

FLSS Board Meeting

December 16, 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
Chief Ray Reynolds, At-Large Board Member
Chief Joe Powers, 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
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:

Karl Fippinger
Angie Wiese

IAFC Staff:

Derek Bullington
Lisa Yonkers

1. Approval of the November 2020 minutes

- a. Motion to approve November 2020 minutes by George Michehl with edit, second Meri-K Appy. Motion carries unanimously.
 - i. Edit from George Michehl – “George Michehl presented to Fire Service Membership Council Board regarding the tax incentive guide”

2. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

- a. Video podcasts discussed in November has not been explored further, Chief Whim wants to be involved
- b. Dan Finnegan – Two changes going forward NFPA 72, TIAs – Tentative Interim Amendments (emergency changes that are being made within NFPA 72)
 - i. Topic 1 - Concerning monitoring and supervising station activities – Currently being done from home, NFPA 72 will allow this activity to be done during National and Regional Disasters
 - ii. Topic 2 – Also within NFPA 72, new annex language being proposed on inspection, testing, and maintenance so that there is an acceptable window – acceptable delay for National or Regionalized Disasters
 - iii. Will share everything to group once it is official
- c. Karl Fippinger – Looking for member from IAFC FLSS to fill role ICC Pandemic Task Force (Need something ASAP – End of the week)
 - i. Info in chat box – as well as info for ICC Update
 - ii. Email Chief King if you are interested

3. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

- a. CRRL 2021 Conference
 - i. Decide whether FLSS Executive Committee or FLSS Board will make call on CRRL 2021 conference
 - ii. Currently scheduled May 2021 in Murfreesboro, TN

- iii. Speaker proposals were finished and speakers lined up
- iv. Had planned on having it all in one central room, no breakout sessions
 - 1. This would allow for wearing masks and social distancing
 - 2. Would mean having to cap the number of attendees
- v. CRRL program planning committee started to focus on going virtual, rather than changing the format of the entire conference
- vi. One major sponsorship already in, will need to reach out to see if they can do something if going virtual
- vii. Can move conference date from May 2021 to May 2023
 - 1. Will have to put down a deposit, but would not lose any money
 - 2. Allows us to move virtual for 2021 conference
- viii. Lisa – 3 scenarios
 - 1. Hold event as is
 - 2. Move to another time in 2021
 - a. End of year goes up against Vision 20/20
 - 3. Cancel outright and go virtual (Cancel hotel for 2021, go virtual 2021, move hotel to 2023)
 - a. Charge minimal fees?
 - b. Chief Greg Rogers is suggesting go virtual and change in-person meeting to 2023
 - i. May be able to gain international attendees by going virtual
 - c. Meri-K feels going virtual is best decision
 - d. Chief Joe Powers suggests going virtual and getting sponsors to get in front of attendees so that we can get more sponsorship money. Keep it free for attendees
 - e. Dan Finnegan fully supports going virtual
 - f. Chief Adolf Zubia – What is the deposit that the hotel is looking for us to put down?
 - i. Lisa Yonkers - \$40,000 deposit
 - ii. Lisa Yonkers is going to try and counter the \$40k deposit down to \$20k
 - 1. Will try to get that paid in installments throughout 2021
 - 2. \$20k will be taken off the final bill for 2023
 - iii. Would this affect the co-locating with Vision 20/20?
 - 1. No
 - g. Vickie Pritchett – Conference is now moved to Oct. 5,6,7 2021 in Vegas
 - i. Offering FLSS to do conference with National Fire Sprinkler Association for little to no cost
 - ii. Offering conference as hybrid
 - h. Chief Michael O'Brien – Whatever FLSS can do to help IAFC staff with this conference, please let them know
 - i. Challenge FLSS Board to stand out during this virtual conference
 - i. Chief Adolf Zubia – Recommends one step at a time and decide what to do in May
 - j. Chief Robert Marshall – Motion to go virtual in May 2021 and modify contract to go with 2023 date and pay the down payment and discuss the NFSA conference separately. Second by Chief Adolf Zubia.
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Meri-K - In favor of moving to 2023 but need to figure out if put more effort in to virtual in May or in-person with NSFA in October
 - 2. Chief Elizabeth Bednarcik – Anybody know of statistics with conferences that were held in-person during the last few months?
 - 3. Peg Paul – Is 2021 NFSA their expo year? Because it is moved to October they moved to table-tops, not a full-blown expo hall
 - 4. Chief Adolf Zubia – Do we have option of moving later in 2021 with Murfreesboro?
 - a. Chief Rogers, do not want to be too close to Vision 20/20 and do not want to change format of conference too much

5. Chief Zubia wants to pull back his second on the motion and to have the planning committee work this out a little more before presenting to this board
 - ii. Chief Robert Marshall modifies his original motion to go with the 2023 date and that the planning committee will make a recommendation on how we're going to hold the next conference, whether it's virtual or one of the other options that have been presented. Second by Chief Adolf Zubia. Motion carries unanimously.
4. **Report from International Director (Michael O'Brian)**
 - a. Board meeting cut down from 2 days to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day
 - i. FLSS budget passed
 - ii. Finishing year off in the black. 2021 approved budget will be \$150,000 in black
 - iii. Update from Corona Virus Task Force
 1. IAFC is advocating for first responders to be in the 1A category
 - iv. Legislative update will be shared to the FLSS Board
 - v. ESCI and GPSS – a lot of changes going on
 - b. Get invite to President Chief Carrizzo for January Meeting
 - c. Invite 2nd VP runner, Chief Butler, for January or February meeting
 - d. Signed revised MOU, approved by ICC Board on December 3.
 - e. Chief Michael O'Brian's chairmanship of FCAC has been extended to 12/31/2021
5. **Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Robert Marshall)**
 - a. Doing well, November was back up to normal on membership income
6. **Report on the ICC (Karl Fippinger)**
 - a. Pandemic Task Force
<https://www.iccsafe.org/about/periodicals-and-newsroom/international-code-council-and-national-environmental-health-association-launch-pandemics-task-force/>
 - b. ICC Chapter Monthly Update
<https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-December-ICC-Chapter-Update.pdf>
 - c. Blue Ribbon Committee Info (note section on IECC)
<https://www.iccsafe.org/about/periodicals-and-newsroom/icc-pulse/blue-ribbon-committee-update-on-preemption-voter-guides-and-the-iecc-3/>
 - d. NEW Code Adoption DataViz:
<https://codeadoptions.iccsafe.org/>
7. **Vision 20/20 (Joe Powers)**
8. **Report on iDELP (Shawn Hanson)**
9. **Bylaws and Election (Howard Hopper)**
10. **Old Business**
 - a. Kidde website update

- i. Announcement at 1st of the year for iCHIEFS?

11. New Business

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

14. Roundtable and Adjournment

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