

# FLSS Board Meeting

April 15, 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

Chief Joe Powers

Karl Fippinger

Meeting began – 2:03 PM ET

### 1. Approval of the March 2020 minutes

Motion to approve March 2020 minutes by George Michehl, second by Chief Robert Marshall – With Chief Rogers changes. Motion carries unanimously

### 2. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

### 3. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

- a. CRRL planning committee conference call later this week

### 4. Report from International Director (Michael O'Brian)

- a. IAFC started coop plan, most staff are working from home. Command center set up at the office with daily briefings
- b. IAFC is leading the fire service through COVID-19
- c. Task force for Covid-19 led by Chief Sinclair under the direction of the IAFC President
  - i. Weekly webinars and daily information
  - ii. Providing resources and lessons learned
  - iii. Staying on top of public assistance grants
- d. Chief Ludwig and Ken LaSala working in D.C. on PPE needs, funding to local fire departments, taking care of first responders
- e. IAFC Board has been working with acting CEO on PPE grant, which has been awarded
- f. Chief Ludwig has stood up an economic group to look at forecasting issues for the fire service in general and working through logistics for financial issues as it relates to the IAFC
- g. Still in process of new CEO search
- h. FCAC – off and running, two meetings have taken place, working through conference calls, January 2021 will be when first round of fire code changes are due

### 5. Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Robert Marshall)

- a. Chief Marshall gave an update on the FLSS financials
- b. Lost about \$3000, all due to reimbursements for travel. Dues has offset some of that already
- c. No red flags

6. **Report on the ICC (Angie Wiese)**

- a. ICC sending out a lot of good information on virtual inspections, weekly webinars, and podcasts, supporting those that are still trying to do work.
- b. ICC Board is looking at whether the annual meeting continues as normal in October or whether it will be cancelled.

7. **Report on iDELP (Shawn Hanson)**

- a. iDELP continuing to do work in the background, nothing new right now.

8. **Report on EFO (Jo-Ann Lorber)**

9. **Bylaws and Election (Howard Hopper)**

- a. Need to look at who is running from what division. Need to come up with a system to make sure we do not have too many from one division.
- b. Derek to email elections committee and Chief King to discuss # of division reps and how to solve

10. **Old Business**

- a. Mission and Vision task force looking to meet next week – Chief Shawn Hanson
  - i. Started preliminary work
- b. Kidde website update – Derek Bullington and Meri-K Appy (Political stance of Smoke alarms in kitchen)
  - i. Literacy level was quite high, need lower the level so Chiefs can turn information around to public
  - ii. Only thing that is perhaps politically sensitive
    1. Reference to smoke alarms in kitchens
- c. Home fire sprinkler week (Peg Paul) – will go virtual, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Partnering with Firehouse and plan on going on Facebook Live
- d. NFSA conference going virtual April 30-May 1
- e. NFPA conference is still on as of now

11. **New Business**

- a. George Michehl - Can we discuss next year's Firefighter Stand Down. CRRL is about a week or two before the Firefighter Stand Down. Do we approach who oversees that to have CRRL kick off FSD. CRR as topic for FSD.
  - i. Chief O'Brian to start the conversation with Safety, Health and Survival
- b. Meri-K Appy – important to share CRR messages to those at home.
  - i. Vision 20/20 has been working with a social media firm and created six one-minute animated messages. 5 of which are on various topics of smoke alarms and one is focused on older adult falls. Will be pushing them out in the next two weeks
  - ii. George – should we do a PSA for home safety
- c. Robert Marshall – Meeting about non-flammable refrigerants, AHRI was there

12. **WHAT Report items** (see list on next page, **provide item and category from the list**)

- a. Members to provide anything that can be put on the list – Related to FLSS

13. **Staff Report**

- a.

14. **Roundtable and Adjournment**

- a. Adjourned – Motion to adjourn by Ray Reynolds, second by Chief Adolf Zubia, Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 2:58

**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.

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- 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