

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Session #2
Hyatt Regency Orlando
April 11, 2017**

Call to Order & Announcements

President Kerr brought the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Chief Charles Hood updated the Metro Chiefs about planning for the Metro Chiefs 2018 conference in San Antonio. The conference will take place on May 4 -10, 2018.

Elections

Immediate Past President Block recognized each candidate for at least five minutes to make a presentation to the membership. The candidates were:

- John Lane, Winnipeg (Manitoba) Fire Paramedic Service
- John Paul Jones, Kansas City (KS) Fire Department
- Robert Rocha, City of Corpus Christi (TX) Fire Department
- Chief Don Lombardi, West Metro (CO) Fire Protection District

Chief Walt White, Sacramento (CA) Fire Department, was not present.

Presentations for 2020 Conference Venue

Immediate Past President Block recognized Chief Gina Sweat (Memphis, TN) and Chief Darryl Jones (Pittsburgh, PA) for 10 minutes each to give presentations on why their city should be selected for the 2020 Metro Chiefs conference.

Voting

The members were given the opportunity to vote for their choices for the vacant Board Members and Alternate Board Member positions and their choice for the location of the 2020 Metro Chiefs conference.

President Kerr appointed a committee chaired by Senior Board Member Fincher and composed of Chiefs Keith Bryant, Larry Few and Robin Paulsgrove to pass out the ballots prepared by the Orange County staff.

The results were:
Board Member: Chief John Lane

Alternate Board Member: Chief Don Lombardi

Conference choice: Pittsburgh (PA)

A motion was made by Chief Paulsgrove for the executive secretary to hold the ballots for 24 hours after which time they will be destroyed. It was seconded by Executive Secretary Russ Sanders and agreed to unanimously.

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President Kerr signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dino Padayachee, President of the South African Emergency Services Institute.

Actions from the Floor (Motions/Resolutions)

President Kerr opened the Floor to motions and resolutions. She advised the membership that Ron Siarnicki, Ken Block/Bill Stewart and Peg Paul submitted the required paperwork for funding to support the HFSC, NFFF and CFFF.

A motion was made by Chief R. David Paulison to pay the 2017-2018 dues of \$2,000 for the Metro Chiefs to remain an Affiliate member of the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition. The motion was seconded by Chief William Bryson and agreed to unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Immediate Past President Ken Block to donate \$3,500 to the Canadian Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. It was seconded by Chief William Bryson and agreed to unanimously.

A motion was by Executive Secretary Sanders to change donation limit in the policy to 50% of dues revenue and designate \$2,000 for President's designated charity by President Kerr. It was seconded by Board Member Reed and agreed to unanimously.

Legislative Updates

Chief Greg Cade updated the Metro Chiefs about legislative developments on Capitol Hill including support for the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act and concern about possible cuts to homeland security grants in Fiscal Year 2018.

Committee Reports

Chief Bryson reported that the NFPA 1710 committee recently released a high-rise study. The committee is starting the standard revision cycle and will meet in February.

He also updated the Metro Chiefs about the Labor-Management Alliance. It recently received a grant to assist its initiatives. As the IAFF Liaison, Chief Bryson reported that the Metro Chiefs Board will be meeting with the IAFF leadership on April 24.

Chief Bill Stewart provided a written update on the High-Rise Project. It is focusing on issues relating to tall-frame buildings and elevator use and evacuations.

Chief Block updated Metro Chiefs on the presumptive cancer initiative during the educational session.

Chief Dennis Compton updated the Metro Chiefs about the effort to include fire-based EMS criteria in NFPA 1001. He also discussed future efforts to revise NFPA 1021.

Old Business

President Kerr opened the Floor to Old Business.

Chief Bryson raised concerns about multiple data platforms.

A motion was made by Chief Dennis Compton that the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association supports a single-entry incident reporting system for use by fire departments nationwide. Therefore, this body requests that the principal managers of current systems work to achieve that goal for the benefit of future fire service data management effectiveness. This motion was seconded by Senior Board Member Fincher and agreed to by voice vote.

New Business

President Kerr opened the Floor to New Business.

A motion was made by Chief Mark Light to ask Metro Chiefs to ask governors to opt-in to FirstNet. The motion was seconded by Chief Paulison, and then tabled.

Adjourn

President Kerr asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Senior Board Member Fincher to adjourn. It was seconded by Chief Paulsgrove and agreed to unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.