Metro Business Meeting Minutes April 8-10, 2013 Phoenix, AZ

Monday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. – Business Session #1

<u>Call to Order & Invocation</u> – President Dean Invocation given by Few.

<u>Approval of Louisville Meeting Minutes</u> – President Dean Motion by Fincher, second by Bryson to accept the Louisville meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report – Past President Pettus

Pettus recommended that each current Board Officer and Member, except for the Senior Board Member, advance one spot. Bill Stewart is nominated to serve a second year as Senior Member, which is permitted in the bylaws and has been the Metro Chiefs tradition. Called three times for additional nominations. Motion by Bryson, second by Creecy to close nominations. Motion carried.

Pettus advised he received a nomination for Ivor Brooks to be the Alternate Board member. Called three times for additional nominations. Motion by Fincher, second by Abraira to close nominations. Motion carried.

<u>Call for 2016 Conference Nominations</u> – Past President Pettus
Pettus reported he received a bid from Chief Michael DuRee, Long Beach, CA.
Chief John McKearney, Vancouver, British Columbia indicated his interest from the floor. Called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Abraira, second by Routley to close nominations. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report – President Dean

Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: CTIF, Urban Fire Forum, IAFC Executive Committee, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting, National Governor's Association mass evacuation committee, National Firefighter Deployment Strategy, presumptive cancer legislation conference (Melbourne, Australia), 911 goes to Washington meeting, active shooter meeting; also appointed to NFPA technical committee on mass evacuation

<u>Vice President's Report</u> – VP Bryant

Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: AFG/SAFER criteria development meeting, meetings and teleconferences required of the IAFC 2nd Vice President; regular email and phone correspondence with the Phoenix Fire Department regarding the conference.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Few

- Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: Urban Fire Forum, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting.
- Currently there are 106 Regular and 102 Senior members.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Treasurer Block

- Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: Urban Fire Forum, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting.
- As of February 2012, there was \$396,438 in carryover, \$7,500 in income, \$1,941 in expenses, with a change in net assets of \$5,559 and an ending net asset balance of \$401,997. Motion by Fincher, second by McCammon to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – Board Member Kerr

- Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: Metro Chiefs winter board meeting.
- Responsive to requests from Metro Chiefs seeking information.
- Will be attending CFSI and FRI.

Senior Board Member's Report - Senior Board Member Stewart

 Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: Urban Fire Forum, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting.

Alternate Board Member's Report – Board Member Grant

- Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: Urban Fire Forum, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting.
- Represented the Metro Chiefs on a technical panel at a February meeting
 of the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation's project for improving
 firefighter health and safety with uninterrupted real time sensors and at an
 Inter-Agency Board (IAB) workshop focused on hazards in the post-fire
 environment.

Immediate Past President's Report – Past President Pettus

 Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: NFPA Board of Directors, CFOA Conference (Warwickshire, England), Urban Fire Forum, Black Chief Officers Committee.

<u>IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report</u> – Fincher

- Reported on meetings attended since the last conference: CTIF, Urban Fire Former, IAFC Executive Committee, VCOS Symposium. Connexions, AFG/SAFER criteria development, Metro Chiefs winter board meeting, IAFC board meeting and strategic planning, VCOS board meeting
- Hosted former CTIF President Walter Egger for the NASCAR races in Charlotte.

- Worked with the IAFC Site Selection Committee in their visit to Charlotte for possible future conferences. Salt Lake City, Utah, Phoenix, San Antonio, TX and Charlotte, NC were finally chosen by the IAFC board of directors last month after considering extensive evaluation criteria.
- Participated in all board conference calls as available.

Upcoming Events

- CFSI Dinner and IAFF/Metro Chiefs Board meeting May 9, 2013
- CTIF July 16-19, 2013 (Mulhouse, France)
- FRI August 13-17, 2013

IAFC Liaison's Report – Lee

- Featuring new exhibit hours at FRI this year
 - 10:30 am 6:30 pm on Friday, August 16 (new evening event to replace the Street Party)
 - 9:30 am 1 pm on Saturday, August 17
- The Metro Chiefs track is scheduled for August 16-17 and will follow a similar format as last year. Invitations will be mailed once the program is finalized – mark your calendars now to save the dates.

Executive Secretary's Report – Sanders

- 2 new policies since the Louisville conference
 - Endorsement/funding requests Requests for funding need to be submitted in writing (form found in the online policy manual) to the Metro Chiefs Executive Secretary at least 30 days prior to the start of the annual conference.
 - Endorsement of candidates for the IAFC 2nd Vice President or Treasurer position Metro Chiefs running for either of these positions must be a declared IAFC candidate as per IAFC policy. The Metro endorses Metro Chiefs only. If there is more than one member running for either position and certified by the IAFC, there will be an election held on the second business meeting to decide which candidate will receive the Metro Chiefs endorsement. Further, if the endorsed candidate requests financial support, the Metro membership can approve up to \$5,000 in financial support. The Metro will accept requests for endorsement/financial support for no more than one election cycle beyond the current year.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - May 9, 2013 IAFF senior staff/Metro Chiefs board meeting (Washington, DC)
 - August 16, 2013 Metro Chiefs FRI business meeting and dinner (Chicago, IL)
 - September 12-15, 2013 Urban Fire Forum (Quincy, MA)
 - Mental Health
 - Active Shooter Incidents
 - High Rise

- January 11, 2014 Winter Metro Chiefs board meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)
- Block reported on the cancer presumption item discussed at the 2012
 Urban Fire Forum goal was to raise awareness and discuss trends
 - Metro Fire Chiefs to work with other interested organizations to complete a review of presumptive cancer and other health issue legislation. Will provide an updated list of existing legislation once updates are made.
 - Still working on a review of the IAFC, IAFF, NFFF and CFFF databases to determine if cancers and heart related deaths are being reported.

Actions from the Floor (Motions/Resolutions) – President Dean

- Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Motion by Fincher, second by Hannan:
 For the past eight years the Metro has participated as an Affiliate member
 of the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition. In keeping with our mission of fire
 and life safety it is extremely important that we continue supporting the
 important work of this Coalition. Therefore, I move that we pay our 2013 2014 dues of \$2,000. Motion carried.
- National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation Motion by Fincher, second by Richter: For many years the Metro has provided generous support to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. To honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to support programs designed to prevent future deaths and injuries, I move that we donate \$5,500 to the NFFF. Motion carried.

Old Business – President Dean

- Metro Chiefs affiliation provided a great opportunity during the 2nd Vice President campaign.
- Congratulation to Brooks on his election as Alternate Board Member.

New Business – President Dean

- Kerr advised that she has been approved as a candidate for IAFC 2nd Vice President and asked for the Metro Chiefs support and endorsement during her campaign. Motion by Dyer, second by Compton to endorse Kerr as candidate for 2nd Vice President and offer her \$5,000 in financial support. Motion carried.
- Hannan discussed SCBA standard changes to end of service alarm reserve and encouraged members to become involved in the standards making process.

Adjourn – President Dean

Motion by Fincher, second by Kerr to adjourn at 4:15 pm EDT. Motion carried.

Tuesday, April 9 at 3:15 p.m. – Business Session #2

Call to Order & Announcements – President Dean

Presentation on CTIF by Tore Eriksson, CTIF President

Presentations for 2016 Conference Venue – President Dean

- McKearney withdrew his bid to host the conference in Vancouver and, therefore, there is only one bid for the 2016 conference, which is Long Beach. Motion by Henke, second by Hannan to accept the Long Beach bid for the 2016 conference. Motion carried.
- Presentation on Long Beach by DuRee.

Committee Reports

NFPA 1710 Report – Bryson

- Met 3 months ago; currently in revision cycle
- Committee asked for a one year extension in revision cycle because of the high-rise deployment report; will meet again to hear results of the report

IAFF Liaison Report – Bryson

 Annual meeting between by IAFF senior staff and the Metro Chiefs board on May 9.

PSA-FirstNet – McCammon

- Public Safety Alliance Determination that it should exist and develop relationships with new Members of Congress. Chief Greg Frederick is the current chair. Plan to meet in May to discuss the future.
- FirstNet McCammon is now on the Executive Committee (5 members) of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (41 total representatives).
 - Jeff Johnson is currently serving as a FirstNet board member and as the Chief Advocacy Officer.
 - o Difficulty with federal government bureaucracy.
 - Regional meetings are critical. Metro Chiefs are urged to get reach out and participate in these meetings.

NFPA High-Rise Project – Stewart

- The High Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee was established in 2004 and was tasked to review various issues affecting NFPA Codes and Standards.
- The purpose of the April 2-3 meeting in Miami, FL was to address various agenda items and to provide input on the draft Guidelines for Office Highrise Emergency Action Plan.
- The committee has completed the guideline, which will now be reviewed, by the NFPA editors and legal sections prior to the release of the document. The Emergency Action Plan has been created for commercial office high rises and tall buildings where staffing in the structure employs 4,000 or more people. The guideline provides recommended actions for building owners in undertaking and completing an Emergency Action Plan

for evacuation of the structure or partial evacuation in the interest of life safety. The plan also provides the requirement to ensure competent individuals are trained and identified to carry out the specific duties outlined in the plan. Further, exercises and drills are outlined in the document. The plan should be released in the late fall of 2013. The committee will continue to meet by teleconference and once annually to address additional high-rise issues.

IAFF Code Project – Sanders

 Sanders working with IAFF to get suppression officers more involved in the code process; Compton facilitated the first meeting.

Electric Vehicle Project – Frederick

- Electric vehicle battery testing in Maryland in the last two weeks.
- Electric vehicle training available at www.evsafetytraining.org.
- Project includes systems, identification, extrication techniques, charging stations, battery impacts, etc.

Actions from the Floor (Motions/Resolutions) – President Dean

 Motion by Compton, second by Barnes to provide \$1,500 to the IAFC Foundation for the 2013 scholarship program (President authorized a onetime exception to the new policy). Motion carried with one nay.

Old Business – President Dean

None.

New Business – President Dean

- NFPA Standards Routley
 - Develop a mechanism to get information about impacts of changes to standards into a central repository for distribution.
 - All departments have technology issues/solutions that could be shared among the Metro Chiefs.
 - Recommended the possibility of building an exchange forum for both of these issues.
 - Hannan advised there is a need to ensure representatives understand the chiefs' priorities.
 - McCammon suggested emailing out NFPA notices about votes, changes, etc.
 - Berardi recommended having a doctrine/guideline for making decisions about standards.
 - Henke recommended doing a department review of representatives and educate them on priorities.
 - Although information is available, there is a lot of it to review; a concise summary of the issues would be helpful.

Adjourn - President Dean

Motion by Fincher, second by Moeller to adjourn at 4:15 pm EDT.