

Board Meeting called to order 1:32 PM CST 8/24/11

1. **Roll Call**

[X] Mike Thorn, Chair, Western Division Rep.

[X] Steve Wilde, Vice-Chair, Great Lakes Division Rep.

[X] John McDonald, Treasurer, At Large Division Rep.

[] David Kirkpatrick, Secretary, Eastern Division Rep.

[] Don Henry, Canadian Division Rep.

[X] William von Zehle, Jr. New England Division Rep.

[X] Harold McDonald, Southwestern Division Rep.

[X] John W. Stacy, Missouri Valley Rep,

[] Dane Jones, Southeastern Division Rep.

Staff in attendance: John Wentzel & Gary Brouse IAFC Staff

2. **Review and adoption of minutes of previous meeting(s)**

Motion made by Bill to accept as written 2nd by Steve, motion passed.

3. **Treasurers Report .**

John M reported that we usually lose money on the 2 day FRI workshop. John M also reported that expense reports for FRI need to be in by no later than 9/30/11

Motion to accept report made by Harold, 2nd by Bill, motion passed.

4. **Officers report;** No report from officers.

5. **Committee reports**

A. **Steering Committee:** Steve Wilde / Mike Thorn

Steve reported that the steering committee meeting the day before did not have a quorum so no votes were taken. The committee discussed the work being done on the “Best Practices” initiative and what still needs to be done. Jay Powell from Colorado gave Steve the class outlines from the Curriculum Consortium as well as their instructor database. Steve will design an Instructor database and get it to the committee so they can look at the format and capabilities of the software. Steve also reported that the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) had a meeting about making a training video for firefighters about the walk around daily / weekly inspection. Many points were discussed at the IPRF meeting including one persons opinion that the insurance companies might be a fault themselves for not penalizing clients that do not follow NFPA 1911 and have claims. Another meeting was scheduled for Sept 2011 and Steve

will pass any further info along when it becomes available. Discussion was held about writing a white paper about the EVMS board's position on the benefits of implementing NFPA 1911 into an organization. Steve announced that Mike Thorn would take over as liaison to the steering committee and a discussion was held about the chairman should be a member of the committee and not the liaison. The committee agreed and it was tabled until the next meeting. Discussion was held on how to approach training in states that do not have state mechanics associations. Some suggestions were using state training academies, IAFC regions or state chiefs associations. Discussion was held about developing a list of benefits for starting a state mechanics association and possibly some guidelines to help groups get started.

Next meeting of the steering committee will be a conference call on 10/20/11 at 3:00 PM ET

- B. **Boyd Cole Award**, Steve reported that the steering committee wanted to continue with the award.
 - C. **Election/Nomination Committee**: Harold McDonald reported that there were no nominations for board members. Just the incumbents, which agreed to stay on.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **Technician of the year**; see new business
 - B. **Web Page**; Page up and running, John M reported that can be changed if needed.
 - C. **Daily inspection report**; Steve reported that he completed the outlines and he will forward them to John M so a price can be developed. It was discussed about making several short videos to make it easier for the attendees. Discussion was held on possibly partnering with other organizations for the training video. The board decided to table this discussion until we find out the cost of the videos.
 - D. **Roll call for Nov Fairfax meeting**. Mike ask for a show of hands of who would be attending the November meeting in Fairfax. All in attendance said they would be there. The board members not in attendance should send an email to Steve and let him know if they are planning on attending.
7. **New Business**
- A. **Pre-Conference for 2012**. The board discussed whether the section should keep offering the 2 day pre-conference workshop based on the low turn out the last three years. John M told the board that we have lost money on the workshop for at least the last three years. After much discussion Steve made a motion to not hold the 2 day work shop in Denver next year the motion was seconded by John M. Further discussion included the fact that the conference is at the beginning of August in 2012 and the Colorado Fire Mechanics will have their week long training seminar a few weeks before FRI2012. Also included in the discussion was that we would revisit the workshop issue next year in Denver. Discussion was held about getting a spot for Jim and Steve on the educational agenda for Denver on Thursday afternoon.

Further discussion was held about trying to do training and possibly the Jim and Steve show at either IAFC regional shows or state chiefs association shows. Steve will look into the feasibility of doing that and get back to the board. It was decided to do the steering committee meeting in the early morning of Thursday August 2, 2012 followed by the annual meeting and then the board meeting. Awards at noon and Jim and Steve show in the afternoon. It was decided not to offer a EVT exam in Denver.

- B. **Continue Awards for 2012?** Discussion was held on whether or not to continue to support the EVT of the year award. It appears like the section is paying for most of the expense incurred by the recipient of the award and getting very little exposure for the amount we are covering. The board decided to approach Janet Wilmoth from Fire Chief Magazine and ask CE Neihoff to sponsor \$ 2,000.00 for the award. John Stacy will talk to Janet. Janet spoke to me during the show and she said she would talk to Neihoff about donating the \$2,000.00 and then the section would cover the recipients show registration costs. John M made a motion to stop funding the EVT award at the level we are and it was seconded by Bill. Motion passed.
- C. **Boyd Cole Award;** Steve made a motion to continue next year with this award and .it was seconded by Bill, further discussion was held that included a suggestion to develop informational pamphlets about the Boyd Cole award and who Boyd was and what he did. Motion passed
- D. **Report on registration process;** Mike reported on the FRI Pre-conference registration procedure. Even though the problems were resolved with the registration the attendance was very low 15 registered and 9 showed up.
- E. **2012 budget ideas;** John M said that he had the budget pretty much done except for the unknown items, there were no other budget items noted budget. The budget will be finalized at the Nov meeting.
- F. **Update on Fairfax meeting** A short discussion was held about the topics to be covered and travel. Meeting is planned for 11/2-11/3, 2011 plan on arriving on Tuesday 11/1/11 and leaving late on Thursday if possible. The board must get ideas for the agenda to Steve by 9/16/11. Expectations for the meeting include 2 year goals, IAFC staff capabilities and planning. Gary said that he would get an email out to the board about the meeting within the next two weeks.
- G. **Officer elections** Officers for this year are
 - a. Steve – Chairman
 - b. Bill – vice -chairman
 - c. John M – Treasurer
 - d. Dave – Secretary
- H. Board assignments

- a. Mike – steering committee liaison
 - b. Harold – Election committee chairman
 - c. John S – EVT award with Janet if we move forward
 - d. John M – FRI 2012 liaison
- I. **White Paper** a discussion was held on developing a white paper to set the EVMS's boards position on implementing NFPA 1911. Steve will write a draft and get it out to the board for discussion.
8. **Selection of date, time and location/annual meeting:** November 2, 2011, Fairfax, VA; 1:00 PM local time.
9. **Good and welfare of the section,** nothing brought up
10. **Adjournmet;** Motion to adjourn made by Bill 2nd by John M. Adjourned at 3:38 PM ET

respectfully submitted by Stephen Wilde