

**The 46th Annual Meeting for the New England Division of the International
Association of Fire Chiefs**

June 24, 2011

Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, MA

President O'Neil called the meeting to order at 15:45.

Pledge to the flag and Invocation given by Chief David Sayles

Guest from the NFPA Tim Traves and Robert Duval

Secretary Report

The annual report of the secretary was presented in writing. Motion to accept the report as printed was made and passed.

Treasurer Report

The annual report of the treasurer was presented in writing. Motion to accept the report as printed was made and passed.

International Director Report

Director Bradley submitted a written annual report see attached report.

IAFC President Jack Parow thanked everyone for their support throughout his tenure working through the chairs on the executive board. He explained his role and the work he has performed during the past three years. He spoke about the need to recruit more Chief Officers to run for second vice president of the IAFC. It has been difficult finding chiefs to run for this position.

The IAFC is hosting the first Fire Service Summit in Europe. The IAFC feels that the fire service should be more global in the future because of changing world events including technology changes. He compared the rapid changes in world events and technologies to changes that have happen in the past.

He discussed the Division Task Force purpose and hoped that in the end the members would receive a greater knowledge of what the divisions do for them and enhance the communications between the division and the member by including the State Chief Associations as a communications link between the member and the Division, which would help the connection with the IAFC.

D-Block communication is very important to the emergency services in this country. The Senate is going to be voting on this bill next week.

Federal Funding has been cut, but through the IAFC efforts we were able to get it back to 335 million. Other programs have also been cut including the National Fire Academy.

There is a summit on Fire Alarm Unwanted Alarms. This group will discuss what can be done to reduce unwanted alarms in commercial buildings.

Committee Reports

Chief David Sayles presented the By-laws Committee report in writing, which is attached to these minutes.

New Business

Bangor Fire Department Fire Chief addressed the members regarding a consulting company that the IAFC owns a large share of. The company is ESCI which did a study for the community and did not support the Fire Department; a member of the IAFC, on private ambulance companies taking business away from fire base ambulance services.

President Jack Parow explained the relationship between the private company ESCI and the IAFC. That they are two separate organizations with two different management teams, but that the IAFC has 54% ownership. Wells, Maine Fire Chief asked why would the IAFC own or do business with a company that would go against the IAFC position and members on fire base EMS. President Parow response was it is a lot like the IAFC buying stock and no control over the operations.

Elections of Officers

Motion to elect Deputy Chief Steve Carrier for President by Chief Christopolus seconded by Chief Bradley motion passed.

Motion to elect Chief David Sayles for First Vice President by Chief Farrell seconded by Chief Stanley motion passed.

Motion to elect Chief Michael Varney for Second Vice President by Chief Wall seconded by Chief Retired McDonough motion passed.

Motion to elect Chief Kenneth Richards for CT State Director motion passed.

Motion to elect Chief Robert Spurr for MA State Director motion passed.

No other nominations were received.

Swearing in Officers except the President of the Division took place by IAFC President Jack Parow.

Other

Chief Tim Wall announced that there were grants available to those who would like to attend VOCS Summit in the Sun, contact Chief Wall if you are interested.

Chief Steve Carrier the incoming President presented a gift to outgoing President Michael O'Neil.

Annual meeting adjourned 16:25