

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

April 24, 2008

Board of Director Meeting
Springfield Sheraton, MA

Members Present:

President Timothy Wall
1st VP William St. Michel
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

International Director
Roger Bradley

State Vice Presidents
Steve Carrier, NH
Michael O'Neil, VT
David Jarden, MA

Immediate Past President

Guests:

Fred Stanley, Past President
Brian Thibeault, Past President
Ed Plaughter, IAFC

Exhibitors:

Judy Marshall, Secretary
Mark Hopper, President

Not Present:

David Sayles, RI
2nd VP Gerard Dio
Michael Varney, CT
Brian Hoxsie, RI

President Wall opened the meeting at 8:40am.

Pledge to the flag followed by invocation.

Director Ed Plaughter of the IAFC gave a presentation on the programs his department is working on. There are 17 programs and he briefed the board on what they are and which staff members are responsible for them. Chief Jack Woulfe was just hired as the assistant director of the IAFC to help Director Plaughter. A copy of the presentation was left for those who might have an interest and is attached to the minutes.

Chief Thibeault presented the package with the updated strategic plan and other documents including the new officers packet. Discussion about the amount of detail ensued and the results of the discussion that some, but not too much detail should be included. The board also discussed if items that had been completed should be deleted. Some thought we should leave those items in to show that we had made some accomplishments. The president would like to have them deleted. General consensus was to delete items that will not be done and date the items that have been done and leave them in the plan. The other discussion was how to format the package. It was decided to have the package in sections by title. Chief Thibeault will make the changes and send out to the board.

Secretary Report

The board approved the minutes for the February 21, 2008 meeting. Motion made Chief O'Neil and seconded by Chief Bradley.

Treasurer Report

Chief Wood distributed the treasurer's report showing that the checking account had a balance of \$17,554.82 as of April 30, 2008. The two CD's and the money market account had a combined value of \$40,836.23, making the total cash available at \$58,391.05. A more detailed account of the records is attached. Motion was made by Chief O'Neil and seconded by Chief Carrier to pay all bills and to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Passed

President Report (emailed the report and has been cut and pasted)

Attended the retirement party for Fire Marshal Vincent Dipietro from Farmington, CT. I presented a letter of congratulations from President Westerman

Worked with 1st VP Bill St. Michel at the Soaring to new Heights Leadership Orientation meeting at the IAFC in Fairfax, VA on March 30-April 1, 2008.

As President of the New England Division participated in the CFSI dinner activities on April 2-3 in Washington, DC.

Participated on several conference calls with the divisions task force committee. Chief Bradley, Wood and Wall are scheduled to attend a meeting in Denver, CO for this committee work on May 14-15, 2008. One point I want to bring to everyone's attention instead of referring to State VP we are encouraged to use State Director as a phrase 1, gave a recommendation that it was fine with New England if someone has a question or concern please let me know.

Attended a ceremony for the new officer's of the New Hampshire Fire Chief's Association. Their annual meeting was held on April 10, 2008. Congratulated outgoing President Rick Mason and the officer's for their fine work. I gave good wishes to the new President Christopolous. I had an opportunity to talk about the June conference and encouraged attendance at the division meeting on June 19th along with the importance of being and IAFC member and helping to recruit new members.

On behalf of the division, on Friday April 11, 2008 I attended the funeral for Fire Chief Mike D. Mooney in Laconia, NH.

On April 19th, 2008 I traveled to Plymouth, NH and gave good wishes and fortune to past president Brian Thibeault on his retirement party. He was presented with a plaque/clock on behalf of the division officer's.

Worked with the IAFC membership services to identify members in New England to help the 2nd VP and other officer's recruitment efforts. This list has been sent by email to the Board of Directors of existing members. It is a method to help recruit.

Attended several state meetings promoting the June conference along with board members Chief Roger Bradley challenge for the national seatbelt pledge.

This concludes my report. If anyone has any questions contact me by phone at 203-265-7173, email or you can see me at the meeting.

First Vice President Report

Chief William St. Michel addressed the need to replace Chief John Woulfe on the board. The ME fire chiefs would like to present the name of Chief Roger Audette of Augusta. After discussion Chief St. Michel move to have the board approve the recommendations from the Maine Fire Chiefs Association to have Chief Audette replace Chief Woulfe until the annual election of officers in June, the motion was seconded by Chief Roger Bradley, the motion passed.

Chief St. Michel attended the leadership orientation with the IAFC and found it to be very beneficial. He felt that he received good information and that it was a good learning experience and will help him during his tenure as president. He recommends the division continue to send the first vice president each year.

International Directors Report (See attached report)

State Vice Presidents Report

See written reports

New Business

President Wall would like to purchase shirts for the officers, motion to do so was made and seconded. Motion passed

Exhibitors Report

Mark Hopper reported that passes for the conference speakers program would be available. Gordon Graham is not included in the free pass.

Meeting adjourned 14:40

Respectfully Submitted,
John G Wood Jr., Secretary