

FLSS Board Meeting

February 20, 2020

Board Members:

Chief Andy King, Chair
Chief Greg Rogers, Vice Chair
Chief Michael O'Brian, International Director
Chief Robert Marshall, Secretary / Treasurer
Chief Adolf Zubia, Immediate Past Chair
Daniel Finnegan, At-Large Board Member
Angie Wiese, At-Large Board Member
Chief Ray Reynolds, At-Large Board Member
Chief Ed Hadfield, At-Large Board Member

Chief Jason Hoevelmann, At-Large Board Member
Chief Shawn Hanson, At-Large Board Member
Chief Michael Whim, Public Safety Specialty Rep.
Meri-K Appy, Education Specialty Rep.
Howard Hopper, Engineering Specialty Rep
Peg Paul, Ex Officio Board Member
Vickie Pritchett, Ex Officio Board Member
George Michehl, Ex Officio Board Member

Guests:

Chief Jo-Ann Lorber
Joe Powers
Karl Fippinger
Mike Carsten
Keith Brower
Kathy Clay
Elizabeth Bednarcik

Staff:

Derek Bullington
Leanne Shroeder

1. Staff update on CRRL 2021

- a. Leanne Shroeder gave briefing of CRRL 2021 – Dates, location, tracks, call for presentations. How to engage vendors better, networking, going beyond exhibit hall. Registration opening October/November 2020. Need help promoting conference to get word out.

2. Approval of the December minutes

- a. Motion to approve January 2020 minutes by Chief Rogers, second by Chief Marshall, motion carries unanimously

3. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

- a. MOU with IAFC – Karl Fippinger/Angie Wiese
 - i. Thanks to the hard work of Karl it seems we can put this to bed in the very near future. The ICC Board, as well as staff, have really helped us update this MOU. The IAFC still has the same seats through the FSMC and FCAC. In addition, we clarified the seats on the Fire Code Committee, Building Code FS, Existing Building as well as Residential Code. We will need to work hard to have names ready to be submitted for these committees.
 - ii. One big change is the reduction in regional work groups. We are transitioning the workgroups to more topic specific as part of the FCAC. We will need to work to keep the fire service engaged at this level.
 - iii. Regional workgroups are no longer
 - iv. Karl Fippinger – Draft MOU went through review with IAFC Rob Brown and Chief O'Brian, Sent on to ICC
- b. ICC Updates
 - i. Karl Fippinger – FCAC appointments were made and letters went out. More than 60 applied, 18 will be seated, list has not been publicized yet.
- c. Fire Service Membership Council – June 10-11 in Denver
- d. ICC Annual call for presentations open until March 1st
 - Chief Zubia – Honorary membership ICC, supporting Jeff Shapiro?

1. Motion made by Chief Zubia to support Jeff Shapiro, Ray Reynolds second, motion carries unanimously
 1. Chief Marshall – well deserving of the honor
 - e. Update of Retro-Fit Sprinkler Requirements
 - i. Thanks to Ed Hadfield, Dan Finnegan, Chief Hanson, Vickie Pritchett and Peg Paul for agreeing to work on updating our position paper on retro-fit high rise sprinkler.
4. **Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)**
- a. April 28-29 2021 CFSI vs CRRL 2021
 - i. Do we want to keep the dates or move so that we are not in conjunction with CFSI
 - ii. Look at impact on vendors and dignitaries
 - iii. Chief Marshall – in contract with anyone?
 1. In contract with hotel – Do not want to break contract
 - iv. Angie Wiese – April is when code hearings are going on, 11th-20th
 - v. Chief King – Look at dates that were initially given to us and see if they would work. But, changing the date after promoting it at this conference could be a problem
 - vi. Chief Reynolds – Keep 2021 and look at it again in 2022
 - vii. Karl Fippinger – Reminder that 16 members of our org will be at code hearings
 - viii. Chief Hanson – consider attendance
 - ix. Chief Rogers – Do you want me to look into the possibility of moving date or not? Keeping venue, but potentially move date. This group and CRRL group are two completely different dynamics.
 - x. **Chief Marshall motions to check available dates, Chief Hanson second, Motion carries unanimously**
 - b. CRR 2022 – Chief Rogers had conversations with Chief Stephen Hrustich about having a co-conference with Vision 20/20. Chief Hrustich to bring up to steering committee
 - i. Working on alternative solution if we don't do co-conference to do a separate one in Canada
 - ii. 2023 will probably be back on the West Coast
5. **Report from International Director (Michael O'Brian)**
- a. IAFC Board meeting in March for the IAFC CEO position
 - i. CEO Search - Last week IAFC members received an email from Chief Ludwig on the CEO Search. The IAFC has been working with ESCI to narrow down our candidate list. In the second week of March, IAFC board has a board meeting that will interview the final list of candidates. This is an exciting transition for the IAFC and we know there are some really high potential the board is looking at.
 - b. AWC Contract is done and will be looking for help on teaching (Ray Reynolds)
 - c. Board Action - The IAFC Board did approve our 2020 budget, and overall the IAFC budget. The Board was informed that Allen Lassinger, our financial director, will be leaving the IAFC and we wish him the best of luck. Steve Locke, the Treasurer, has been working closely with staff as well as the interim CEO Rob Brown on this.
 - d. FRI – Phoenix, August 19-21
 - i. New, revamped FRI and thanks to Mike Carsten for his work on the planning committee should be exciting.
 - e. In Building Radio Coverage
 - i. In Building Radio Coverage DRAFT position paper went over to the communications section. They had a meeting last week, and the chair is looking for feedback from the committee. Chief O'Brian anticipates we should have an update over the next two or three weeks and hopefully can send on to the board for approval.
 - f. FCAC – The new appointments are out and hopefully our reps received a letter. If you did not, please circle back with Chief O'Brian so he can get with Staff. Thanks to our draft MOU, the work of Angie Wiese with the board

and Karl Fippinger, we have some good changes. Chief O'Brian is excited to lead the group for another year or two and looks forward to training Rob or Shawn to take over as chair.

- g. Building Safety Month
 - i. The IAFC Board will be taking up, at the March meeting, a resolution calling for fire service to support and be a part of Building Safety Month (May). There are four topics, Week 1 is Disaster Preparedness, Week 2 is water safety, Week 3 Resilience Sustainability and Innovation, Week 4 is Training the next generation. I think it would be great for the FLSS to push out content to our members that can aid them in these topics.
- h. Fire Sprinkler Week – May 17-23, 2020
 - i. Peg Paul discussed the logistics of the Fire Sprinkler Week
 - 1. Third year that it is being done. In Chicago. Focus on family home sprinklers. 60 \$500 stipends
 - 2. Chief Rogers – thank you for doing what you do. Bozeman bringing trailer to Spokane
 - 3. Vickie Pritchett – 34 trailers across nation. Anyone that is in need of trailer get in touch with Peg Paul
 - i. Flammable Refrigerants
 - i. Transition and request by CARB for 2023 deadline
 - ii. This is all coming out due to the desire of slowing down global warming. The desire is to hit reduction so we don't have to go to more flammable refrigerants such as A3. There is no doubt that this is a fire safety as well as an environmental issue. The engineers from UL and others feel the process did its best in having mitigation strategies to keep the product as safe as possible.
 - iii. This will be seen in everything from the air conditioners in your hotel room, to roof top commercial units, the cars in your garage, and its already being sold in the new refrigerators at Home Depot right now. There is no doubt that the A2L burns different from the refrigerants we have today. Industry is not on the same page and they are frustrated as well with the federal and state guidelines on this.
 - iv. Overall many of our concerns are with response to an event, an odorless, flammable gas, and how things will burn. We are working with other groups such as NASFAM, IAFF, and others to collectively work with AHRI and others. There are politics, lack of trust between companies, hidden agendas, and misinformation. We are working to make sure our communities can stay safe
 - v. All about reducing global warming issue
 - vi. Not what many of us are used to seeing – more of a global warming problem. To make it less impactful on environment it makes it more combustibile and flammable
 - vii. Staying on top of the problem in code standards
 - viii. Chief Marshall representing California on this issue
 - ix. Chief King - Who do we trust, what's right and what's wrong. What can we do and what's the solution?
 - x. Chief Zubia – Don't tie residential sprinkler and flammable refrigerant together

6. Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Robert Marshall)

- a. Budget is good and ended year in black \$5,740.
 - i. Came out of Reno \$32,000 in the black not counting board expenses

7. Report on the ICC (Angie Wiese)

8. Report on iDELP (Shawn Hanson)

9. Report on EFO (Jo-Ann Lorber)

10. Bylaws and Election (Howard Hopper)

- a. FLSS Elections and bylaw changes
 - i. No bylaw changes this year
 - ii. Set to go out with notice for elections March 2nd – 2 at large members and Chair and Vice-chair
 - iii. Joe Powers and Mike Carsten are announcing to run for At-large member positions. Chief King and Chief Rogers plan to re-run

11. Old Business

- a. Smoke Alarm Position Paper
 - i. Howard Hopper debriefed on the position paper and where we stand. Working through in work group. Work group approves, passes to FLSS board, and then to IAFC Board. Quick, high level for chiefs to look at.
 - ii. George Michehl – Someone reading from a perspective that may not know the ins and outs of the codes may not be able to understand UL 217 7th and 8th edition
 - iii. George Michehl would like to be added to high rise retro fitted working group
 - iv. Peg Paul will send out list of who is on working group
 - v. Ray Reynolds – good to stay away from language in 217. Don't want to make it so difficult
- b. Mission and Vision of FLSS
 - i. The mission of the Fire and Life Safety Section of the IAFC is to reduce injury, life loss and property loss by advancing the field of fire prevention and life safety with leadership and vision for fire safety professionals.
 - It is the vision of the Fire and Life Safety Section to create an environment in which: Deaths from structure fires are reduced to zero and property damage from structure fires is limited to the area of origin.
 - Firefighter deaths due to fire ground operations are reduced to zero.
 - The organizational culture of local fire departments and the International Association of Fire Chiefs places a greater priority on fire prevention and life safety.
 - The public is clearly aware of the fire problem and their role in fire prevention.
 - ii. Change Fire chiefs to fire service leaders
 - iii. Take out fire prevention in last bullet?
 - iv. Chief Hanson volunteered to model it after Human Resource Committee
 - v. Howard Hopper to help Chief Hanson
 - vi. CRR, Code Development – What we're involved with
 - vii. More focused mission and vision with strategic plan

12. New Business

13. Staff Report

- a. **WHAT Report items** (see list on next page, provide item and category from the list)
 - i. Members to provide anything that can be put on the list – Related to FLSS
- b. Reimbursement form - \$1,000 stipend
- c. Promotional giveaways for future meetings
- d. FRI Meeting dates/times – End of February
- e. Briefing of my role, what do you need from me, communication, etc.

14. Roundtable and Adjournment

- a. CFSI – Fund two people to go (O'Brian) April 29-30
Chief Zubia takes one seat, Ray Reynolds is interested (nobody from Exec board is interested)
 - Derek will send email to see who is interested
 - Motion to fund two people to go to CFSI \$2,000 each by Chief O'Brian, Second Howard Hopper – Motion carriesDiscussion – (Reynolds) Want more transparency on who is going to these trips. Don't put out to members if seats are already taken

- b. Chief Rogers – EFO Rewrite – Hit minor hiccup, know more in April. Fired group that was working on it. Have not developed what they need for class.
 - Articles can be sent to Derek to be forwarded on to the appropriate staff members
 - 1. New UL Safety Cooktop
 - 2. UL 217
- c. Feedback CRRL 2021- International speakers, give gift from FLSS
3 or 4 speakers
Chief Rogers to research how many and what to give – report back how much we need \$.
- d. Howard Hopper – ESS adopting 2021. Partner with NASFM
Howard Hopper to draft something, volunteer Chief O’Brian, Chief Marshall to help
- e. Ray Reynolds – AFG Grant reviews (Fire Prevention and Safety)
 - i. Derek to check on this and report back to the board

Motion to adjourn by Chief Rogers, second by Chief Marshall – adjourned at 3:38pm

WHAT REPORT ITEMS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FLSS & ITS BOARD

LEAD

To LEAD by being the preeminent global advocate for the fire and emergency service on leadership, policy, management, and service delivery.

Goal 1a. Engage current/future fire and emergency service leaders to address the evolving and emerging challenges and opportunities.

Goal 1b. Provide forward-thinking leadership that recognizes and responds to emerging trends and opportunities.

Goal 1c. Provide innovative solutions to emerging trends.

Goal 1d. Advance the profession, advocate for inclusiveness, and improve the effectiveness of the fire and emergency service through communications and education.

EDUCATE

To EDUCATE current and future fire and emergency service leaders by providing training, education, and professional development opportunities.

Goal 2a. Make the knowledge, experience, and resources within the IAFC easily accessible for research and problem solving.

Goal 2b. Supplement, develop, enhance, and effectively deliver education, training, and professional development programs relevant to the membership.

Goal 2c. Facilitate career progression, mentoring, and succession management at all levels.

Goal 2d. Support leadership development throughout the fire service.

SERVE

To SERVE by providing relevant and timely services, products and resources to our membership, affiliates, and partners.

Goal 3a. Increase membership and participation through expanded opportunities.

Goal 3b. Promote and foster a culture of inclusivity to the IAFC membership.

Goal 3c. Provide IAFC products, resources and services that are both relevant and timely to existing and emerging issues, and topics important to the target audiences, affiliates, and partners.

Goal 3d. Strengthen the IAFC role in the global community as a resource for sharing best practices and knowledge based in real-world experience. Develop an effective international presence and delivery of value through the Association.

Goal 3e. Increase awareness and accessibility of the IAFC as the “go-to resource” for policy, advocacy, subject matter expertise, and support.

Goal 3f. Expand recognition to those showing exceptional or extended service to their organizations or the industry.

Inside the IAFC

Association News

News About Our Members

News About Our Staff

What Others Are Saying

- SAMPLE: The Shakers sessions were by far my favorite part. The intentional time to provide discussion platforms was extremely insightful, especially for a couple of "young" chiefs.

— Seth Miller, Executive Deputy Chief,
Chattanooga (Tennessee) Fire Department