

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 3, 2007**

- I. Members Present** – Forsman, Parmley, Mullin, Qualman, Mygatt, Ury, Pistor, Rhodes, Milan (T.O.s), Hall (FMAC), Jones, Reilly, McBee, Montoya, Cooke, Robinette, Bales, **Guests** – Tom Farber, Allen Cook
- II. Presentation of Affinity Insurance Programs**
- a. Travelers Insurance will allow the State Chiefs to sponsor a group insurance policy for any member of the State Chiefs affiliated fire department.
  - b. T. Charles Wilson will be the plan manager – a proposal was submitted in the packet.
  - c. All sales presentation will be through personal visits – no phone solicitations or flyers
  - d. The insurance policies are portable and can carry into retirement.
  - e. Motion by Mygatt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Qualman to approve an affiliation with T. Charles Wilson to form a State Chiefs' group. Paul Cooke will be authorized to sign the MOU. Motion Approved
  - f. Q & A followed
- III. Presentation by Easy as ABC Travel**
- a. This could be a possible source of revenue for the State Chiefs
  - b. They will develop an on-line travel web site that will earn the State Chiefs 40% of commissions for travel bookings. The web site is available 24 x 7.
  - c. Their rates are competitive with Orbitz™ & Expedia™.
  - d. Checks to the State Chiefs will come from 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors
  - e. They will provide an account manager – There is a one time \$449.00 set-up fee.
  - f. There is a signed agreement – but no long term commitment.
  - g. We will review the agreement and take action in September.
- IV. Emergency Reporting Software**
- a. The company is asking the State Chiefs to endorse the product
  - b. In return, the member departments will get a discount on the purchase price.
  - c. Motion by Jones and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ury to accept their proposal – Motion approved.
- V. Presentation by VFIS**
- a. Affiliation of the State Chiefs with VFIS will allow member departments access to one copy of any training program each year – free of charge.
  - b. Motion by Mullin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmley to list VFIS as an affiliation group that will provide copies of their training programs to State Chief member departments.
- VI. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

- a. Motion to approve minutes with an amendment showing the Chief Qualman was present. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.
- VII. Financial Reports – Reports attached in package**
  - a. Motion by Mygatt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmley to approve the Financial Report – Motion approved.
  - b. Motion by Milan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Qualman to pay current bills – Motion Approved.
- VIII. Executive Director’s Report**
  - a. Membership Report –
    - i. 106 renewals and 16 new memberships
    - ii. 30 less members than last year
    - iii. The Division representatives will be encouraged to solicit more memberships.
  - b. Corporate Sponsors – doing okay
  - c. Budget Report – we are over spent on printing, but low on office space rental.
  - d. Correspondence – Letter from Forsman to the Congressional delegation on the Hometown Heroes legislation.
  - e. Larry Donner will no longer be able to represent the State Chiefs on the Resource Mobilization Group.
- IX. Training Officers’ Report – Milan**
  - a. NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training Course – 5-fay Train-the-Trainer course. October 8 – 12 in Parker.
  - b. Certification Management Program – still looking for funding.
  - c. National Fallen Firefighters – Courage to be Safe Course – 3-hour class.
  - d. Discussion of availability of UASI funds to provide NIMS training. It is likely that there will be a cut in these funds at the State level.
  - e. Discussion of possible increase in certification fees.
- X. Wage and benefit survey**
  - a. The survey does not include data from Denver.
  - b. The booklets will go out next week.
- XI. September General Membership Meeting**
  - a. September 14, 2007 in La Junta
  - b. State Fire Marshal Roundtable discussion
  - c. Standards of Cover Presentation
- XII. Consolidation of Fire and Life Safety Functions in State Government**
  - a. Discussion of priorities
  - b. Request for information from the Government Efficiency Management (GEM) group. They have recommended that the consolidation study continue with more information gathering.
  - c. GEM seems to generally support the idea of creating a State Fire Marshal.
- XIII. Volunteer Chiefs Section**
  - a. Their next meeting will be in La Junta on September 14<sup>th</sup>
  - b. They have completed the section bylaws and constitution. These need the approval of the State Chiefs
  - c. Motion by Bales 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mygatt to approve bylaws and constitution of the Volunteer Chiefs Section – Motion Approved

**XIV. Fire Chaplains**

- a. Creating the new section will require a vote at the Annual Meeting
- b. Motion by Mygatt 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mullin to bring the section approval to the Annual Meeting for the vote.

**XV. School Inspection Programs and other issues**

- a. The current re-inspection program is probably not legal because the inspectors do not have state certification.
- b. Increase in certification fees needs an endorsement prior to rule making for the Haz Mat and School Inspection programs. Motion by Parmley 2<sup>nd</sup> by Qualman to endorse reasonable fee increases – Motion Approved. A survey will be developed to help define “reasonable”
- c. The new director of Homeland Security will take office soon
- d. The FMAC web site will go live next week.

**XVI. Leadership Conference – planning meeting next week**

**XVII. Mo Valley Conference –**

- a. This year’s conference was well done
- b. 2008 – Joplin, MO
- c. 2009 – Overland Park, KS
- d. 2010 – Mullin would like to make a bid to host this conference. Okay by board to proceed with presentation to Mo Valley Directors.

**XVIII. Legislative Planning**

- a. State Fire Marshal – support state administrative bill but not a separate bill that only addresses the Fire Marshal
- b. School Inspections – support administrative effort to amend the program. Continue to work through the Legislative Audit Committee
- c. Impact of Urban Renewal and TIF districts on fire district finances – support stance by SDA to give special districts the same status as counties.
- d. Swimming pool safety – who doesn’t want safe pools? Stay neutral
- e. Property Tax Credit for surviving spouse of Officer LOD deaths – needs more research
- f. Presumptive Coverage for Heart Attacks – No position.
- g. Worker’s Comp Rates relief for Volunteer Departments – Oppose
- h. Fire Safe Cigarettes – Support try to find sponsor
- i. Fire Bans – Let fire districts have input on Sheriffs’ bans – refer to Joint Public Safety Group
- j. Funding of Emergency Management through fee on property insurance – support
- k. Exempt Fire Protection Engineers from the Engineers’ Practice Act – there is lots of opposition to the bill from CML and the engineers.
- l. Trauma Care Coalition Preservation – support but keep the scope of the bill narrow continue to watch and monitor developments
- m. Impact Fees – don’t address this

**XIX. Next Meeting – La Junta – September 14 2007**