

International Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Telecon Minutes 13 December 2007

Chief Westermann called the meeting to order at approximately 1332 hrs., ET. The following individuals participated:

Chief Steven Westermann, President
Chief Larry Grorud, First Vice President
Chief Jeffrey Johnson, Second Vice President
Chief William Metcalf, Treasurer
Chief Richard Carrizzo, Director-at-Large and Director, Missouri Valley Division
Chief William Walton, Director, Eastern Division
Chief John Sinclair, Director, EMS Section
Chief Kenn Taylor, Director, Great Lakes Division
Chief I. David Daniels, Director, Safety, Health and Survival Section
Chief Jack McElfish, Director, Southeastern Division
Chief J.D. Gardner, Director, Southwestern Division
Chief Fred Windisch, Director, Volunteer and Combination Officers Section
Mr. Mark Light, Executive Director
Ms. Mary Beth Michos, Chief of Operations
Ms. Nancy Weaver, Chief of Staff
Mr. Ken LaSala, Director, Government Relations
Ms. Christine Booth, Executive Assistant
Ms. Elena Slavinsky, Executive Assistant

IAFC Issue Paper

Mr. Light advised that some of the presidential campaigns have asked the IAFC about issues - both current and foreseen - that candidates should know. The IAFC Government Relations staff in conjunction with various IAFC committees and sections compiled a document that can be used by all candidates who inquire about fire-service issues. The IAFC in no way endorses or supports any candidate, but does provide information to all about issues that should be addressed for the fire service.

Motion by Chief McElfish, seconded by Chief Windisch to approve the document as a means to inform candidates of IAFC issues. The motion passed unanimously.

IAFC Values Project

In October 2007, the IAFC board adopted its value statements. The document outlines the values that the board operates by. During the executive committee's initial discussion of this project, it was discussed that it would be appropriate to take this board document forward and work with other members, committee chairs, section leaders, etc, to establish a formal set of values for the entire organization. Chief Westermann intends to appoint Chief Richard Carrizzo to lead this effort.

Chief Carrizzo advised that it's essential to come up with association values that are driven by the members, not the board; feedback should be solicited from the IAFC sections, committees and divisions.

Chief Windisch advised that we can also get feedback from non-members via *FireRescue Magazine* and this effort will serve as a recruitment tool.

Chief Westermann spoke about the Get Involved campaign, which encourages members and non-members to provide input on how to improve the association to enhance service to today's fire-service leaders.

Chief Daniels and Chief Sinclair volunteered to work with Chief Carrizzo on developing the IAFC values.

Third Annual Microsoft Technology Conference

Chief Westermann advised that the IAFC and Microsoft completed the Third Homeland Security and Technology Conference in Redmond, WA. This year approximately 270 people attended, and it was a second time a conference was co-sponsored by NSA and ICP.

Mr. Light advised that he had a debriefing with Microsoft staff and Microsoft wants to reevaluate the conference to make it more public-service event.

Chief Westermann advised that the conference showed what Microsoft has to offer technically and was very hands-on.

Chief Sinclair advised that the event had great speakers and we should try to get them for FRI.

Chief Daniels made a comment that a speaker from the Coast Guard was exceptionally good.

Roundtable

Chief Carrizzo advised that Omaha Fire Chief Robert Dahlquist will be retiring this Friday.

Chief Walton advised that he will not be able to attend the January board meeting due to another commitment.

Chief Sinclair reported that he participated in a meeting with the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates on December 10, in Washington, DC. A press release will go out soon to invite other fire-service groups to sign up.

Chief Daniels reported that the board members should have received a liaison activity report on the NFPA 1500 Committee – 1500 Task Group meeting held on December 1, in Charleston, SC. The board of directors voted in Atlanta to support a position recommended by the Safety, Health and Survival Section to designate "Mayday" as the exclusive term for a firefighter lost, trapped, etc. and to ask that it be included in NFPA 1500.

Chief Daniels advised that California Fire Chiefs raised some concerns regarding this issue.

Chief McElfish reported that the Southeastern Division will have a meeting in Chattanooga, TN, on January 11-12; a retirement event will be organized for Chief Rebecca Denlinger, who is resigning from Cobb County, GA, to take a new job in British Columbia, Canada.

Chief McElfish made a comment that the conference call minutes should be distributed in a more timely fashion.

Chief Windisch advised that VCOS is working on the Orange Ribbon report and will have the document ready by Fire Rescue Med in Las Vegas.

Mr. Light wished everybody a happy and safe holiday season and advised that the IAFC office will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1415 hrs., ET.

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Minutes submitted by:

Ms. Elena Slavinsky, Executive Assistant

Mr. Mark W. Light, CAE, Executive Director

Chief Steven P. Westermann, CFO, President

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