



FLSS Board Meeting

March 21, 2018

1330 hours

Board Members:

Chief Andy King, Chair
Chief Greg Rogers, Vice Chair
Chief Michael O'Brian, International Director
Stephen Hrustich, 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 Mark Chubb, At-Large Board Member

Ed Hadfield, At-Large Board Member
Jason Hoevelmann, 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

Staff: Russ Chandler

1. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

- a. Chief King reported that he and Chief O'Brian attended the Strategy Meeting at IAFC Headquarters. The mission was to assist in updating the IAFC Strategic Plan. There were a lot of discussions including the topic of the value of the organization and the future. Tommy Hicks discussed projects underway and there were discussions on IT, website and how much information we should provide to nonmembers verses our IAFC members. There were great discussions amongst divisions and sections on how they can work together. A survey had been sent out to members, to learn how the IAFC can turn more of our members into advocates for new memberships. The survey also revealed that there is a desire for local training verses traveling to such as provided by an FRI event.

2. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

- a. Chief Rogers created the report on the FLSS Conference info which had been submitted to the IAFC Board. Chief O'Brian reported that the IAFC Board discussed the proposed event and there was concurrence that we (FLSS) are headed in the right direction and to move forward. The IAFC Board wants this to be CRR focus as well as the Leadership focus. Chief Rogers will move forward with creating the work group to create the topics and speakers for this event. Conference will be in Reno in March 2019, in partnership with the Wildland Conference.
- b. Rogers attended the CPSE meeting and conference. He was able to obtain information that we may be able to use with our upcoming conference. One of the topics was outcome measurements verses performance measurements. Discussion of one organization (Lincoln Nebraska) and how they were able to get their Board and community pushing forward with residential sprinklers in the community.
- c. Rogers also reported on his attendance at the CPSE event. There are presently 253 agencies accredited. However, they also have over 220 additional organizations registered to move forward. This could create as many as 500 organizations accredited. There will be 52 organizations being brought forward for review in the near future. Fire Marshal accreditation is right in the middle of the pack. Application process will go electronic this summer, allowing applicants to do this all on-line. Conference attendance is usually 250 or 270 individuals. This year they had so many that they had to cut off registrations but still had 470 attending. They will have their conference next year in California.

3. Report from International Director (Michael O'Brian)

- a. Chief O'Brian mentioned that we need to look at more diversity and greater working relationship between Divisions and our Section. Divisions expressed a desire for us to work more closely together.
- b. There was discussion on the OnScene publication in that it is not being read electronically.
 - i. Chief Hadfield related his meetings with groups in Southern California and their not being aware of FLSS and the great work being done by FLSS. Other comments from FLSS Board members that this is not just unique to Southern California.
- c. Tall Building Position Paper was discussed and is out for comments from other groups before final completion.
 - i. **Motion**: Moved and seconded to accept the Tall Building Position Paper as written. **Motion carried.**
- d. Active Assailant Position Paper was approved by the IAFC Board along with another on Terrorism. This will be a great resource for our members.
- e. NFSA document on sprinkler incentive email has been the number one email opened, read and forwarded. The next challenge is making sure we get others to read this, what does it mean and what can we do to move forward in this endeavor.
- f. The CRR paper moved forward on first reading and several IAFC Board members were very excited to see this coming out.
- g. CSST Position Paper is still under revision on one technical aspect that is under review. Chief is still working on this product.
- h. Chief O'Brian reported that they are working on upcoming FCAC meeting and what needs to be done to move forward. Just a note that Rob Neal will be retiring soon, and we need to work towards the replacement to be someone friendly with FLSS and our mission.
- i. Chief reported on the great new IAFC Headquarters facility and it is obvious that this new space does wonders for staff morale. Staff now has space to do their work and the organization has room for growth.

4. Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Stephen Hrustich)

- a. Chief Hrustich sent out the update on our fiscal standing with our budget. Please note that it does not reflect some recent expenses for travel.

5. Bylaws Report (Andy King on behalf of Howard Hopper)

- a. Incumbents ran unopposed for the six FLSS board positions. The elections/bylaws committee (Hopper, Zubia, Hadfield) reviewed applicant submittals and qualifications and based on this criteria concluded that all existing candidates have been elected to the offices noted below.
 - Chair - Chief Andy King (two-year term)
 - Vice Chair - Chief Greg Rogers (two-year term)
 - Secretary/Treasurer (one-year term) - Chief Stephen Hrustich
 - The At Large Board members (Wiese, Finnegan & Reynolds) are re-elected, however there are two 3-year terms and one 1-year term available. Election committee will be meeting soon to discuss how to resolve the determination as to who gets which term.
- b. Proposed FLSS bylaws changes will be balloted either electronically or at the FLSS section meeting. The bylaws proposal (1) does not allow candidates seeking office to serve on the elections committee, (2) revises qualifications for International Director and (3) increases the number of At-Large Members from a single division from 2 to 3.

6. Old Business

- a. Reminder only: FRI dates are August 8 - 11, 2018. We have requested Friday be reserved for our Annual Lunch and Meeting. The date will hopefully be August 10

- b. Reference our attending the NFPA Annual Conference; Richard Miller suggested that there may be an MOU stating that we will maintain a booth at this event. or agreement reference vendor space. Russ Chandler to research this with Miller and report back to the FLSS Board.
- c. ***Motion***: Michael O'Brian moved that FLSS should provide reimbursement for Board members to cover travel, motel and meals for up to two nights to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting, motion seconded. Discussion. **Motion carried.**

7. New Business

- a. Dan Finnegan reported that “ceasefiredoorhinge.com” staff have come forward promoting the creation of a door closure to add to an existing door. Device is heat reactive and spring loaded that when activated the door would close. Although it may not protect the person in that room, it should slow down the fire to allow others to escape. They requested to be able to do a presentation to this Board. It was suggested that we invite them to be a vendor at next years FLSS Conference in Reno.
- b. Everyone should have received the white paper on fire alarm monitoring: NFPA 72 NITNAM. Deputy Fire Marshal (Ret) George Michehl discussed that there are still a lot of localities doing remote station monitoring. Last year in Chicago there was an attempt to strike the section which allowed an AHJ to monitor these systems. This may not mean anything to many jurisdictions across the country. However, it will be quite harsh (fiscal devastation) for those localities who are monitoring these systems. Asking that members attending the NFPA meeting to oppose the NITNAM.
 - i. ***Motion***: Moved and seconded to have the FLSS not support the proposed NITNAM on NFPA 72 at the NFPA Annual Meeting. **Motion carried.** Recommended that it would be best to have someone in uniform present our opposition (at the NFPA Annual meeting) to the removal of allowing localities to monitor these systems.

8. Staff Report

- a. Reminder: New Headquarters office address is 4795 Meadow Wood Lane, Suite 100, Chantilly, VA 20151
- b. If anyone needs business cards or the pocket badges, please send Chandler a note on what you need.

9. Roundtable

- a. George Michehl reported that the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association is currently underway in Peoria. They have over 162 attending and looking forward of 2½ days of quality education. Also, Meri-K Appy is presenting at this event.
- b. Vickie Pritchett reported that the Retrofit Conference will be October 31 to November 2, 2018, more info to follow. Also, the National Fire Sprinkler Association will have their annual seminar, Business & Leadership Conference, May 2-5, 2018 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She reported that the Tax reform bill has kept her and her staff quite busy. Reminder: Custom flyers are available with individualization, if interested, please contact her. Pritchett’s office is expanding, hiring several well-known individuals such as Gary West and Dennis Wood along with others who will be field coordinators, IT specialist, etc. Another reminder: Pritchett is also looking for states who want to host Fire Team USA events.

10. Adjournment: Adjourned at 1451 hours.