



IAFC Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

Meeting Minutes

Fire-Rescue International (Virtual – via Microsoft Teams)

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

2:00 PM ET

Committee Members Participating:

Lorrie Kalos, Chair (At-Large)
Charles Doody, Vice Chair (New England)
Timm Schabbel (At-large)
Kevin Dean (Canadian)
Jon P. Townley (Eastern)
Andy J. Pless (Great Lakes)
Michael Snider (Missouri Valley)
Jonathan Kanzigg (Southeastern)
Steve T. Mims (Southwestern)
Mark Correira (Western)

Not Participating:

Chief David Pennington (At-Large)

Guests:

Norris Croom

Staff: Jim Philipps

- I. Kalos called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.
- II. Motion by Townley, second by Dean, to approve minutes of the June 4, 2020 teleconference as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Open issues:** Review the amended IAFC Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) document for publication. Kalos reported that IAFC members this year overwhelmingly approved the following amendment to the CBL as proposed in February 2020 by the CBR Committee:

Do you support the proposed change to the IAFC's Constitution and Bylaws to require 48-hour advance notification to offer a resolution or amendment to the IAFC Constitution and Bylaws from the floor during the IAFC Business Meeting at Fire-Rescue International?

The ballot question passed in June with 2,507 affirmative votes and 230 negative votes (91.6%). Specifically, the amendment is reflected in Article V, Section 4(3), Subsection 2(c) and Article VII, Section 2. Kalos indicated she will report the results to the membership during the IAFC Business Meeting on Thursday.

Motion by Pless, second by Correira, to approved the amended IAFC Constitution and Bylaws document as presented for publication. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. New business

- a) EMS Section Bylaws (submitted by Chief Croom): Amendments added the IAFC Basic Membership type, revised the conflict of interest provisions, and added clarifying language to permit virtual section meetings in the event that Fire-Rescue International is not held as scheduled. Motion by Townley, second by Mims, to approve the amendments to the EMS Section bylaws as presented by Chief Croom, International Director, EMS Section. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Oath of Office – “So help me God”: Upon the request of a member of the IAFC Board of Directors, the committee reviewed the words, “So help me God,” in the official IAFC oath of office (Constitution and Bylaws: Bylaws Section III, Subsection 1). After some discussion, consensus was reached to table the question until the next meeting in October.
- c) 2020-2021 meeting schedule: Doody, the incoming committee chair, indicated that the proposed dates are acceptable as presented.
- d) Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:00-1:00 PM ET (via Teams)
- e) Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:00-2:00 PM ET, (via Teams)
- f) Thursday, June 3, 2021 (via Teams), 12:00-1:00 PM ET (via Teams)
- g) Tuesday, July 28, 2021 2:00-5:00 PM ET (Charlotte, North Carolina)
- h) Western Division Bylaws (submitted by Heidi Arnold, Executive Operations Director): The submission was received too late for formal committee review at this meeting. Consensus reached to table until the next meeting in October.

- V. Chair Report: Kalos, presiding over her final meeting as committee chair, thanked committee members for their hard work on the committee, especially her last seven as chair. She thanked Chief Doody and former committee member Chief James Grady for their leadership, counsel, and friendship serving as committee vice chairs. She also thanked committee staff liaison Jim Philipps for his professionalism and contributions to committee operations.

VI. Motion by Pless, second by Snider, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM ET.

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