

**New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs**

Board of Director Meeting
May 10, 2007
Springfield Sheraton, MA

Members Present:

President Brian Hoxsie
1st VP Timothy Wall
2nd VP William St. Michel
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

International Director
Roger Bradley

State Vice Presidents

Steve Carrier, NH
David Sayles, RI
Michael Varney, CT
John Woulfe, ME
Michael O'Neil, VT

Immediate Past President

Brian Thibeault

President Brian Hoxsie opened the meeting at 8:45am.

Pledge to the flag followed by invocation.

President Hoxsie changed the agenda to accommodate Lew McGouldrick, senior field representative for Insurance Services Office, Inc. Mr. McGouldrick described the company mission and purpose. He discussed with the board the topics and rating system for a class that the division would like to sponsor next fall or spring. The request for the seminar should be for the rating system only, otherwise you will get information on ISO organization. No action on the topic, but the board will discuss the possibility of a seminar at a later time.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the board. Motion made Chief Sayles and seconded by Chief Varney.

Jeff Johnson is asking to attend the 2007 annual conference as he is running for 2nd Vice President of the IAFC.

The contract with the NEAFC has been signed.

The by-law change is on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Treasurer Report

Not Present:

Gerard Dio

Guest

Fred Stanley
Jack Parow
Lew McGouldrick, ISO
Exhibitors
Judy Marshall

Chief Wood distributed the treasurer's report showing that the checking account had a balance of \$18,917.69 as of April 30, 2007. The two CD's and the money market account had a combined value of \$39,452.69 making the total cash available at \$58,370.38. A more detailed account of the records is attached. Motion was made by Chief Michael O'Neil and seconded by Chief Brian Thibeault to pay all bills and to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Passed

President Report

President Brain Hoxsie reported that the schedule for the June conference has changed with a full day of education on Thursday. The division annual meeting will follow the educational program. Golf will be held on Wednesday. The exhibitor's hall and program will begin on Friday and run through Sunday. President Hoxsie provided a list of past division presidents that he would like to see posted in the Conference Red Book and in some other form.

President Hoxsie represented the division at the Leadership Orientation and CFSI in March. He also attended an Intrastate Mutual Aid stake holders meeting in Ohio where each State reported on their plan. The group tested one of the plans while there. He attended the Fire/Rescue Med conference in Las Vegas.

There are seven resolutions being presented at FRI Atlanta.

There will be a division booth at the NFPA conference in Boston June 3-5, 2007. Motion to pay all expenses for the NFPA conference by Chiefs O'Neil and Bradley, motion passed.

First Vice President Report

Chief Tim Wall submitted a written report (see attached).

Second Vice President Report

Chief William St. Michel reported that Chief Michael Howard has been selected for the exhibitors chair on the vendors committee. He reported that the IAFC emailed members for assistance in voting for the residential sprinkler requirement in the ICC codes this is a proposed addition to the code. Chief St. Michel would like to have a letter sent from the division supporting the residential sprinkler addition. Chief St. Michel will draft a letter for the division. A motion by Chief St. Michel to send a letter from the New England Division supporting the addition to the code be approved, the motion was seconded by Chief Brian Thibeault. Motion passed
Chief St. Michel sent a letter on behalf of the division.

International Directors Report

Chief Roger Bradley reported that the task force on committees and sections time limits recommended set time frames for committee members and it will be retroactive for current committee members. There will be a meeting to brief new committee members and recognize outgoing committee members for their fine work. There is \$50,000 available for those chiefs needing assistance with travel to the ICC annual meeting. The money is a pass through from the sprinkler associations to the Life Safety Section. The IAFC approved another \$25,000.00 from the budget to help pay additional expenses. Chief Bradley has a conference call this afternoon and expects the \$25,000.00 may get increased during the conference call. There are four candidates left to interview for the executive director position with the IAFC.

Report of Committees

Chief Brian Thibeault reported that the elections committee has a lot of new members and the committee is working out internal issues. See written report.

Chief Wall asked for feedback on the presentation earlier this morning. The board directed him to have a four hour seminar on ISO with a fill in for the afternoon session. The board would like to have a report on this for the annual meeting in June. Committee members are Chiefs Wall, Carrier, and Sayles.

State Vice Presidents Report

Chief Jack Woulfe reported that the chiefs group is working on fire safety legislation.

Chief Steve Carrier reported that Richard Mason is the new President of the NHFCA.

Chief David Sayles reported that the chiefs are working on fire safety legislation.

Chief Michael Varney submitted a written report for the minutes which are attached.

Unfinished Business

Chief Sayles organized the New England Chiefs at one hotel for the Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner was March 27-29, 2007. He took the lead on organizing dinner tickets and getting the group to sit together during the program. Chief Sayles took this responsibility for coordinating the six states for the dinner. Chief Sayles reported the success of the division providing the leadership on this program and would like to work on this again next year.

Chief Michael Varney is updating the web page and making corrections as needed.

Other

Chief Jack Parow spoke about how the election is going. He needs everyone to send information and support for him to chiefs in other divisions. It is a difficult race the other candidate is well known and is getting a lot of support.

Exhibitors Report

Judy Marshall will send a letter out requesting donations for FRI Atlanta just before the conference in August. She also reported that Chris Roche is home recovering anyone that would like to send a card his address is 229 Beaver Dam Rd., Scituate, MA 02066

Meeting adjourned at 13:40

Respectfully Submitted,
John G Wood Jr., Secretary