. None were received. ***Motion by CADE to close the nominations/Second by FINCHER – Unanimous Approval.***

SANDERS advised that he received a nomination from S. DEAN for the Alternate Board Member position. SANDERS called three times for additional nominations. D. HOLTON nominated N. PETTUS for the Alternate Board Member position. SANDERS called three additional times for nominations. No further nominations were received. ***Motion by WRIGHT to close nominations/Second by CADE – Unanimous Approval.***

SANDERS advised that he received nominations from W. McCAMMON and M. NAVARRO for the Senior Board Member position. SANDERS called three times for additional nominations. No further nominations were received. ***Motion by RATTO to close nominations/Second by HAIRSTON – Unanimous Approval.***

Call for 2012 Conference Nominations – SANDERS

Called for bids to host the 2012 conference. B. KHAN submitted a bid for Phoenix and E. BURNS submitted a bid for Dallas. SANDERS called three times for additional bids to host the 2012 conference. No further bids were received. ***Motion by COCHRAN to close bids for the 2012 conference/Second by HAIRSTON – Unanimous Approval.***

SANDERS advised that voting will be held tomorrow for candidates for the positions of Alternate and Senior Board Member and for the 2012 host city. Prior to voting, each candidate will be given five minutes to offer brief presentations.

Old Business – STEWART

FINCHER spoke about the importance of home fire sprinklers and the Metro's participation as an affiliate member of the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition. ***Motion by FINCHER to continue participating as an Affiliate member of the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and pay our 2009 dues of \$1,500/Second by DEAN – Unanimous Approval.***

BARRY spoke about his tenure as the Metro representative to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation Board of Directors and the importance of supporting the NFFF. ***Motion by Barry to continue supporting the NFFF with a contribution of \$5,000/Second by FINCHER – Unanimous Approval.***

Adjourn – STEWART

Motion by BRYSON to adjourn/Second by RATTO – Unanimous Approval.

Wednesday, June 24, 2009 from 2-4 P.M. Business Session #2

Call to Order & Announcements – STEWART

Elections – STEWART

DEAN, PETTUS, McCAMMON and NAVARRO gave brief presentations supporting their candidacies. BURNS and KHAN gave brief presentations in support of their bids for the 2012 conference.

Voting – STEWART

Ballots were distributed to all members. STEWART appointed H. HAIRSTON to Chair the Election Committee (ballot-counting committee) with past presidents COCHRAN, FINCHER and SVETANICS serving as committee members.

Election Results – STEWART

HAIRSTON reported the election results as follows: N. PETTUS, Jr. – Alternate Board Member; B. McCAMMON – Senior Board Member; and Phoenix as the 2012 conference site. ***Motion by BRYSON to accept the election results/Second by BARRY – Unanimous Approval. Motion by FEW to destroy the ballots after a 24-hour waiting period/Second by RATTO – Unanimous Approval.***

Officers' Reports:

President's Report – STEWART

Reported on all meetings, conferences and presentations over the past year, including the CFOA and CTIF conferences, the NFPA Urban Fire Forum, the Fire Protection Research Foundation panel/conference in DC, the executive board meeting in Salt Lake City, and the IAFC Leadership Roundtable. Thanked all members for their support during his tenure as Metro President.

Reported that a decision was been made to discontinue the CFSI breakfast and consider more cost effective strategies to promote our legislative agenda. This decision was supported (encouraged) by the IAFC and NFPA Washington offices.

Vice President's Report – BRYSON

Attended and presented at the UK CFOA Conference. Serves as the Metro-IAFF liaison, serves as the Metro representative to the NFPA 1710 Technical Committee and has been recommended to serve as the next Chair. Also serves as the IAFC-IAFF liaison for the Labor Management Initiative. Served as the Education Chair for this year's Metro program. Serves with SANDERS and COMPTON on the Staffing and Deployment study and on a study to determine appropriate turnout time. Negotiated an MOU with the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

Secretary's Report – HENDRICKS

Advised that the Chiefs of the following departments have joined the Metro: El Paso, TX; Tucson, AZ; St. Louis, MO; Cobb County, GA; Austin, TX;

Indianapolis, IN; Anne Arundel County, MD; Memphis, TN; Kansas City, KS; Jacksonville, FL; and, Portland, OR.

Represented the Metro at the FRI, the Urban Fire Forum, the Salt Lake City Executive Board Meeting, the Metro-IAFF Board/Senior Staff Meeting, the October UL Conference (Chicago/DC), and the Interstate Mutual Aide Seminar.

Treasurer's Report – FREDERICK

Reported the following: Carry over \$251,304; section dues \$13,125; donations \$21,428; total expenses \$4,829; total income \$34,553; ending balance \$281,028.

Motion by DEAN to accept the Treasurers Report/Second by R. FEW – Unanimous Approval.

Represented the Metro at the FRI, the Urban Fire Forum, the Salt Lake City Executive Board Meeting, and the Metro-IAFF Board/Senior Staff Meeting.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – BARRY

Reported that his time as a member of the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation Board of Directors has been very rewarding and he hopes to continue in that role. Spoke about the importance of Local Area Support Teams and asked for chiefs that do have LODD plans in place to send that information to him so it can be shared with those departments in need. Encouraged everyone to attend the October memorial.

Senior Board Member's Report – RATTO

Represented the Senior Members at the Urban Fire Forum and the Salt Lake City Executive Board Meeting. Thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the Metro as the Senior Member. .

Alternate Board Member's Report – KAY

Is new to the Board and, therefore, had no formal report. However, advised that he did participate in the Metro phone and email communications, and is looking forward to active participation for several years to come.

IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report – FINCHER

Provided a written report covering all activities since the Virginia Beach Conference. Also advised that the Metro signed a contract with the UASI conference group, which ensures that the Metro will receive 50% of future conference proceeds (surplus) up to \$10,000.

IAFC Liaison's Report – LEE

Reported on the IAFC/IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative. Reported that there is now an annual fee for CPAT limited licensees and that CPAT will be validated again later this year. The LMI program is a joint IAFC/IAFF program, which fosters cooperative labor-management relationships that can be delivered to either individual departments or regionally. Thanked B. KHAN for hosting the first LMI Conference, which was very successful. Contact LEE for information about hosting the LMI in your area. FRI will be held August 25-29 in Dallas. Several pre-conference seminars, regular conference session and exhibits will be available. **The Metro Business Meeting will now be held on Friday, August 28, from 1-4 pm.** The Metro Social will follow that evening.

Working to streamline the billing process. This will include annual billing for all members. Transition will take place from October-December 2009, with the new billing process scheduled to begin in January 2010.. ***Motion by RATTO to approve the new billing policy/Second by DEAN – Unanimous Approval.***

Executive Secretary's Report – SANDERS

Advised that two Metro Chiefs, McCAMMON and HOLLAND, were elected to the NFPA Board of Directors.

Old Business – STEWART

None.

New Business – STEWART

Advised that the Metro has signed an MOU with the National Association of State Fire Marshals to share information, to jointly support mutually agreed upon projects and programs and to support jointly agreed upon fire and life safety legislation and initiatives.

Advised that the Metro and FirstLink has signed an MOU to support the exchange of technology from DoD to the fire service. RICHTER has advised that he can no longer serve as the Point of Contact; therefore, a new Metro representative will be appointed.

Advised that the Metro Executive Board met with the IAFF senior staff and developed a draft position statement related to response and deployment strategies during the economic downturn. (A written copy of the draft position statement was distributed to all members in attendance.) ***Motion by BRYSON to accept the joint statement/Second by BROOKS.*** Discussion: McGUIRK, NUAVARRO, WOLSEY, JOHNSON, BRYSON, GROVER, McCAMMON,

SANDERS, FREDERICK and COCHRAN expressed comments about the specific verbiage used in the policy draft and possible consequences (pro and con): McGUIRK advised that he would abstain from voting. After considerable discussion, ***STEWART called the question: The vote passed with Majority Approval.***

Adjourn – STEWART

Motion by RATTO to adjourn/Second by COCHRAN – Unanimous Approval.

Thursday, June 25, 2009 from 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. Business Session #3

Call to Order & Announcements – STEWART

Committee Reports

PSST – McCAMMON

Talked about the importance of chiefs paying close attention to communication issues rather than leaving these decisions to technical staff, as big changes are coming. Gave a brief history of the public safety nationwide broadband network and the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST). The PSST Board has recommended to the FCC that the Metro Fire and Police Chiefs be approved for seats on their Board. Emergency services are guaranteed 10 MHz for data and the effort now is to gain an additional 10 MHz.

NFPA 1710 Report – BRYSON

The revision process is complete. Several language “clean-up” changes were made, but the only substantive change concerned turnout time, which was increased to 80 seconds with bunker gear (not EMS). BRYSON is slated to be the next 1710 chair.

NFRF Hydrogen Training Project – POSTEL

The next meeting is October 23, 2009 in Colorado, at which time all of the materials will be reviewed. The program is nearly complete. McCAMMON advised that he attended a presentation on hydrogen at the NFPA Conference and was surprised to learn about the many specialty applications being used today.

NIST-IAFF-WPI Staffing & Deployment Project – BRYSON

COMPTON and SANDERS serves with him as advisors to this project. As part of Tuesday education program, Dr. Lori MOORE (IAFF) reported the results to date.

Safe Place – HENDRICKS

Attended two Board meetings since the Virginia Beach Conference. Gave an overview of Safe Place operations and asked that anyone interested in participating in the Safe Place program to contact him.

High-Rise Building Committee – STEWART

Committee has not met since the last report.

Old Business – STEWART

None.

New Business – STEWART

None.

Adjourn – STEWART

Motion by BRYSON to adjourn at 3:00 P.M./Second by DeYOUNG – Unanimous Approval.