



# International Association of Fire Chiefs

## **Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Meeting Minutes Fairfax, Virginia 12 March 2016**

### **Participants:**

#### *CBR Committee Members:*

*Lorrie Kalos, Chair*

*James M. Grady III, Vice Chair*

*John D. Rukavina, Senior Advisor*

*Denis Pilon*

*Jack Taylor*

*Steven A. Locke*

*Larry Vaughan*

*Martha Ellis*

*Dan Eggleston*

#### *Not in Attendance:*

*Warren B. Cummings*

*Melvin Wheat*

#### *Guests and Staff:*

*Jim Philipps, IAFC staff*

*Mark Light, IAFC staff*

## **Saturday, 12 March 2016**

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chief Kalos at 8:06 AM ET.

### **IAFC Governance**

[Mr. Mark Light, IAFC CEO/Executive Director](#)

Mr. Light updated the committee on IAFC governance matters considered recently by the IAFC Board of Directors. He said the board on March 7 affirmed the association's current organizational structure as a federation of separately incorporated divisions, with sections as components of the IAFC. Mr. Light said workgroups were assigned by IAFC President Kerr to address specific components of the organization. The hope is to develop partnership agreements with the divisions.

In addition, Mr. Light said the board passed the following policy: "It is the policy of the IAFC Board of Directors that membership in the IAFC requires membership in

the geographical region that the member lives in, except as specifically exempted in the IAFC Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Washington Chiefs / Chief Wallace Possich - Constitution and Bylaws Amendments re: Dues**

**Discussion:**

Washington Chiefs Amendment: "Membership within the IAFC shall not require membership within a Division."

Chief Wallace Possich (Southeastern Division) Amendment: "All IAFC membership class criteria shall include a requirement for division membership to the extent that an applicant for, or member of, the IAFC membership class meets the criteria for division membership class."

Possich Amendment Revised by CBR: "IAFC Regular, Departmental, Associate and Affiliate members shall be members of the division in which they live or work, or as otherwise provided in Section 1."

All IAFC membership class criteria shall include a requirement for division membership to the extent that an applicant for, or member of, the IAFC membership class meets the criteria for division membership class.

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Rukavina, seconded by Taylor, to present the Washington State Chiefs Association's amendment and the revised Southeastern Division (Possich) amendment to the membership; further the CBR Committee recommends to the members and the board of directors that the Southeastern Division amendment is the preferred amendment.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Locke, seconded by Rukavina, that should these competing amendments move forward to the ballot, we, the CBR Committee, endorse the Chief Wallace Possich amendment.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **Fire and Life Safety Section Constitution and Bylaws Amendment re: Section Officer Eligibility**

**Discussion:** The committee agreed that the Constitution and Bylaws should not be used to carve out individual member exceptions, which this proposal seemed to be.

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Grady, seconded by Ellis, to refer the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors and to the membership with the recommendation that the membership vote against this amendment.**

**Motion carried 9-0**

### **EMS Section Bylaws**

**Discussion:** Rukavina suggested removal of the words, "construed to be" in Article VIII, Section 1 (8.1.1) as unnecessary verbiage. All agreed.

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Grady, seconded by Rukavina, that the board accept as presented the EMS Section bylaws changes as they are consistent with the intent of IAFC's Constitution and Bylaws, with the recommendation to the EMS Section to strike the words "construed to be" in Article VIII, Section 1 (8.1.1).**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **Company Officers Section Bylaws**

**Discussion:**

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Rukavina, seconded by Ellis, that the board authorize the section bylaws changes as presented by the Company Officers Section as they are consistent with the intent of IAFC's Constitution and Bylaws.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **CEO/Executive Director Duties - Constitution and Bylaws**

**Discussion:** Committee agreed that the specific duties of the CEO/Executive Director do not belong in the CBL. They agreed to examine other items of the CBL and recommend their removal and placement in the association policy manual.

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Rukavina, seconded by Ellis, to recommend approval of an amendment to the IAFC's Bylaws removing the duties of the CEO/Executive Director from the CBL and move them to the policy manual as provided in Section 1, Subsection 3 of the those Bylaws.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **VCOS Section Bylaws**

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Grady, seconded by Pilon, that the board authorize the changes proposed by VCOS to its bylaws as they are consistent with the intent of IAFC's Constitution and Bylaws.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **Eastern Division Bylaws**

**Discussion:** Kalos said the division has not provided a track-changed document clearly indicating their changes. Rukavina said the committee may want to ask President Kerr to remind the division that their changes are not yet valid.

**MOTION: 12 March 2016**

**Motion made by Rukavina, seconded by Ellis, to table proposed bylaws changes from the Eastern Division.**

**Motion carried 9-0.**

### **Other Business**

**Discussion:** Directed staff to schedule the FRI meeting for Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM ET.**