



Executive Fire Officers Section

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 1400 EST

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair: 1400 EST

Roll Call of the Board Members:

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Chair	Jo-Ann Lorber		X	
Vice-Chair	William Hyde	X		
Secretary/ Treasurer	Gregory Barton	X		
Past President	Pat Kelly	X		
Director of Eastern	Charles McGarvey	X		
Director of Great Lakes	Joe Pulvermacher	X		
Director of Missouri Valley	David Daley	X		
Director of New England	Steven Achilles	X		
Director of Southeastern	Trey Mayo	X		
Director of Southwestern	Chad Roberson	X		
Director of Western	Trisha Wolford		X	
IAFC Staff Liaison	Spencer Cheatham		X	
IAFC Liaison	Steve Locke	X		

Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2019 – First Chief Kelly/Second Chief Pulvermacher– Approved.

Report of the Chair – Chief Lorber (Vice-Chair presented the Chairs report)

- Please send information for the Chair to present at the upcoming IAFC Board meeting answering the following question “What does the EFO Section bring to the IAFC Board that the current seats do not bring?”
 - Chief Daley – EFO Section brings Professional Development guidance and offerings
 - Chief Kelley – The Section supports the NFA and it is part of the section mission statement. Our contributions to education provides value to all fire service agencies and officers
 - The EFO section is the connection between the IAFC and the NFA. We should reach out to NFA Superintendent Hoover, Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Onieal, and U.S. Fire Administrator Chief Bryant for a letters of recommendation.
 - Chief Locke – Liaison between IAFC and NFA is a big deal.

- Provide needed executive development nationwide for Chief Officers.
- Placements on steering committee for professional development
- Liaison to United States Fire Administration
- Direct support to the National Fire Academy

Chief Pulvermacher - Executive and Administrative Education:

- I've noticed that (at least at our State Conventions) they are always looking for breakout sessions or 1 – 2 hour presentations.
- At Wisconsin's last Winter In-Service, we had two professional (non-fire service) presenters that charged a couple thousand each.
- Is there something that we could develop that promoted Administrative Leadership Development (in lock-step with the IAFC's education mission)
 - The Leader Within?
 - New Chief Handbook?
 - Political Prowess?
 - Financial Fidelity
- If we had a speakers group (through the section) that could deliver our message, we may be able to do a better job promoting chief officer/ executive development.

Report of the Vice Chair – Chief Hyde

- Reminded all Board members to help with an article for On-Scene
 - On Scene is really struggling to get people to send in articles. The only section that is consistently submitting article is the EFO Section.
 - Chief Pulvermacher will write an article for April
 - Chief Barton will write an article for July
 - Chief Kelley will look for other article that he will submit.

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer – Chief Barton

- Members – 1554
- Assets – \$73,724 - from Spencer "The funds are about \$20,000 short from last month which leads me to believe that they are incorrect. We run across this each year at this time as our finance department tries to finish up the previous year, but it is what it reads right now.
- Staff Hours – Used 8 hours (232 Hours available)

Motion – First Chief Kelley/ Second Chief Achilles – Motion to accept the numbers submitted, but we do not agree with the Assets amount. Treasurer to work with Spencer to investigate and provide an update at the next meeting. --- Motion passed

Report from Staff Liaison – Spencer Cheatham

- 5 Seats on the Board are up for reelection (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Great Lakes, Western)

- Submit election information to Spencer by 2/28/19
- Spencer to send updated On-Scene article list with due dates to Board.

Old Business:

Committee Reports

1. EFO/NFA Committee
 - a. Symposium applications now available.
 - b. 20 applicants to date. Looking to get 180-220 attendees.
 - c. Chief Mayo will send an email to all Board members. Please send information out to members in your divisions.
 - d. Chief Mayo will conduct a survey at the EFO symposium asking what the members would like to see from the EFO section.
2. By-Laws Committee
 - a. By-Laws Committee Members – Chief Barton, Chief Robertson, Chief Wolford
 - b. By-Laws submitted to Mr. Light with a side letter for 2019 election regarding executive board. “For the 2019 election only, the Chair will be elected to a 1 year term, the Vice-Chair will be elected to a 2 year term, and the Secretary/Treasurer to a 3 year term.”
3. Elections Committee
 - a. Election Committee Members – Chief Daley, Chief Achilles, Chief McGarvey
 - b. Submission period ends February 28
 - c. 5 candidates for the Western Division/ 2 for the Great Lakes/ All the current executive board is running again for current positions.
4. NFA Board of Visitors EFOP Review Committee
 - a. No Report
5. Directors-at-Large Reports
 - a. Eastern (Chief McGarvey)
 - i. Working with other Pennsylvania Fire Chiefs to revamp the Pennsylvania Fire Service.
 - b. Western (Chief Wolford)
 - i. No Report
 - c. Southwestern (Chief Roberson)
 - i. Attending the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Board Meeting.
 - d. Great Lakes (Chief Pulvermacher)
 - i. All conferences are looking chief officer development programs.
 - ii. Attending Wisconsin Fire Chiefs training.
 - iii. Running for Re-election.
 - e. Missouri Valley (Chief Daley)
 - i. See Report below.
 - f. Southeastern (Chief Mayo)
 - i. No Report
 - g. New England (Chief Achilles)

- i. Representative on Professional Development committee
- ii. Assigned to New England Chiefs Association task force.

New Business:

- Chief Locke thanked the EFO Section for Endorsement.

Adjourn: 1445 EST

Next Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 1400 EST.



**MISSOURI VALLEY DIVISION
CONFERENCE CALL NOTES
02/08/19**

Call to order at 0900 Central Time.

President Hall

- **FORCE/Winter meeting**
 - **From Chief Snider – progress is going very well. Conference is full. Blessed with sponsorship. Comfortable with revenue of \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the Division. Very engaging conference. Heidi is looking for issues for the 2nd day.**
- **Strategic Planning**
 - **Want to conclude the meeting by 3:00 p.m.**
 - **New approach to strategic planning process.**

- Will be earlier in the agenda.
- Facilitated internally.
- Look at the entire strategic plan, identify 2 or 3 critical items that are most meaningful to focus on.
- Be thinking about 2 or 3 issues that are critical to the plan.
- Provide those items to the upcoming conference hosts to consider for the educational portion of the programming.
- 2 annual conference proposals on the agenda.
- No contested races in the IAFC so probably no candidates asking for time to present to the group.
- Please submit written reports to the secretary prior to the meeting.

Ist VP Watkins

- **Annual conference in Grand Junction.**
 - Conference center under remodel. We are the last conference before the major project begins. May not be carpet on the floor in the vendor area. May not be as pristine as we had hoped. The good news is we are renegotiating the contract for a lower price due to the work being done.
 - Encourage to go to the website for registration. Early bird ends April 1. Hotel registrations are ready.
 - Preparing letter for email blast
 - Finalizing presenters.
 - 3 hotels near the conference center to choose from.
 - Please begin sending names for the memorial service.

Past President Snider

- **FORCE report**

International Director Rhodes

- **IAFC Board meeting follows this conference call**
- **Chief Carrizzo advancing in the Exec Board**
- **Chief Locke uncontested for Treasurer**
- **IAFC had a cyber-attack. It does not appear any information was stolen. Additional firewalls**

Gordie Olson– Colorado

- **Board meeting after our last conference call**
- **Critical issues briefing quarterly. One next week.**
- **GEMT in Colorado beginning with CMS. Looking for some.**
- **Wildfire awareness. A large part of the state in drought conditions.**
- **Legislative –**
 - **Out of network billing for EMS transport. Chiefs in opposition**
 - **Extending the age of SCBA cylinders. Watching this closely.**

Jerry Holt absent – Iowa – sent in the following report

- The Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs will have the Spring conference on April 2, 3 & 4. The 2nd will be the educational offering – with the Chief Christopher Naum – presentation is Fireground Leadership and Operations Challenges on Today’s Demanding Fireground Presenting insights into emerging concepts and methodologies related to today’s unique challenges for combat structural fire engagement requiring new strategic, tactical and operational modeling due to rapid fire behavior, building construction and occupancy risk and the need for new training and operational requirements for firefighters, company and command officers. Fireground Leadership has many forms and layers: identify the mission critical elements required today to meet tomorrow’s incident responses and demands that will directly influence operational success. Fire Chiefs, officers and firefighters operating at structure fires must understand the building, the compartment and the fire company member’s skills, knowledge and abilities to effectively integrate and mitigate an incident that integrates safe and aggressive firefighting, predictive risk management and tactical discipline for operational excellence. This is an engaging and thought-provoking program that challenges conventional fire service paradigms and explores leading edge fire service discussion points from across the American Fire Service profession with new strategic, tactical and operational considerations due to building construction, extreme compartment fire behavior and occupancy risks and the demands associated with today’s evolving and demanding fireground.
- The other thing I was going to mention just to see if anyone has had the same experience is that we had legislation introduced this year to change fire alarms in schools. What was introduced was a bill that would allow schools to not respond to a fire alarm for three minutes...all of this in response of the active shooters in schools. We believe that has been killed but the irony is that it was introduced by a career firefighter who is also a legislator. I think we all agree that it is a different world and we need to find different ways to deal with some of the issues of today but ignoring a fire alarm doesn’t seem to be the right approach.

Jeff DeGraffenreid – Kansas

- **Nothing to report**

Rick Poeschl – Missouri

- **Has announced his retirement on March 16, 2019.**
- **Thank you for all of the friendship and support.**

Steve Dirksen – North Dakota

- **Suffering the 3rd blizzard of the year.**
- **Working legislation**
 - **Trying to fund statewide radio system. It has passed the committee.**
- **State Conference the end of February. In conjunction with firefighter’s association fire school.**
- **Conference for 2020 in Fargo progressing.**

Craig Haslam – Wyoming

- **Legislation – nothing drastic affecting the fire service.**

Jack Taylor – Division Secretary

- **Coordination of the FORCE conference and Winter Meeting going well.**
- **If you have items for the website, please forward those to me.**

Adjourn