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Federal & Military Fire Services Section Annual Meeting Telecon 16 August 2023

Participants:

Fed/Mil Board Members Present:

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair
Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA
Chief Shane Crutcher, Federal Wildland Service (NPS)
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp
Chief Julian Crolet, Army

Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:

Chief Douglas Cox, Air Force

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Roy Robichaux, IAFC Board of Directors
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

Call to Order

Chief Canale chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 15:35 hrs CT.

Approval of 18 July 2023 Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

MOTION: 16 August 2023-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 18, July 2023 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Crutcher/Deemer

Treasurer's Report

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer presented the latest Section financial report for June 2023. Revenue for the month of June was \$1120 and net assets on 30 June was \$45,891.

MOTION: 16 August 2023-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Deemer/Crolet

Chair Report

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale welcomed guests and Board members.

Chief Canale reported that the Fed/Mil Section brochure was revised, 100 copies are being placed for distribution at the FRI IAFC kiosk.

Chief Canale introduced newly appointed Board of Director members Chief Jon Davis, Chief Julien Crolet, Chief Shane Crutcher.

Chief Canale informed the membership that the by-laws changes that were on the ballot were approved.

Chief Canale reported that Chief Douglas Cox is stepping down from the Board. The Board is seeking interested members from the Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard to express interest in serving on the Board. Any member who is interested in an appointment to complete the vacant Board positions should contact Chief Canale.

Vice Chair Report

No Vice Chair Report

Committee Reports

No Committee reports.

Business Agenda

Mr. Ken LaSala provided a legislative update on Cancer Screening and Federal Pay Equity.

Chief Canale informed the membership of the 2023-2024 Fed/Mil Section Workplan priorities.

- Review and modify where necessary Fed/Mil web site for member messaging and resource material.
- With IAFC Government Relations staff, influence and support legislation for emerging Fed/Mil issues as we did with the Fair RETIRE Act.
- Develop Fed/Mil promotional and recruitment material.

- Perform and record 2024 FRI Fed/Mil issues related pre-conference or FRI education sessions.
- Prepare and provide Federal and Military related articles to the IAFC newsletter and for Fed/Mil Section distribution.
- Form a small task group to identify training and educational programs that would bring value to the Fed/Mil fire officers.
- Evaluate the fee structure for Section dues.
- Update or expand upon Fed/Mil member recruiting brochure and conduct recruitment initiative.
- Fill all vacant at-large board positions.
- Encourage Fed/Mil Section members to consider section leadership roles to include serving on committees.

Chief Deemer reported that the Navy is addressing major challenges relating to sustainment of equipment and replacement with new apparatus.

Chief Davis reported that NASA is focusing on new replacement apparatus and preparing new space service providers who are coming on line for proper emergency services.

Chief Crolet reported _____

Chief Crutcher discussed several of the issues that faced emergency responders during the Maui H1 wildland/urban interface fire. He stated that his agency is still seeking four person staffing levels on fire units and looking for a solution to the pay equity issue.

Chief Canale reported that the Air Force 5-year Strategic Plan sub-committee is underway.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

A discussion was initiated to consider opportunities for seeking partners that can provide funding for Section initiatives that lack financial resources such as training programs targeted to the Fed/Mil community. All agreed to continue exploring the possibilities in a future meeting.

Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

Not yet determined.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 16:35 hours CT.