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## Federal & Military Fire Services Section Board Telecon 18 July 2023

### Participants:

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Present:*

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair  
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair  
Chief Barry Shughart (Chief Shughart is shifting from the Federal Wildfire Service representative to the vacant Marine Corp representative position during this meeting)

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Douglas Cox, Air Force

#### *IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Chief Roy Robichaux, IAFC Board of Directors  
Chief Jon Davis (appointed Board member during Chair's Report time)  
Chief Shane Crutcher (appointed Board member during Chair's Report time)  
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 1404 hrs ET.

### Approval of 24 January, 2023 Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

#### **MOTION: 18 July 2023-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 24 January, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Deemer/Shughart**

### Treasurer's Report

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer presented the latest Section financial report for May 2023. Revenue for the month of May was \$780 and net assets on 31 May was \$45,551. A cost is forthcoming for the printing of the revised Section brochure.

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-02**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.**

**Canale/Shughart**

## **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 produced to begin distribution at the IAFC kiosk at FRI.

Chief Canale introduced prospective new Board members to fill the remainder of vacant Board positions.

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-03**

**Motion made and seconded to approve Chief Julien Crolet to serve the remainder of the vacant Army representative of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.**

**Canale/Deemer**

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-04**

**Motion made and seconded to approve Chief Jon Davis to serve the remainder of the vacant At Large (NASA) representative of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.**

**Deemer/Canale**

Chief Shugart has transferred to a USMC job post and therefore seeks to shift to the vacant Marine Board representative.

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-05**

**Motion made and seconded to approve Chief Barry Shugart to serve the remainder of the vacant Marine Corp representative of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.**

**Deemer/Canale**

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-06**

**Motion made and seconded to approve Chief Shane Crutcher to serve the remainder of the vacant Federal Wildland Service (NPS) representative of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.**

**Canale/Deemer**

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-07**

**Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Justin Deemer to serve as the 2024 Vice Chair. Motion carried.**

**Canale/Shugart**

Chief Roy Robichaux administered the oath of office to Chief Jon Davis, Chief Barry Shugart for the Board of Directors positions and Chief Jason Deemer for the 2024 Vice Chair position.

## **Committee Reports**

No Committee reports.

## **Business Agenda** Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale facilitated a work plan discussion for the 2023-2024 Fed/Mil Workplan. Suggestions for further consideration included;

- 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.

## **Old Business**

Chief Canale informed the Board that the proposed Section By Laws changes were unofficially approved by the membership in the 2023 election. The election results now go to the IAFC Elections Committee at FRI to be certified as official.

## **New Business**

No new business

## **Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting held as a hybrid meeting with telecon instructions forthcoming and in-person at FRI location to be determined. The meeting will be held on 16 August, 2023 at 1530 hours CT.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION: 18 July 2023-08**  
**Motion made and seconded to adjourn.**  
**Canale/Shugart**

Meeting adjourned at 1446 hours.