

**COLORADO STATE FIRE CHIEFS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2007**

- I. **Members Present** – Dave Parmley – Presiding, Doug Hall, Kevin Milan, Warren Jones, Kevin Klein, John Bales, Paul Cooke, Dave Ury, Andy Marsh, Chris Riley, Tom Montoya, John Mullin, Dan Qualman
- II. **Minutes of April Meeting** – Amended to add that Doug Forsman and Kevin Klein met with Congressman Perlmutter. **Motion Marsh/2nd Ury Motion Passed**
- III. **Financial Report and attachments**
 - a. The bank balance is \$110,931
 - b. There was a question regarding the bank service charges. ED Cooke stated that this is tied to the use of credit cards by the members to pay for dues and other incidental expenses.
 - c. **Motion by Qualman 2nd by Riley to accept Financial Report Motion Passed**
 - d. Review of expenses and the check register. **Motion by Riley 2nd by Marsh to pay bills. Motion Passed**
- IV. **Presentation on the Daniels School of Business Public Safety Leadership Institute – Kelsey Stansbury**
 - a. Daniels School of Business is part of Denver University
 - b. The goal of the Institute is to build coherent teams of public safety leaders within a given region.
 - c. The program includes the Police Chief, the Sheriff, and the Fire Chief from the same region.
 - d. The faculty includes the best experts in their given fields of study.
 - e. The program will launch in August. Each program has 4 sessions that are spread throughout the year. The last session is in the Canadian Arctic.
 - f. Participants are chosen by a selection committee. The State Chiefs will be the selection committee for the Fire representatives.
 - g. Applications are due by June 15, 2007.
 - h. Intrado is the primary sponsor of the program. They will pay the program costs – participants must pay their own travel expenses.
 - i. There are Graduate School credits available through DU – A certificate is possible.
 - j. The Chiefs will market the program at the June Quarterly meeting.
- V. **Executive Directors Report** – Paul Cooke
 - a. Membership renewals are going slowly. Apparently the Chiefs are either not reading their e-mail or not forwarding the renewals to be processed.
 - i. The organization has 4 new members.
 - ii. There are 15 corporate sponsors at differing levels of support.
 - iii. Some of the corporate donors are sponsoring the membership of smaller departments.
 - iv. The District representatives have agreed to help with the renewals.
 - v. There was discussion regarding the implications of Amendment 41 on individual members of the organization. The consensus of opinion was that Amendment had no impact.

- vi. ED Cooke will continue to solicit corporate membership.
- b. Wage and Benefit Survey
 - i. MSEC is still waiting for the Denver and Arvada reports
 - ii. This is delaying the publication of the final report
- c. Board Member pictures **and** bios are posted on the Web Site
- d. Adopt a School Program - the speaker wanted a \$500 fee plus expenses. His offer was respectfully declined.
- e. June Meeting Agenda
 - i. School Violence
 - ii. Interoperability – Communications that is
 - iii. Public Safety Leadership Institute.
- f. Public Safety Educators Conference – They thanked us for sponsoring their breaks.

VI. **Legislative Report – Report attached.**

- a. The legislature adjourns today – 5 days ahead of schedule
- b. HB 1153 – Tax Rebate for volunteers. Failed due to lack of funding.
- c. HB 1008 – Presumptive liability for certain cancers.
 - i. Referred to the Governor for his signature. He now has 20 days to take action.
 - ii. CML is lobbying the governor to veto the bill.
 - iii. The Insurance Commission has responded to our letter regarding Pinnacol’s method of rate setting. The commission basically agrees with Pinnacol’s viewpoint.
- d. The helmet bill passed and has been sent to the governor.
- e. Nothing new in Trauma Care – next session it will be taken up.
- f. Re-organization of Homeland Security
 - i. Many Senior Executives have not been retained by the Governor.
 - 1. George Epp, Mike Acree, Barb Kirchmeyer have all been told that their SES contracts will not be renewed.
 - ii. There is concern by the fire chiefs and many county emergency managers that the interim director may not be up to the task.
 - 1. There was discussion regarding the State Chiefs level of involvement in the issue.
 - 2. Warren Jones and Doug Forsman speak with their representative.
 - 3. There is no set time to fill position permanently.

VII. **Old Business**

- a. Funding for the Division of Fire Safety Certification Database
 - i. There is no general fund money available this year.
 - ii. There may be \$300,000 of supplemental cash funding for the program.
 - iii. Kevin Klein will apply for a Homeland Security Grant to fund the program. This would fall into the Credentialing Program.
- b. Volunteer Fire Chiefs – Meeting in June to coincide with State Chiefs Meeting.
- c. Wildland Section – No report.
- d. Local Assistance – State Teams Ken Rice and Bob Brown are leaving for Emmetsburg for the training.

- e. Lift Assist Calls at Nursing Homes – the State Chiefs will collaborate with CPHE to conduct research on the issue.
- f. Associate Membership in CCNC – no action taken yet.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Affiliation of the Chaplain's Section
 - i. They will consider this at their next meeting.
 - ii. They have sent us correspondence inquiring about the affiliation process.
 - iii. There was a suggestion that they join initially as an associate member. This may require a change in the bylaws which state that associate members must be employed by an FD
- b. Training Community Resources Foundation
 - i. They are sponsoring a parade on 9/15/2007 to honor Fire, Police and Military personnel.
 - ii. They would like for departments to send apparatus to the parade.
- c. Colorado Rockies Firefighter appreciation day will be held in September. The Rockies would like us to help promote it.
- d. Appointment of Fire Chief to serve on Homeland Security Grant Review Team
 - i. Chief Cloud has served in the past.
 - ii. Discussion of seeking Chief Cloud to serve again and name Mike Gress of Poudre as an alternate.
- e. **Motion by Mullin 2nd by Qualman to nominate Cloud Motion Passed**
- f. Fire Safe Cigarette Coalition – Dave Nuss (NFPA)
 - i. 3 more states have adopted this legislation
 - ii. ED Cooke will seek to form a coalition to take the lead on this issue.
- g. The August Executive Board meeting will focus on planning for the next legislative session.
- h. IAFC will provide stipend for fire department members to attend ICC to vote on mandatory residential sprinkler systems. Check with FMAC for details.

IX. **Foundation Issues**

- a. Original Board consisted of Klein, O'Hayre, Trunck, Bill Behan, and Montoya.
 - i. Need a new board member to replace Behan.
 - ii. Need to follow-up with Trunck regarding future participation
 - iii. There is also a need to re-focus the foundation. It is not doing much at this time.
 - iv. Chief Qualman stated an interest in serving on the board.

X. **Division and Section Reports**

- a. Dave Ury – needed information on Grant Funding for Interoperability.
 - i. Much discussion followed.
 - ii. This can be a topic forum for the September meeting.
- b. South region – Chris Riley
 - i. Pueblo Chiefs Assoc. continues to meet Chief Riley is meeting with the area fire chiefs.
 - ii. There will be a full-scale drill at the State Fair Grounds. The drill will cover the Chemical Stock Pile.
 - iii. CPSE is taking over the mentoring program.

