

Metro Business Meeting Minutes May 22-23, 2012, Louisville, KY

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 2:45-4 P.M. Business Session #1

Call to Order – Acting President Pettus

- Meeting called to order at 1:40 pm Eastern.

Approval of Charlotte Meeting Minutes – Acting President Pettus

All members received a copy of the minutes and they are posted on our website.

- Motion by Bryson, second by McCammon to approve. Motion carried.

Bylaw Committee Report – Executive Secretary Sanders

- Proposed change re: eligibility would change number of full time career personnel from 400 to 350. No population criteria will be included.
- Proposed change re: executive secretary removes language stating that the position is a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
- City/counties – Question from the floor about fire protection districts; this is a common form of government in western states. Sanders confirmed that “cities/counties” would not exclude districts. The word jurisdictions is too broad. Proposed change to Section 3: Cities, counties or local government fire protection districts qualify for membership...
- Grandfather language re: population removed because it’s no longer relevant.
- Eligibility of Regular Members to serve as officers is redundant language.
- Added language allowing Executive Board members to finish out the term upon retirement; gives Board discretion to remove the retired member if their new work conflicts with the interests and values of the association.
- Language regarding conference dues in Section 7 redundant.
- “Shall” to “may” in Section 9 provides the Executive Board with flexibility, especially in cases where someone retires close to the annual conference.
- Proposed change to Section 4, Regular Members: Only Regular Members are eligible to ~~serve~~ be elected as Officers of the Association.
- Proposed change to Section 4, Senior Members: Senior Members are eligible to serve on the Executive Board in the Senior Board Member position only, except as provided in Section 7.
- Proposed change to Section 3: Any current member in good standing who met the previous bylaws criteria (i.e., 350 fully paid career firefighters), but does not meet the current criteria, will be allowed to

remain as a member and have all rights and privileges of Regular Members. However, his or her department will retain membership only as long as that member remains Chief of the Department. If a Regular Member as defined in Section 4 moves to a department that does not meet the aforementioned criteria, that member will lose the status of a Regular Member and become eligible to apply for Senior Member status.

- Motion by Paulison, second by Stewart to approve bylaws amendments as discussed – motion carried.
- Motion by Bryson, second by Fincher to reopen the bylaws – motion carried.
- Clarification of why grandfather language can still be removed.
- Motion to remove the grandfather language by Fincher, second by Bryson – motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report – Past President Frederick

- Dean – President; Bryant – Vice President; Few – Secretary; Block – Treasurer; Kerr – Board Member; and Pettus – Immediate Past President. No additional nominations for these positions. Motion to accept by Clack, second by Holton – motion carried.
- Navarro, Stewart for Senior Board Member. No additional nominations for this position. Motion to close nominations by Siarnicki, second by Hohman – motion carried.
- Cummings, De Jesus, Grant, Holland for Alternate Board Member. Motion to close nominations by Dio, second by Smith – motion carried.

Call for 2015 Conference Nominations – Past President Frederick

Chiefs wishing to bid for the 2015 conference venue must notify the President at this time. Presentations and voting will be at the second business session (tomorrow).

- Clark County, NV
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL – De Jesus is not the chief of Ft. Lauderdale; concern about him committing the city to hosting.
- Motion to close nominations by Bryson, second by Stewart – motion carried.

D-Block Update – Bill McCammon

- Thank you to all Metro Chiefs who sent letters.
- New law will establish the Fire Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) – independent authority within NTIA
 - Exempted from Paperwork Reduction Act
 - Headed by a 15-member board
 - License for public safety
- Summary – grant program, state opt out provisions, public safety trust fund, etc.

New Business – Acting President Pettus

- Barnes
 - Metro dinner at FRI will be at the Colorado Air and Space Museum.
 - Asking for financial support for the IAFC Foundation. Encourage personal support of the foundation but also asking for the Metro Chiefs Association to make a financial contribution. Could be designated only for Metro Chiefs departments.
- Dyer
 - Request for Metro Chiefs to support the IAFC candidate for Treasurer, Chief Rich Carrizzo. There is a history of ongoing support between Metro Chiefs and Missouri Valley Division.
- Hannan
 - New NFPA standard re: SCBA low air alarms – concern that firefighters will ignore the earlier warnings.
 - This issue will come to the floor. If the floor vote contradicts the technical committee position, the Standards Council hears testimony and in most cases, reverts back to the former language because that was the last time there was consensus.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report – Acting President Pettus/President Dean

Pettus 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 Bryant/President Dean

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

Bryant reviewed his travel and related activities since the 2011 Charlotte Metro Conference and discussed his work on PASS device research.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Few/VP Bryant

Few reviewed his travel and related activities to date, including D-Block support activities. Few and Bryant reported that we have 14 new members and 3 pending applications.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Block/Secretary Few

Block reviewed his travel and related activities to date. He 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 Block to accept the Treasurer's report; second by Richter. Unanimous Approval.

Discussion: Current trend is breaking even. Forecasting a deficit spending situation going forward because travel to Metro Chiefs-related meetings will be covered by Metro Chiefs, not by the fire departments. In some years, the association benefits from conference revenue; in other years, the conference breaks even. No more income from the UASI conference. Currently have a healthy balance but need to be cognizant of recurring costs.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – Board Member Rhoda Mae Kerr/Treasurer Ken Block Kerr 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 He reported on travel, meetings and related activities to date, including the NIST/IAFF High-Rise project. Currently in revision cycle for NFPA 1710. Currently serves as an LMI facilitator, a joint program with IAFF. Bryson was only able to serve one year as Senior Board Member.

Immediate Past President's Report – Past President Greg Frederick Frederick reported on his travel, meetings and activities to date, including the Electric Vehicle project. He explained there are some issues related to lithium ion batteries and related fires that the working group is aware of and working with the manufacturers to address. Discussion about voltage ratings of PPE vs. safety features of the vehicles themselves.

IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report – Luther Fincher Fincher reported on his travel, meetings and activities to date. The FRI-Metro Business Meeting will be Friday, August 3 at 1 pm followed by a dinner at the air and space museum.

IAFC Liaison's Report – Vicki Lee Lee advised that a special Metro track will be in place for Metro Chiefs at FRI. Invitations will be mailed to all members. Events include special Metro Chiefs speakers and the opportunity for personal tours on the expo floor.

Executive Secretary's Report – Russ Sanders

Russ reported on the following:

- Urban Fire Forum dates are October 4-7, 2012 – new block format will be in place for this year and the goal is to have a deliverable created in each block.
- 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

Adjourn – Acting President Pettus

- Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm Eastern with a motion by Fincher, second by Frederick.

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 from 2:30 -4:30 P.M. Business Session #2

Call to Order & Announcements – Acting President Pettus

- Meeting called to order at 3:11 pm Eastern.

Elections – Acting President Pettus

- Presentations by Navarro, Stewart, Grant and Holland.

Presentations for 2015 Conference Venue – Acting President Pettus

- Presentation by Washington for Clark County, NV.

Voting – Acting President Pettus

- Elections Chair: Hairston.
- Senior Board Member – Stewart
- Alternate Board Member – Grant
- 2015 Conference City – Clark County, NV

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

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition – MOTION BY 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: Bryson. Unanimous approval.

National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation – MOTION BY 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: Creecy. Unanimous approval.

IAFC Foundation – MOTION BY McElfish: I move that we donate \$750 on behalf of the winner of the Fire Chief of Year award and \$750 on behalf of the winner of the Lifetime Achievement award. Second: Paulison. Unanimous approval.

GeoShare Project – Keith Richter

- National Alliance for Public Safety GIS – Fosters increased use of GIS in public safety organizations, education on GIS, increased collaboration among agencies for information sharing. Challenges include: cost, technical difficulties with implementation, training, access to data, perception that GIS is solely as a map producing tool and difficulties leveraging existing capabilities to work with GIS.
- GeoShare platform is intended to be an in-house tool for public safety for education and to streamline implementation and information sharing.
- Motion by Richter that the Metro Chiefs endorse the philosophy of the GeoShare platform. Second: Bryson. Unanimous approval.

Comments from IAFC 2nd VP Candidates – Acting President Pettus

- Comments by Bryant and deHooge.

Committee Reports

NFPA 1710 Report – Bryson

- Currently in a revision cycle. Working group research will be coming in to the main committee on turn out time and high rise buildings. Next meeting is September 26.

NFPA High-Rise Project – Stewart

- High-Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee formed post-September 2001 to examine escape routes from high-rise buildings. Document currently in draft phase with the final document expected this fall. Stewart asked Metro Chiefs members to forward any concerns on this issue to him for study by this committee.

Old Business – Acting President Pettus

- None.

New Business – Acting President Pettus

- Dean announced he will run for IAFC 2nd Vice President in 2013.
 - MOTION BY Dyer for the Metro Chiefs to give Dean \$5,000 to support his IAFC election campaign. Any unused monies will be returned to the Metro Chiefs. Second: Brooks. Unanimous approval.
- Paulison announced that he will be distributing literature to members on the D-Block issue.

- Hendricks reported on activities of the Safe Place Advisory Board. The fire service is an important partner as a receiving site for runaways. The board has recently faced some economic challenges but is now in a growth phase. They have increased board membership and have expanded the advisory board. Last meeting was in April in Louisville.
- Siarnicki thanked the Metro Chiefs for support of the NFFF this year and for the past 12 years.
- Bryant asked members to send him ideas for the 2013 educational conference.
- Pettus talked about new understanding of NFPA, accreditation, CFO, EFO etc. in Columbus and how receptive department members and city leaders were to education on these organizations, activities and programs. Discussed involvement in the Urban Fire Safety Initiative.
- Onieal announced a new code of ethics developed by the National Society of Executive Fire Officers, which will be integrated into the National Fire Academy programs and course offerings.
- Sanders reviewed the Metro Chiefs policy on survey requests – must be sent by the Metro Chief for use by the Metro Chief.

Adjourn – Acting President Pettus

- Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm Eastern with a motion by Kerr, second by Creecy.