

Metro Executive Board Meeting Agenda May 20, 2012, Louisville, KY

Board & Staff Present

Ned Pettus, Jr. – Immediate Past President – Acting President
Steve Dean – President
Keith Bryant – Vice President
Larry Few – Secretary
Ken Block – Treasurer
Rhoda Mae Kerr – Board Member
Senior Board Member – William “Shorty” Bryson
Immediate Past President – Greg Frederick
Executive Secretary (Recording Secretary) – Russ Sanders
IAFC Liaison – Vicki Lee
IAFC-NFPA Board Representative – Luther Fincher

Opening Remarks & Member Introductions – Ned Pettus & Steve Dean

Steve called the meeting to order and advised that Ned would be responsible for all presidential duties at the Louisville conference. Ned thanked Steve and the executive board.

Host Chief Update – Greg Frederick & Doug Recktenwald

Doug advised that the final registration was 88 chiefs, 54 partners and 90 sponsors. He reviewed the education and social events.

Bylaw Committee Report – IAFC/NFPA Board Representative Luther Fincher
Luther reviewed the bylaw changes and advised that Russ would present the changes to the membership. After considerable discussion, the group decided to remove all language that references the executive secretary being a member of the executive board. This final recommended change will be explained to the membership at the first business meeting.

Nominating Committee Report – Past President Greg Frederick

Greg read the names of the members running for Alternate Board Member, Senior Board Member and those chiefs bidding to host the 2015 conference. Greg’s report will be given at the first business session.

Officers’ Reports:

President’s Report – Acting President Ned Pettus

Ned reviewed travel and related activities since the 2011 Charlotte Metro Conference. He also briefly discussed the NFPA strategic planning process.

Vice President’s Report – VP Keith Bryant/President Steve Dean

Steve reviewed his travel and related activities since the 2011 Charlotte Metro Conference. Steve advised that he worked to defeat an Alabama bill that would have expanded the use of consumer fireworks. Steve briefly reviewed the 2012 Metro Educational Program changes.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Larry Few/VP Keith Bryant

Larry reviewed his travel and related activities to date, including D-Block support activities. Larry and Keith reported that we have 14 new members and five pending applications.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Ken Block/Secretary Larry Few

Ken reviewed his travel and related activities to date. Ken gave the following budget report:

Ending March 2012: Carryover \$359,172; Income \$11,906; Total Expenses \$1,152; Change in Net Assets \$10,754; Ending Net Asset Balance \$369,926.

End of Year 2011: Carryover \$323,144; Income \$59,880; Total Expenses \$23,852; Change in Net Assets \$36,028; Ending Net Assets balance \$359,172.

Motion by Shorty Bryson to accept the Treasurer's report; Second by Keith Bryant. Unanimous Approval.

Request for a Donation to the IAFC Foundation – Luther Fincher

Luther explained that Ray Barnes requested that the Metro make a donation of \$10,000 to the IAFC Foundation. Luther explained that the total IAFC Foundation budget is \$40,000; therefore, a \$10,000 donation would be 25% of the Foundation's budget. Russ explained the risk in committing one-time funds for recurring expenses. Russ further advised that income and expense are trending in the positive to negative \$10,000 range and that there are many other potential expenses that could require Metro funding.

Clothing Vendor – Luther Fincher

Luther advised that Jay Finberg, the official Metro clothing vendor, will have a display at the conference.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – Board Member Rhoda Mae Kerr/Treasurer Ken Block

Rhoda Mae reported on her travel, meetings and related activities to date. She advised that she worked with the Texas Metro Departments to develop a white paper concerning the increasing costs of certification. This paper was submitted to the Texas Fire Commission. Unfortunately, the Commission did not reconsider its position.

Senior Board Member's Report – Senior Board Member Shorty Bryson

Shorty advised that he is no longer eligible to run for the Senior Board Member. He reported on travel, meetings and related activities to date, including the NIST/IAFF High-Rise project.

Immediate Past Chairs' Report – Past President Greg Frederick

Greg reported on his travel, meetings and activities to date, including the Electric Vehicle project. Greg will give a more detailed report at the business meeting.

IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report – Luther Fincher

Luther reported on his travel, meetings and activities to date. Luther advised that he was re-elected to the CTIF Board for a second four-year term and would like to extend his term as the Metro representative to the IAFC to coincide with his CTIF term. Russ advised that Luther is locked-in as the Metro representative to the IAFC until January 2014, so no action is needed at this time.

IAFC Liaison's Report – Vicki Lee

Vicki advised that a special Metro program will be in place for Metro Chiefs at FRI. Russ sent this information to all members. The FRI-Metro Business Meeting will be Friday, August 3 at 1 p.m. The Metro social event will be that evening. Formal invitations are being mailed to all Metro members.

Executive Secretary's Report – Russ Sanders

Russ reported on the following:

Urban Fire Forum dates are October 4-7, 2012.

Salt Lake City Winter Board Meeting January 11-13, 2013

NFPA Enforcers Program – Funding at 80% for AHJs

NIST/IAFF Code Enforcers Report

NIST/IAFF High-Rise Project

Actions from the Floor (Motions/Resolutions) – Acting President Pettus

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition – MOTION BY Luther Fincher: 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 2012-2013 dues of \$1,500. Second by Steve Dean. Unanimous Approval.

National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation – MOTION BY Luther Fincher: 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 5,000 to the NFFF. Second by Steve Dean. Unanimous Approval.

IAFC 2nd VP Candidates – Keith Bryant and John deHooage will both be given 10 minutes to address the membership. The Metro will not endorse a candidate or provide financial assistance. This was agreed to by both candidates.

Old Business – Acting President Pettus

Keith Bryant advised that there were no nominations for Fire Chief of the Year. Vicki advised that all IAFC awards are also seeing a decline in nominations. The group decided that the Executive Board will prepare a slate of nominees for the Fire Chief of the Year and Life Time Achievement Awards at the Salt Lake City business meeting. This will not change the current policy, as all members will still be given the opportunity to submit additional nominations.

New Business – Acting President Pettus

No new business

Adjourn – Acting President Pettus

Motion by Shorty Bryson to adjourn; Second by Rhoda Mae Kerr. Unanimous Approval.