

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

November 3, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting
Teleconference Meeting

Members Present:

President Steve Carrier
1st VP David Sayles
2nd VP Michael Varney (Not on Cal)
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

International Director
Roger Bradley

State Directors:
Steve Locke, VT
William St. Michel, ME
Chris Christopoulos, NH
George Farrell, RI
Kenneth Richards, CT
Robert Spurr, MA

Immediate Past President
Director Michael O'Neil

IAFC President Jack Parow

President Carrier started the meeting at 10:05

Secretary Report

Minutes of May 12, 2011 board meeting and the 46th Annual Meeting on June 23, 2011 were approved. The May 2012 meeting dates have been changed to May 16, 2012.

Treasurer Report

Chief Christopoulos motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills, seconded by Chief St. Michel; motion passed.

President Report

President Carrier introduced a plan to bring in the three top executive officers of each State Fire Chiefs Associations board to provide them with information about what the IAFC and the NEDIAFC is doing for them and the members of the Division. It would give an opportunity for an open forum with the six State Chiefs Association and staff from the IAFC with feedback and questions from the chiefs in different States. Discussion about the timing with the Division Board meeting took place consensus was that it should take place the day before the board meeting in February. A discussion about bring in outside speakers took place, but the group felt it would be better to stay with the original purpose, but that a seminar in March or April would be a better time to bring in outside speakers. The cost of this event was discussed and after a considerable time consensus by the group was to pay the expenses of those State Chiefs that would stay one

night, including meals for the following day breakfast and lunch. In addition to these expenses the President will look into purchasing a gift or take away for the group. President Carrier suggested challenge coins and will look into purchasing them. The program will take place on February 1, 2012 the day before the board meeting in Springfield, MA. The president and secretary will work on the agenda and invitations will be sent to each of the State Directors who will then contact their State Fire Chiefs Association to encourage their participation.

International Director's Report

IAFC requested that two individuals from the division be selected and forwarded for peer review on Fire Act grants. Chief Bradley submitted the names, they were not selected. Chief Bradley has a concern that the Northeast may not have been represented, and will look into this matter.

Committee Reports

Seminar committee the President appointed Chiefs Spurr, Sayles, and Richards to the committee to bring recommendation to the board in February.

By-laws committee will meet in February Chief Sayles is not sure if he will make the meeting, but has Chief Farrell available to cover if need be.

Elections Committee Chief Spurr reports there is discussion reducing or eliminating the 60 day rule for campaigning.

Teleconference ended at 11:15