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Federal & Military Fire Services Section Annual Meeting

14 August 2025

1330 hrs

Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL

Participants:

Fed/Mil Board Members Present:

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair
Chief Shane Crutcher, Federal Land Management Agencies (NPS), Incoming Chair
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair & Secretary Treasurer
Chief Matthew Goldstein, Coast Guard
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp
Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force
Chief Julian Crolet, Army

Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Roy Robichaux, IAFC Board of Directors
Mr. Scott Beecher
Mr. Eddie Herzig, IAFC Policy and Government Relations
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 1334 hrs ET.

Approval of 5 May 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

MOTION: 5 May 2025-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 5 May, 2025 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Crolet/Deemer

Request for Revisions to the Agenda

Chief Shane Crutcher

- No revisions

Chair Report

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale stated that internal hiring was approved to continue and discussed challenges in the federal system.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer provided the Section financial report. Chief Deemer reported \$382 was gained in July from membership dues and a review of Section assets was shared.

Election Committee Report

Chief Canale reported that the 2025 election was made official by the IAFC Election Committee. Chief Crolet was reelected for the 2025-2027 Army Director term of office. Chief Kerchief is the 2025-2027 Air Force Director by acclimation. And Chief Canale was appointed the 2025-2027 Space Force Director due to the position vacancy.

Chief Canale reported that the bylaws revision passed in the 2025 election.

Oath of Office

Chief Robichaux presided over the Oath of Office for the following;

2025-2027 Term of Office

- Chief Todd Canale, Space Force Director
- Deputy Chief Julien Crolet, Army Director
- Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force Director

2025-2026 Term of Office

- Chief Shane Crutcher, Chair

Chief Canale turned the chair duties to Chief Crutcher.

IAFC Board Advocate Report

Chief Robichaux provided an update from the IAFC Board of Directors stating the IAFC is in sound financial position.

Business Agenda

Quarterly News Articles - Chief Canale reported that he will submit the next article for the quarterly news article, Chief Goode will be requested to submit the next article on Accreditation, followed by Chief Crutcher on the Wildland Urban Interface fire topic.

Annual Work Plan – Chief Canale reported on progress that is continuing on the Annual Work Plan.

Old Business

Partnerships and Supporter Committee – Chief Crutcher and Scott Beecher discussed their experience with creating Section partnerships and financial supporters that are needed to fund membership projects such as webinars and podcasts targeted to the Federal and Military fire service.

Membership Survey – Chief Crutcher shared the membership survey results with the Board and Section Members. He requested that communications between the Board and membership can be improved by allowing members to connect into the bi-monthly Board meetings to observe.

New Business

Eddie Herzig, IAFC Policy and Government Relations provided a legislative update that included a briefing on the status of the federal budget and potential for a government closure, the status of NIOSH program cut and its reinstitution, and the presidential executive order on reorganization of Wildland fire agencies.

During the roundtable discussion members shared that the Space Force was reaccredited, and that a subsequent discussion will be shared on the Grand Canyon fire and Wildland agency reorganization.

Kevin McGee stated that the Section website will be updated to reflect the current Board of Directors, their position, and terms of office. The Section website will also be updated to post the revised Section bylaws.

Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held 16 October 1300 EST.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1440 hours ET.