

Metro Business Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2013
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members in Attendance

Stephen Dean, President
G. Keith Bryant, Vice President
Larry Few, Secretary
Ken Block, Treasurer
Rhoda Mae Kerr, Board Member
Bill Stewart, Senior Board Member
Michael Grant, Alternate Board Member
Ned Pettus, Jr., Immediate Past President
Luther Fincher, IAFC/NFPA Board Representative
Vicki Lee, IAFC Liaison
Russ Sanders, Executive Secretary

Call to Order – Steve Dean

Opening Remarks & President's Report – Steve Dean

1. At the Louisville Pre-Conference Board Meeting it was decided that the E-Board would establish a policy that requires anyone wanting the Metro to endorse/fund an event, program, project, etc., must first submit his/her request for consideration to the E-Board. The E-Board will then make a recommendation to the membership. If a member fails to follow this policy, the E-Board will advise the membership that it does not support the request. Russ has drafted policy language and a submittal form, which was reviewed. Motion by Stewart to approve the policy/Second by Kerr. Unanimous Approval. Russ will update the policy manual and send the policy and form to all members.
2. When will PSAC assume funding for Chief McCammon? Fincher to discuss at IAFC board meeting.
3. Simmons mattress (Atlanta) – Recharging America
 - a. Political impacts
 - b. Targeted – Dallas, NJ/NY, Chicago, Los Angeles
 - c. Fincher recommended that Metro Chiefs not get involved; Simmons should approach cities individually.
4. Marijuana impacts on random drug testing policies
 - a. Onieal/Gaines.
 - b. It doesn't matter where you have been if you fail a random drug test – if you fail, policy dictates consequences (similar to alcohol).
5. UFF updates

- a. Presumptive cancers (Block)
 - i. Will work with Pat Morrison to update the legislation on the IAFF website
 - ii. IDLH situational awareness (Grant)
 - 1. Meeting in February with FPRF
 - b. Disaster planning (Dean)
 - i. Evacuation planning – exploring texting capabilities
 - ii. Letter to USFA re: USAR funding and objection to reduction in NFA classes
 - iii. #10 – review and update existing IAFC document (America’s Fire Service)
 - iv. Dio email encouraged involvement in the mutual aid project
 - v. National Firefighter Deployment Strategy
 - c. Fire-based EMS
 - i. Community para-medicine – current legislation and model program
 - ii. Discussion about inviting Royleen Rhodes (AMR) to do a presentation on this topic – goal is for fire departments to provide basic screenings and treatments (pre- and post-hospital stay) to keep patients with poorly managed or unmanaged chronic conditions out of the emergency rooms
 - d. Planning for 2013 UFF content to occur after the April Metro Chiefs conference
6. Briefing on CTIF conference in Bratislava, Canadian Fire Chiefs Conference, VCOS

Vice President’s Report – Keith Bryant

- 1. Review of AFG/SAFER grant criteria
- 2. IAFC Board meeting and strategic planning next week

Conference Program Update – Keith Bryant

- 1. Website is up with an educational program outline
- 2. ASU/UL/PFD – economic benefits of a FD (proposed session)
- 3. DOT Traffic Incident Management training (proposed session)

Secretary’s Report – Larry Few

- 1. New Members – Few to begin copying the entire Metro Chiefs board on new member welcome letters.
- 2. Block to email Few contact information on Winnipeg and Halifax so he can send invitations to join

At the Louisville Conference, the Board decided to draft a slate of candidates for Fire Chief of the Year and Life Time Achievement. Those nominations would be submitted to the membership at least 60 days prior to the conference. At that

time, the membership has the opportunity to nominate additional members. Finally, voting must close at least 20 days before the Phoenix conference to give the host city time to engrave the awards.

1. Fire Chief of the Year
 - a. Keith Richter
2. Life Time Achievement
 - a. Peter Holland
3. President's Award of Distinction
 - a. Three recipients to be announced at the conference

Motion carried and this slate will be sent out to membership for review with the opportunity for additional nominations.

Recommendation to recognize former award winners using a banner or chain of office. Past presidents, history and award winners will also be posted on the NFPA website.

Discussion about recognition of retired/retiring members at the annual conference.

Discussion about recruitment – Few to check with Fire House Magazine

Treasurer's Report – Ken Block

1. Reported that the Association has a healthy balance sheet with a closing balance of \$393,813. Anyone wanting to view the entire report can do so by contacting Russ at rsanders@nfpa.org. Motion by Stewart to approve the Treasurer's Report/Second by Pettus. Unanimous Approval.
2. Presumptive cancer conference in Melbourne from March 11-14 – Block to arrange for invitations for the Metro board.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – Rhoda Mae Kerr

1. Working on developing a Metro Section within the Texas Fire Chiefs Association
2. Interested in running for IAFC 2nd VP in 2014

Senior Board Member's Report – Bill Stewart

Attended the UFF and participated in all Board conference calls. Continues serving as the Metro Representative on the High Rise Safety Advisory Committee and participated in the December conference call and will attend a meeting to be held on April 2-3. The High Rise Emergency Action Plan version 9 is now moving to final review in February. Bill will present a full report to the membership at the annual conference.

Immediate Past President's Report – Ned Pettus

1. Elections notification has been prepared and is ready to go.
2. Attended CFOA conference in England – chiefs were surprised that the US is going through some of the same economic issues as the UK. Our UK colleagues provided outstanding hospitality to Lonette and Ned.

IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report – Luther Fincher

Motion to approve financial support to the HFSC for \$2K (a \$500 increase) and \$5,500 to the NFFF (a \$500 increase). Russ will contact both organizations to get the information necessary to complete the newly approved forms and send that information to Fincher. Reported on all travel and meetings attended since the last meeting.

IAFC Liaison's Report – Vicki Lee

1. Prepared donation to be sent on behalf of Joe Redden
2. FRI is August 13-17 (exhibits are August 16-17). There will be a Metro track again this year. We will plan for the Metro board meeting to take place on Friday, August 16 from 1-4 pm as the second day of the Metro track.

Executive Secretary's Report – Russ Sanders

1. Annual conference – Is it too long?
 - a. At the Phoenix Conference business session the membership will be asked to comment on this and other conference issues to ensure that we are delivering the information and programs needed. The importance of members staying over for the banquet will also be discussed.
 - b. Continue practice of meeting with vendors for feedback.
2. NIST/IAFF/WPI High-Rise Project
 - a. Experiments and the data analysis have been completed; toolkit is all that remains
 - b. Release of report with press conference and media announcements will be at the Metro Conference in April
3. 2013 UFF dates are arrival on Thursday, September 12 and departure on Sunday, September 15. We will continue with the new format, and the topics will be decided after the Phoenix Conference.

Other Issues

1. 3:44 minute flashover time in video has challenged some FDs re: staffing because many cannot respond in this time frame
2. Economic benefit of FDs – insurance rates

Old Business – Steve Dean

1. CO monoxide legislation in Ohio (Pettus worked with NFPA)
2. Sanders submitted letter re: change to IAFC bylaws to align with Metro's; now with CBR committee

New Business – Steve Dean

1. None

Motion to adjourn by Few/Second by Pettus. Unanimous Approval.