

New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs
November 4, 2010
Board of Directors Meeting
Freeport, ME

Members Present:

President Michael O'Neil
1st VP Steve Carrier
2nd VP David Sayles
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

Not Present:

Michael Varney, CT
David Jardin
William St Michel

International Director

Roger Bradley

Guest:

Tom Simonelli
Chief Fournier, President NEAFC

State Vice Presidents:

Steve Locke, VT
Chris Christopoulos, NH
George Farrell, RI

Immediate Past President

Gerard Dio, MA

President O'Neil called the meeting to order at 08:00.

Pledge to the flag followed by invocation.

Secretary Report

Minutes were presented as printed; a motion made by Chief Steve Locke to accept the minutes of the August meeting; motion seconded by Chief Chris Christopoulos (CCC). Motion passed
Chief William Metcalf sent a letter asking for support from the NED for his candidacy for Second Vice President of the IAFC. The board felt we should wait for the February meeting to discuss.
Chief George Farrell made a motion to pay all expenses for the President and 1st Vice President to attend the IAFC strategic planning session January 27-29, 2011, motion was seconded by Chief Gerard Dio.
Motion passed

The secretary was asked to leave the meeting while the board of directors discussed pay for the position. Upon the return of the secretary a motion had been made to increase the secretary/treasurer pay by 3% immediately. The motion was made by Chief Steve Locke and seconded by Chief George Farrell. Motion passed

The board voted to hold the annual meeting of the division at Springfield, MA during the Fire Rescue EMS Exposition.

Secretary brought forward the need for new flags and carrying cases. Chief Chris Christopoulos made a motion to purchase the needed flags and carrying case the motion was seconded by Chief Roger Bradley. Motion passed

Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was sent out to all board members. Chief Chris Christopoulos moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills the motion was seconded by Chief Steve Locke. Motion passed

The contract between the NED and NEAFC was presented and discussed. The board felt that leaving the amount of payment at the same rate for the second year would be a good faith effort to show they recognize the economic difficulty of the current times. The board expressed to and while President Fournier was in attendance that the real concern with the contract was more the fact the NEAFC would discuss issues relating to the conference and then want to vote on them at a private meeting without the officers of the Division present. The contract language should include a sentence that states clearly that all conference issues will be voted at the joint meeting of the NEAFC and the officers of the NED. Chief Fournier response was that we should follow what came out of the strategic planning meeting the Association had last October. The board did not want to reference the strategic plan in the contract, however there as a vote by the Association board immediately after the strategic planning meeting in October to vote on all issues regarding the EXPO conference at the joint meeting allowing the Division to have a voice in the planning process for expenses and hearing the vote first hand. A motion was made by Chief David Sayles seconded by Chief Gerard Dio to give the NED president the authority to sign a contract once the wording was worked out regarding the ability to allow the NED officers to have a voice during the joint meeting and that all business concerning the EXPO conference be voted on at the joint meeting with the NED officers present. Motion passed

President Report

President Michael O'Neil reported that he attended the Maine Fire Chiefs annual meeting in Camden, Maine. He also attended the NH Fire Chiefs meeting held in Lebanon, NH. He reported that the June conference was being planned and that the site committee would be discussing a location for the future, as well as, the format of the conference. President Fournier asked to be heard on the Theme night and his plans for the evening. He would like the vendors and possibly the division to help pay for the evening activities and allow attendees to come at no charge. Ideas were discussed with President Fournier but no decisions were made.

International Director Report

Chief Roger Bradley submitted a written report.

Since our meeting in Chicago in August, I have participated in all of the IAFC Board Teleconference calls, as well as the WEB-X Board meeting held on October 28th.

October 6, 7 and 8, I represented the IAFC along with Treasurer William Metcalf at the 2011 AFG/SAFER Grant Criteria Development Meeting in Emittsburg, MD.

At this time, the IAFC is doing quite well financially. The investment portfolio is doing well and the expenses are well within budget.

There is an IAFC Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for January 27, 28 and 29 in Washington D.C. I strongly support the attendance of at least the President, Secretary-Treasurer and incoming President. This concludes my written report. See you all in Freeport.

State Directors Report

Maine- Welcome to the State of Maine! The last few months have been very busy for the State of Maine. We had our summer membership meeting and lobster bake in Camden. It was attended by President O'Neil, President Fournier from the Association and roughly one hundred others.

Our annual meeting, conference and training was held last week in South Portland last week. This week we elected a new Republican governor.

Chief Christopoulos sent in a written report which is attached to the minutes.

Chief Michael Varney sent in a written report which is attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Deputy Chief Steve Carrier reported that GPO and Bookstore would be reorganizing business and hopes to be on the conference call tomorrow 11/5/2010.

By-laws committee Chief David Sayles reported there a couple of issues coming up with life membership. Extending from 10 year of service to qualify and become a life member with voting rights to 20 years of service and membership with the IAFC without voting rights. There was a considerable amount of discussion on this topic both pro and con, but no decision or direction was given. Some board members did not want to change others felt it would be good to change. The other issue was related to the number of members/officers on the board a total of 18 at this time and growing. There is a meeting of the By-laws committee coming up in March these issues will be discussed at that meeting.

Seminar Committee was appointed by President O'Neil the new members are Chief David Sayles and Chief Chris Christopoulos. Topics for discussion will take place at the February meeting.

New Business

Chief Gerard Dio reported that he represents the IAFC on the EMAC committee. See attached report.

Old Business

There is none.

Exhibitors

Tom Simonelli reported past out survey the association did regarding the conference and discussed with the board options of the vendors. See attached report with results.

Other

Secretary John Wood brought to the board for discussion an idea of having a scholarship for students or some other type of good will program that the division could participate in while giving back to the people we serve. After discussion regarding awards and scholarships the board felt they would like to do something but that scholarship needed more time for review. A motion was made by Chief Gerard Dio and seconded by Chief Roger Bradley to create a President Award to be approved by the board at the second quarterly board meeting of the division, but the awarded amount would not exceed \$1000.00. The president of the division at the time would bring forward a charity for recommendation that was organized and placed in a non profit status with the IRS. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 11:55