

Metro Business Meeting #1
May 7, 2018
Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio

Call to Order & Invocation

President Drozd called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. He recognized Chief Larry Few to give the invocation.

Opening Remarks & Member Introductions

President Drozd welcomed the Metro Chiefs members to the business meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves. He also announced the opening of the business meeting and asked that all non-members excuse themselves from the room.

Approval of Orange County/Orlando Meeting Minutes

President Drozd asked for a motion to approve of the minutes from the last business meeting.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Chief William "Shorty" Bryson, seconded by Chief Roderick Williams, and agreed to unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report

Executive Secretary Sanders reported on the recommendations of the nominating committee and the Board. Due to retirements by members of the Board, the Nominating Committee made the following nominations (en bloc):

- President Drozd for an additional one-year term.
- Immediate Past President Kerr for an additional one-year term.
- Treasurer Duyck to a one-year term as Vice President.
- Board Member Lane to a one-year term as Secretary.
- Alternate Board Member Lombardi to a one-year term as Treasurer

Executive Secretary Sanders called for additional nominations from the floor three times. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion to close the nominations was made by Executive Secretary Sanders, seconded by Chief Bruce Moeller, and agreed to unanimously.

At this time, Executive Secretary Sanders announced the following nominations for Board Member and Alternate Board Member:

- Roderick Williams – Orlando Fire Department
- Edward “Loy” Senter, Jr. - Chesterfield County Fire & EMS
- John Butler – Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services
- Eric Tade – Denver Fire Department
- Robert Rocha – Corpus Christi Fire Department
- Joseph Fernandez – Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue & Emergency Services

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A motion to close the nominations was made by Chief Greg Cade, seconded by Chief Ray Barnes, and agreed to unanimously.

Executive Secretary Sanders announced the following nomination for the Senior Board position:

- William “Shorty” Bryson

Executive Secretary Sanders called for additional nominations from the floor three times. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion to close the nominations was made by Chief Ernest Malone, seconded by Chief John Butler, and agreed to unanimously.

Call for 2021 Conference Nominations

Executive Secretary Sanders asked any chiefs wishing to bid for the 2021 conference venue to make their nominations known at this time. He announced the following bid:

- Chief Gina Sweat, Memphis (TN)

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A motion to close the nominations was made by Senior Board Member Luther Fincher, seconded by Chief Bryson, and agreed to unanimously

Officers’ Reports:

President’s Report

President Drozd reviewed his activities since the beginning of the year. He led the effort to develop the NFPA 3000, Standard for Active Shooter/Hostile Event

Response Program. He also attended the IAFF Cancer Conference and discussed the Urban Fire Forum's paper on cancer education.

President Drozd also attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence meeting in March, and the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in April. He also attended the Chief Fire Officer symposium and dinner and a meeting held by the Western Fire Chiefs.

President Drozd also announced that he appointed Chief Sweat to the CTIF Women in Fire and Rescue Services Commission.

Secretary's Report

Secretary DeLoach Reed reported that she attended the Metro Chiefs Winter Board meeting. She also attended the Emergency Responders Forum meeting.

Secretary DeLoach Reed reported that the Metro Chiefs have 108 members and 96 Senior members.

Since the Metro Chiefs meeting at Fire-Rescue International in August 2017, the Metro Chiefs have added 15 members.

They are:

- Kyrle Preis III, Baltimore County (MD) Fire Department
- David Hutcheson, Virginia Beach (VA) Fire Department
- Darrell Reid, Vancouver (British Columbia) Fire and Rescue Services
- Angelo Cavillo, Cleveland (OH) Division of Fire
- Benjamin Barksdale, Prince George's County (MD), Fire/EMS Department
- Joseph Tanner, Horry County (SC) Fire Rescue
- Matthew Pegg, Toronto (Ontario) Fire Department
- Richard Kelley, Oklahoma City (OK) Fire Department
- Brian Schaeffer, City of Spokane (WA) Fire Department
- Ken Stuebing, Halifax (Nova Scotia) Regional Fire & Emergency
- Bill Boyes, Brampton (Ontario) Fire & Emergency Services
- Bob Baker, South Metro (CO) Fire Rescue
- Delphone Hubbard, Little Rock (AR) Fire Department
- Mario D'Agostino, El Paso (TX) Fire Department
- Melvin Carter, Richmond (VA) Department of Fire and Emergency Services

We have sent invitations to:

- James Banta, Marion County (FL) Fire Rescue
- Reginald Johnson, Charlotte (NC) Fire Department
- Phil Hyman, Chattanooga (TN) Fire Department
- Gary Reese, Kansas City (MO) Fire Department

- Vincent Muscarella, Buffalo (NY) Fire Department
- Harold Scoggins, Seattle (WA) Fire Department
- Darin White, Oakland (CA) Fire Department
- Russell Knick, Gwinnett County (GA) Fire and Emergency Services

We also added the following Senior Metro members:

- Keith Bryant
- Paul Berardi
- John Paul Jones
- Richard Bowers

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Duyck reported that he attended the Metro Chiefs Board meeting in January and the meeting with the IAFF in April.

He also reported that, as of April 30, the Metro Chiefs had a carryover balance of \$669,744. The Metro Chiefs have had \$13,205 in revenue and \$6,538 in expenses. The total change in Net Assets was \$6,667, resulting in a balance of \$676,411.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Senior Board Member Fincher, seconded by Chief Jack McElfish, and agreed to unanimously.

New Business

President Drozd called for resolutions.

President Drozd proposed the following resolution regarding fire service participation in the National Counterterrorism Center's (NCTC) Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team.

Resolution:

- Individual members of the Metro Fire Chiefs will identify potential applicants that meet the JCAT qualifications and provide them to the Metro Chiefs Executive Board on an annual basis.
- The Metro Fire Chiefs' Homeland Security/JCAT Committee, appointed by the Metro President, will review applicants and identify candidates that they feel are most qualified. Given the lengthy clearance process, multiple candidates will be submitted/selected each year. This will enable fellows to be identified one, two or even three years in advance, helping to maintain a fire service presence and enabling departments to forward plan.
- Although identified by the Metro Fire Chiefs, each candidate will be officially submitted by their respective agency to the JCAT, to include all

required application materials and endorsements. The JCAT managing organizations (DHS, FBI, NCTC) will ultimately be responsible for selecting all candidates for the JCAT fellowship based on the established selection process, but the selection will be done in close coordination with the Metro Fire Chiefs Homeland Security/JCAT Committee.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Chief Bryson, seconded by Chief Neal DeJesus, and agreed to unanimously.

Donation to Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition

A motion to donate \$2,000 to the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition was made by Senior Board Member Fincher, seconded by Chief Daryl Jones, and agreed to unanimously.

Donation to National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation

A motion to donate \$5,000 to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation was made by Chief Ron Siarnicki, seconded by Chief Malone, and agreed to unanimously.

Donation to the Canadian Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation

A motion to donate \$3,500 to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation was made by Chief Ken Block, seconded by Chief Siarnicki, and agreed to unanimously.

Protecting the T-Band

Treasurer Duyck made the following motion:

- Congress directed the Federal Communications Commission to auction the T Band spectrum (470-512 MHz) by 2021. Public safety organizations would have to vacate this spectrum by 2023. This requirement falls disproportionately on major U.S. metro areas. Therefore, I move that we support federal legislation to repeal the T-Band auction requirement.

The motion was seconded by Chief Eric Tade and passed unanimously.

Urban Search and Rescue

Chief David Downey made the following motion:

- The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, whose membership includes the Fire Chiefs who act as the Sponsoring Agency Chiefs for the 22 of the 28 National Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces, urges the Federal

Emergency Management Agency Administrator to identify the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Branch of the DHS/FEMA, Operations Directorate, as the sole entity responsible for the validating and cataloging of resources responsible for US&R-type missions including but not limited to: search and rescue in collapsed structures, search and rescue in flood/swiftwater environments, and search and rescue in the CBRNE-contaminated environment. Based on the demonstrated outreach and assistance provided to non-System State and local resources over many years, the FEMA US&R Branch is uniquely positioned to continue to lead a comprehensive national resource cataloging and validation initiative.

The motion was seconded by Chief Steven Cover and passed unanimously.

Reports

Board Member's Report

Board member Lane updated the membership about his activities since the meeting at FRI.

On September 16, he attended the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Ceremony in Colorado Springs with the mayor of Winnipeg. He also attended Fire-Rescue Canada on September 17-20, where he joined the National Advisory Committee as a Metro representative.

In the first week of November, Board Member Lane participated in a Government Relations Week in Ottawa and met with four members of Parliament. He also went to Rome, Georgia for training with FM Global. In addition, Board Member Lane attended a meeting of an advisory committee that is helping National Research Council Canada build a new fire-research laboratory.

Also, he attended the National Advisory Committee of Canadian Chiefs and the meeting with the IAFF in April, along with the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. He discussed efforts in Canada, such a provincial board meetings and National Emergency Communications Week. Chief Lane also reported on research projects in the EMS field.

Senior Board Member's Report

Senior Board Member Fincher announced that he is leaving the Metro Board after 30 years of service. He said that he was leaving the Metro Chiefs in good shape and thanked the membership for its years of support.

Alternate Board Member's Report

Alternate Board Member Lombardi reported that he attend the Metro Chiefs Board meeting in January and the meeting with the IAFF in April. He also attended the Labor Management Alliance meeting in Denver. He said that 400 people attended the conference and recommended that fire chiefs attend the conference in the future with their union leadership.

Immediate Past President's Report

Immediate Past President Kerr reported that she attended the Metro Chiefs board meeting and two meetings of the federal National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

IAFC Board Member's Report

Chief Few thanked Chief Fincher and the Metro leadership for their reports, He reported that the IAFC has a new headquarters building in Chantilly, Virginia. He also discussed two new position statements by the IAFC on community risk reduction and tall wood structures.

IAFC Liaison's Report

Mr. LaSala reported that the Metro Chiefs meeting and lunch at FRI will be on Friday, August 10. The meeting will be held in room D164 of the convention center at 10:00 am. The lunch will be held in room D166 of the convention center at noon. He also discussed developments in federal legislative efforts.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Sanders reminded members that only fire chiefs and their partners are allowed to attend the Metro dinner at FRI. He also reminded chiefs that he only sends out surveys if they are submitted to him by the Metro chief or on behalf of the Metro chief. The only exception is that he will send out a survey three times a year for corporate sponsors of \$50,000 - \$60,000. The reason for this policy is to maintain a good return rate on surveys.

He also reported on the Urban Fire Forum, which will take place from September 19- 21. Participants include officers of Metro Board and the Senior Board, Member; representatives from IAFC, NFPA, USFA, and the National Fire Chiefs Council; and major cities like Houston, Los Angeles, and Chicago. There are approximately 20 attendees and the meeting costs approximately \$70,000.

Old Business

Chief Drozd called for old business. There was no old business.

New Business

Chief Ken Block gave a presentation about next year's conference in Edmonton, Alberta. The conference will take place from June 8 to 14, 2019.

Chief Drozd appointed Senior Board Member Fincher, Chief Few, Chief Bryson and Chief Ned Pettus as the Elections Committee.

Adjourn

President Drozd asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Bryson, seconded by Chief John Paul Jones, and agreed to unanimously.