

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Session #1
Hyatt Regency Orlando
April 10, 2017**

Call to Order & Invocation

President Rhoda Mae Kerr called the meeting to order at 2:56 pm. She recognized Chief Larry Few to give the invocation.

Opening Remarks & Member Introductions

President Kerr welcomed members to the 2017 Metro Chiefs conference and invited members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Long Beach Meeting Minutes

President Kerr asked for motion to approve the minutes of the business meeting at the 2016 Metro Chiefs conference.

A motion was made by Chief William Bryson to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Chief Jack McElfish and agreed to unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report

Immediate Past President Ken Block announced that there are two openings on the Metro Chiefs Board. The Metro Vice President, Chief Maurice Kemp, retired before the elections took place; therefore, as per Metro Bylaws, he is not eligible to serve as President. Immediate Past President Block also explained the Metro Chiefs' tradition of endorsing the Senior Board Member for two one-year terms. Chief Luther Fincher, the current Senior Board Member, has served only one year.

Immediate Past President Block announced nominations:

- President: Chief Otto Drozd, Orange County (FL) Fire-Rescue
- Vice President: Chief Jon Hannan, Charlotte (NC) Fire Department
- Secretary: Chief Teresa Deloach Reed, Oakland (CA) Fire Department
- Treasurer: Chief Mike Duyck, Tualatin Valley (OR) Fire and Rescue
- Immediate Past President: Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, Austin (TX) Fire Department
- Senior Board Member: Chief Luther Fincher

Immediate Past President Block called for nominations three times, and heard none.

Immediate Past President Block then announced the nominations for the vacant Board Member and Alternate Board Member positions:

- John Lane, Winnipeg (Manitoba) Fire Paramedic Service
- Walt White, Sacramento (CA) Fire Department
- John Paul Jones, Kansas City (KS) Fire Department
- Robert Rocha, City of Corpus Christi (TX) Fire Department

Immediate Past President Block asked for further nominations from the floor:

Chief Bryson nominated Chief Don Lombardi, West Metro (CO) Fire Protection District

Immediate Past President Block made two more calls for nominees and heard none.

A motion was made by Chief Keith Bryant to close the nominations. It was seconded by Chief Greg Cade and agreed to unanimously.

Call for 2020 Conference Nominations

Immediate Past President Block announced that the cities of Pittsburgh (PA) and Memphis (TN) requested consideration to host the 2020 Metro Chiefs Conference.

A motion was made by Chief Steven Cover to close the nominations for the 2020 conference host city. It was seconded by Chief Mark Hartwig and agreed to unanimously.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report

President Kerr expressed her gratitude for the ability to serve as the Metro Chiefs President. She updated the Board about the International Association of Fire and Rescue Service (CTIF) meeting in Finland. She also announced that she has been appointed to the federal National Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Kemp reported that he retired from the City of Miami's Fire Department. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Metro Chiefs Board.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hannan gave the Treasurer's report:

As of February 28, the Metro Chiefs had a carryover balance of \$623,261. So, far, the Metro Chiefs have raised \$7,250 and had expenses of \$709. In addition, \$10,000 has been advanced to the Metro Chiefs section for the 2017 conference (which will show up in 2017). Overall, there has been a change in Net Assets of \$6,541 for a total balance of \$629,802.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Chief Bryson, seconded by Chief Cover and agreed to unanimously.

Treasurer Hannan also updated the membership about his representation of the Metro Chiefs on the Center for Public Safety Excellence and fire service accreditation.

Board Member's Report

Board Member Reed thanked the Metro Chiefs for their support during the Ghost Ship incident. She also reported on the Emergency Responders Advisory Committee.

Senior Board Member's Report

Senior Board Member Fincher updated the membership about IAFC Board meetings. As the Metro Chiefs representative on the IAFC Board, Senior Member Fincher asked that Metro Chiefs please let him know if an issue needs to be addressed on the IAFC agenda.

Alternate Board Member's Report

Alternate Board Member Duyck reported on his work as the Metro Chiefs representative on the NFPA's National Fire Data System Executive Advisory Board.

Immediate Past President's Report

Immediate Past President Block updated the Metro Chiefs about research being done by the NFPA Research Foundation to examine contamination of firefighter gear. He also provided an update about the NFPA Firefighter Cohort Cancer study, which is a 30-year project to gain a better understanding of cancer in the fire service.

IAFC Liaison's Report

Mr. LaSala reported that the Metro Chiefs' meeting at FRI will be at 10:00 am on Friday, July 28 at room Tryon North and South at the Westin Hotel. Lunch will be served next door.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Sanders reported that the 2017 Urban Fire Forum is on September 20-22. He also is beginning planning on the Metro Chiefs dinner at FRI. Executive Secretary Sanders also report on other Metro Chiefs travel plans:

- April 24 – Meeting between Metro Chiefs Board and IAFF leadership.
- May 15–18 – Scottish Symposium meeting in Glasgow, Scotland.
- June 4–7 – NFPA Conference and Expo in Boston
- July 10–12 – IFE meeting in Manchester, England.
- July 11-12 - CTIF meeting in Villach, Austria.
- September 10-12 – CFOA meeting in Manchester, England.
- TBA – Global Fire Service Leadership Alliance.
- 2018 – Winter Board meeting.

Executive Secretary Sanders also announced the agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding with South African Emergency Services Institute.

New Business

President Kerr asked for New Business.

A motion to contact Metro Chiefs in support of Chief Larry Few's candidacy for IAFC Second Vice President and ask subordinates to vote for him was made by Chief R. David Paulison. It was seconded by Chief Bryson and agreed to unanimously.

Adjournment

President Kerr asked for a motion to adjourn for the day.

A motion was made by Chief Sam Greif to adjourn for the day. It was seconded by Chief Bill Peterson and agreed to unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.