



# FLSS Board Meeting

Notes

July 16 2025

2 PM

(Eastern Daylight-Saving Time)

## Board Members

Chief Greg Rogers, *Chair*

Chief Robert Marshall, *Vice Chair*

Chief Michael O'Brian, *International Director*

Chief Scott Moore, *Secretary / Treasurer*

Chief Andy King, *Immediate Past Chair*

Chief Matt Henss, *At-Large Board Member*

Gage Schlice, *At-Large Board Member*

Chief William Hyde, *At-Large Board Member*

Chief Elizabeth Bednarcik, *At-Large Board Member*

Chief Shawn Hanson, *At-Large Board Member*

Chief Mike Carsten, *At-Large Board Member*

Deputy Chief/Director Larry R. Cocco,  
*International Position*

Karen Berard-Reed, *Education Specialty Rep.*

Howard Hopper, *Engineering Specialty Rep*

Ray Renolds - *Public Safety Specialty Rep.*

Peg Paul, *Ex Officio Board Member*

Vickie Pritchett, *Ex Officio Board Member*

Richard Roberts, *Ex Officio Board Member*

Karl Fippinger, *Ex Officio Board Member*

## Appointed Board Members

**Staff:** *FLSS Liaison* Richard Miller

**Guests** Stephanie Harpring,

Cortonio T. Beals

Jeffrey Counts, *Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal*

Green Present Yellow Absent Blue Remote

Minutes taken by Richard Miller

1. Meeting called to order by:
2. Roll Call – Completed
3. Approval of May 2025 minutes
  - i. Motion Chief Hanson
  - ii. Chief Schlice
  - iii. Approved
4. Chair Report: Chief Greg Rogers

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- i. **Workforce Development Initiative:** IAFC's "I Work Council" focuses on workforce development, diversity, inclusion, and training opportunities for chief officers. Elizabeth has been appointed to represent the section.
- ii. **GAO Meeting:** Scheduled to discuss marina firefighting and lithium-ion battery safety. Greg Rogers and Elizabeth will represent the section.
- iii. **Arizona Fire Chiefs Conference:** This was a successful event with 700 attendees and 150 vendors. Glendale Fire Chief acknowledged the IAFC Community Risk Reduction Leadership Conference.
- iv. **Election Updates:** Chief Counts and Chief Reynolds were appointed to director positions. Plans are to appoint Gage Schlice to Chief Reynolds' specialty representative position during FRI in August.

### 5. Vice Chair Report: Chief Robert Marshal

### 6. International Directors Report: Chief Michael O'Brian – Presenting at International Battery Summit

- i. IAFC Board advised that he will appoint Chief Long to the ICC Membership Council
- ii. The Southeastern ICC Board position will be voted on soon
- iii. Chief Marshall appointed to Howard's position – a special thank you to Howard for his long service to FCAC
- iv. New IAFC Social Media Director with great promotions across the Fire Service
- v. FRI Sign up for the Universal experience
- vi. IAFC Board Meeting on strategic plan
- vii. Lithium-Ion Committee and national meeting
- viii. Cal Fire Battery Summit
- ix. Congressional Meeting set up to discuss BESS and all things related

### 7. Treasurer Report: Chief Scott Moore

- i. Chief Hanson is working with all Budget activities

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8. Election update: Chief By Laws Officer Howard Hopper
9. Succession Planning – (set up meeting to discuss positions for members)
10. Discuss and fill the vacant positions with an appointment.
11. CRRL – Chief Scott Moore
  - i. Planning continues with presentations
  - ii. FRI, we will release a creative announcement about the new combined conference
    1. Question 2027 Site Selection
12. Home Oxygen HOT Committee Chief Ray Reynolds – Update
13. Communications: Peg Paul Newsletter, please send in information to Paul
  - i. Newsletter July Edition working
  - ii. Send in your copy for the newsletter ASAP, please
  - iii. FRI Section Newsletter working to issue right after FRI
14. ICC Report Karl Fippinger
  - i. Thank you to the FLSS Board and IAFC for the ICC report
    1. Confirmed to ICC Fire Service Membership Council:
    2. Fire Marshal Brendan O’Sullivan from the Durham Fire Department (NH), as the new IAFC New England representative
    3. Fire Chief Justin Sherwood from the Bemidji Fire Department (MN), as the new IAFC Great Lakes representative
    4. Proposed for ICC Board Telecon in August:
    5. Fire Marshal Michael A. Long  
University of Louisville (KY) Department of Public Safety
15. Richard Roberts –
16. Karen Berard-Reed – NFPA report
  - i. NFPA Safety Doesn’t Happen by Chance Campaign [dontchancesafety.org](http://dontchancesafety.org)
  - ii. Special Kitchen Roundtable Safety briefing on the new programs for Lithium-ion Batteries
  - iii. Vision 20/20 - Symposium 9 moving forward

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17. Chief Elizabeth Bednarick TED FRI -

18. Staff Report on FRI Activities

- i. Hotel Master List will be out soon
- ii. FLSS Battery Committee August 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 to Noon Chief O'Brian
- iii. Divisional Lunch on August 13<sup>th</sup>
- iv. Add Speakers from FLSS presentation with dates and Times
- v. FLSS Section Meeting Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 2 pm (Lunch TBD)
- vi. FLSS and Alarm Association Dinner, Wednesday night, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD
- vii. Special Activities at FRI Universal Studios (you must purchase your own ticket)
- viii. FLSS At Booth on Floor to promote the Section 13/14/15

19. Good of the Order –

Chief Moore Staffing at FRI Booth plan

Next Meeting in person at FRI, August 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the Section Luncheon and Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Chief Bednarcik / Chief Moore