

# FLSS Board Meeting

January 20, 2021

## 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:

IAFC President, Chief Richard Carrizzo  
Karl Fippinger  
Angie Wiese

Began 2:02pm EST

1. **Approval of the December 2020 minutes**
  - a. Motion to approve December 2020 minutes by Meri-K Appy, second by Chief Adolf Zubia. Motion carries unanimously.
2. **IAFC President Chief Carrizzo** - Gave an update on IAFC
  - a. Spoke on the forward recovery plan within the IAFC – 12-18 month plan
    - i. Strategic plan within IAFC ended in December 2020, it was a two-year plan at the time and it's time to redo another strategic direction plan
    - ii. Strategic plan is being broken down and moving it to each section and division to work on separate areas. Sections and Divisions will then bring their part of the plan back to the IAFC Board
    - iii. Once reviewed by IAFC Board they will send back out to everyone for a final review
  - b. COVID Financial cuts enabled IAFC to balance the budget
  - c. In a rebuilding phase
  - d. 2021 Budget, only budgeted what we knew was guaranteed to come in, no projections
    - i. Asking Sections and Divisions what we should if we bring in more money than expected to increase the three core functions
  - e. Working solely on our three foundations: Member Representation, Advocacy, and Education
3. **Report from the Chair (Andy King)**
4. **Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)**
  - a. CRRL Conference Discussion and Recommendation
    - i. Went back to planning committee with the recommendations that the FLSS board made in the December meeting
    - ii. Planning Committee looked at the multiple options of how to go forward
      1. Wanted to forward a recommendation to the FLSS board to go virtual

- a. Still offer a substantial amount of training with the four different tracks at the same caliber of training that we could offer in person
  - b. Going in-person would have been a shrunken down version of the training and limits the number of attendees
  - c. Still working with IAFC conferences staff on how registration will work and if we will charge a fee or not
  - d. Planning committee has a meeting tomorrow and hoping to provide them with an answer at that time from the FLSS Board
- iii. Vickie Pritchett gave an overview of what NFSA is offering FLSS
1. October 4-8, 2021 Las Vegas, NV
    - a. Flexibility of when to offer programs
  2. Allow FLSS to tag on to the contract they have with the hotel, Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas
  3. No financial requirements or consequences for FLSS from a standpoint of food and beverage minimum or meeting room rental, or anything else
  4. Okay with branding standpoint to have FLSS logo and own registration or tag on to go through their system (would be kept separate)
  5. FLSS will be able to have tabletops
- iv. Chief Adolf Zubia believes that FLSS should move forward with doing the virtual meeting for Spring 2021 proposed by the CRRL planning committee and look in to working with NFSA and Vickie
- v. Chief Shawn Hanson supports moving forward with the virtual conference and believes it is a great opportunity to get in front of a different audience by jumping on with NFSA
- vi. Chief Joe Powers agrees with moving forward with the virtual conference in May and continue to look in to partnership with NFSA
- vii. Chief Robert Marshall likes the idea of going virtual, but worried about doing too many meetings so close together and taking attendees away from one group to another
- viii. Chief Adolf Zubia asked Vickie Pritchett when the deadline is for having a decision from FLSS and to clarify what the risk concerns are for FLSS.
1. Vickie Pritchett said there is zero financial risk to FLSS
  2. Ideally NFSA would like to know FLSS's decision by March so that they can have everything set up when they open registration March 1
- ix. Chief Greg Rogers noted that what we can do with NFSA is different than what we have planned for the virtual CRRL conference in May
1. CRRL conference – CRR focused
  2. NFSA conference partnership - Code classes, plan review, sprinkler instruction
- x. Meri-K Appy – is there an impact on funder relations? Don't have an answer right now but may want to go out to the sponsors to see if it may be a problem
1. Chief Greg Rogers doesn't think we should get into any sponsorships with the partnership with NFSA as FLSS will not have any expenses related to the conference
- xi. Chief Robert Marshall motions to move forward with committee recommendation for virtual conference in May, second Chief Ray Reynolds, motion carries unanimously
- xii. Chief Robert Marshall motions to explore second option with NFSA with FLSS Executive Committee to target a different audience. Also let the planning committee work on logistics
1. FLSS Executive meeting will be held in a week or two in order to discuss these options
5. **Report from International Director (Michael O'Brian)**
- a. Having regular board meetings
  - b. Received update from Chief Butler on iDELP on their new cohorts
  - c. IAFC gave a Government Relations update
  - d. U.S. Fire Administrator Keith Bryant stepped down
  - e. AHRI breakup letter presented
  - f. 99 changes submitted to FCAC

- g. Howard Hopper and Chief Andy King submitted battery storage code change through the IAFC FLSS
  - i. Deals with collection sites as it relates to used batteries that are deposited typically in mercantile style establishments (lithium ion and lithium metal batteries)
- 6. **Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Robert Marshall)**
  - a. No report as financials were not able to be pulled from IAFC financial system
- 7. **Report on the ICC (Karl Fippinger)**
  - a. Group A submissions are in
  - b. Code hearings are still scheduled and will take place virtually this year
  - c. Focusing on where ICC stands with annual conference
    - i. Planning is going forward with an in-person conference
  - d. Board is working through energy conservation code
- 8. **Vision 20/20 (Joe Powers)**
  - a. Call for presentations are out for Symposium 7
  - b. CR data hub should be released this week or next week
  - c. Symposium 6 highlights webinar had about 250+ registrations
- 9. **Report on iDELP (Shawn Hanson)**
- 10. **Bylaws and Election (Howard Hopper)**
  - a. Elections are coming up earlier than last year
  - b. Four positions open this year
- 11. **Old Business**
- 12. **New Business**
- 13. **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
- 14. **Staff Report**
- 15. **Roundtable and Adjournment**
  - a. Dan Finnegan – Request from his community’s Fire Marshal wanted to know about the new Kidde smoke alarm called True Sense (UL 217 8<sup>th</sup> edition alarm, can tell whether it is a real fire or cooking fume fire)
    - i. Meri-K has not heard anything, they have just hit the market here recently

Motion to adjourn by Chief O’Brian at 3:14 PM EST

## 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