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Federal & Military Fire Services Section Board Telecon Meeting

16 October 2025

Participants:

Fed/Mil Board Members Present:

Chief Julian Crolet, Army
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair

Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:

Chief Shane Crutcher, Chair, Federal Land Management Agencies (NPS)
Chief Todd Canale, Space Force Director
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp
Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force
Chief Matthew Goldstein, Coast Guard
Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison
Mr. Ken LaSala

Call to Order

Chief Crolet chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1403 hrs ET.

Approval of 26 June 2025 Meeting Minutes, and 14 August 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

MOTION: 16 October 2025-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 26 June, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Deemer/Crolet

MOTION: 16 October 2025-02

Motion made and seconded to approve the 14 August, 2025 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Deemer/Crolet

Request for Revisions to the Agenda

Chief Crolet added one item to the agenda;

- Legislative Update – Mr. Ken LaSala

No objections

Chair Report

Chief Julien Crolet for Chief Crutcher

Chief Crolet discussed the request that Chief Crutcher sent to Chief Robichaux for the IAFC Executive Committee to request the Minority Leader in the Senate to pass a Continuing Resolution in order to open and fund the government.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer provided a September Treasurer's report - \$908 income from dues, \$40166 beginning assets and \$41074 ending assets balance.

Legislative Update

Mr. Ken LaSala

Mr. LaSala discussed the current situation with the federal government closure. The Senate takes up a vote today on the DoD and Health and Human Services appropriations bills. If it passes we will see if uniformed military fire service personnel will be paid. The IAFF has a productive working relationship with the Administration and may have opportunity to gain support for federal and military fire service members and departments.

Committee Reports

Partnerships and Supporter Committee – Chief Crolet reported that Chief Crutcher has two potential supporters and has reached out to both.

Business Agenda

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. The proposal will be routed to Chief Deemer, Treasurer who will bring it forward for Board action at the December meeting. Bylaws change proposals for the 2026 election cycle will be due February 2026.

New Business

Chief Crolet will request a meeting with Director Danny Gray, Membership with another Board member or two to discuss options for membership dues relief and report back at the December Board meeting.

Chief Crolet discussed three options for membership outreach to include either webinars, podcasts or Teams sessions (similar to the IAFC weekly COVID 19 Teams calls). An urgent topic is the government closure with possibly a series of updates and informative outreach discussions if the shutdown continues. There is also an interest in heightened social media presence. Kevin McGee requested any content starting now and he will also confirm if there is Section specific social media platforms.

Old Business

Chief Crolet will remind Chief Canale, Chief Goode and Chief Crutcher to submit their news articles for distribution to the membership.

Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held 18 December 2025 at 1300 hrs ET.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1339 hours ET.

Submitted by;

Chief Justin Deemer, Secretary

Chief Julien Crolet, Army Director

Mr. Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison