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## Federal & Military Fire Services Section Board Telecon Meeting 5 May 2025

### Participants:

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

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

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

Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA  
Chief Julian Crolet, Army

#### *IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison  
Chief Roy Robichaux, IAFC Board Advocate

### Call to Order

Chief Canale chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 11:02 hrs ET.

### Approval of 16 January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

#### **MOTION: 5 May 2025-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 16 January, 2025 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Kerchief/Crutcher**

### Request for Revisions to the Agenda

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale added two items to the agenda;

- 12 August 2025 Annual Meeting
- Board Chair appointment

No objections

### **Chair Report**

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale provided a legislative update.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer reported that he has the February Section financial report. There is funding approved in the budget for Board travel. Chief Deemer and Chief Canale will survey members for funding needs o travel to Orlando for the Annual meeting.

### **IAFC Board Advocate Report**

Chief Roy Robichaux

Chief Robichaux informed the Board that FRI registration is now open. The next Board meeting will be held in Bozeman MT.

### **Vice Chair Report**

No Vice Chair's report

### **Committee Reports**

Nominations Committee Report – Chief Canale reported that the Section Bylaws change proposal was approved by the CBR to be placed on the ballot and that the portion of the editorial change was approved. Fire Marshal Ortis is running unopposed for the Land Management Agencies representative. Chief Crolet and Chief Hildreth are on the ballot for the Board Army representative.

Parentships and Supporter Committee/Strategic Plan Committee Report – Chief Crutcher reported that the member survey was completed and the trends include the interest for educational services and information on PFAS foam exposure and mitigation. We will pursue funding supporters to conduct education webinars and podcasts.

### **Business Agenda**

Old Business

Chief Canale is proposing to revise the bylaws in the 2026 election cycle that allows for all members to cast ballots for Board candidates regardless of the branch or agency being filled. Currently, only the members in the branch or agency can vote for their representative leaving the possibility for election errors.

Chief Canale will be submitting a quarterly news article on the PFAS foam topic. Chief Crutcher will prepare an article on the member survey results. Chief Canale will contact Chief Goode on the possibility of an article about CFAI for military and federal fire service agencies.

### **New Business**

During the roundtable discussion members shared the status of DRP, hiring freezes, and possible staffing cuts in their location.

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

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held 26 June 2025 at 11:00 hrs.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 13:55 hours ET.