FLSS Board Meeting

June 29, 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. Approval of minutes from May

i. ***Motion:*** *Meri-K Appy moved to accept the minutes as provided, seconded by Dan Finnegan.* ***Motion carried****.*

2. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

a. President's Award (FRI): Chief O'Brian will be making the award ($250 donation to Presidents Scholarship Fund). We want other Board members on the podium as well. If you can do such to support the FLSS, please advise both Chief O'Brian and Russ Chandler
b. Openings on the Pyrotechnics Committee: Alternate position on the NFPA Pyrotechnics TC representing IAFC/FLSS is vacant. We must recommend someone to fill this position. If you know of an FLSS member who may fill such, please let Chief O'Brian know so he can make the recommendation to our ED, Mark Light.
c. IAFC/FLSS and ICC Award; Individual has been chosen by a subcommittee. Individual has not been advised of yet, will make an official notice soon.
d. FRI meeting and menu; We have placed an order for 85 attendees. Last year we ordered for 100 and there was quite a bit of food left over.
e. July & August Meeting:

i. ***Motion****: Adolf Zubia moved to hold the July teleconference and to cancel the August Teleconference because we will be at FRI. Seconded by Dan Finnegan.* ***Motion carried.***

f. Pressing Issues:
   i. Chair sent out our priority list from 2017 and asked that the Board provide updates, additions, changes, etc. Please review and advise any changes, additions or completions.
      1. **CRR Conference**: Greg Rogers working with staff tor our first conference in 2019
      2. **Membership Initiatives**:
         a. Need to continue to recruit five bugle chiefs (Chief of Department) - to serve on our board.
         b. Enhance or strengthen our sphere of influence beyond codes and certifications
         c. Building membership

d. Identify strategies to promote mentoring of Fire Marshal's and Fire Prevention Personnel to reach higher levels in the organization.
e. Bringing in a new generation of fire officials to become involved in FLSS activities, including code development

3. **Code Development Initiative** with ICC and NFPA
   a. ICC Code hearings
   b. Developing a more effective methodology for maximizing our effectiveness on code committees, especially NFPA committees. Our reps are often flying solo on these committees and have little interaction/guidance on key issues – two-way sharing of information.
   c. Supporting the ICC and NFPA effort to promote adoption of a 3-year code cycle
   d. Staying on top of ESS (energy storage system) hazards, code development and fire department responses to incidents/fires
   e. Promote affordable continuing education programs available through NFPA and ICC.
   f. Building materials and their effect on home safety (including Tall Wood Structures)
4. **CRR** - Stephen and Meri-K
   a. Leveraging FLSS leadership to encourage greater visibility and adoption of CRR among IAFC leadership and members
   b. HELPING IAFC MOVE BEYOND CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY to bring our organization into consensus national messaging for smoke alarms.
   c. Developing stronger relationships to build a focused national effort towards Community Risk Reduction outreach.
   d. Push for stabilization of prevention grant funding that is not tied to fire operations and safety research.
   e. Public apathy towards fire risks and proactive programs to mitigate that apathy.
   f. Residential sprinkler advances into modern construction
   g. Excessive emphasis on code enforcement as opposed to fire safety
   h. Failure to distinguish between hazards and risks
   i. Tendency to rely on broad-brush over-simplifications and technology as opposed to targeted interventions, behavioral change, and social capital to produce measurable results
   j. CRR position paper has been approved by IAFC Board, we can update if necessary

g. FLSS Blast: Time for a new e-mail blast to be sent. Topics can include new changes to bylaws, upcoming vote on remainder of bylaw changes, Annual meeting and FCAC issues. Andy to put together and Russ to reserve spot and review for IAFC rules.
h. ICC: Rob Neale is retiring end of this month and will be moving to a consultant role. We wish him the best, he has been an integral part of many fire safety solutions.
i. FCAC: Appointments are needed and being reviewed by Chief O'Brian.
j. ICC Fire Service Government Committee: Angie serves on the ICC Board. Chief King has just been appointed to the committee. Adolf Zubia, George Michehl and others on this board also serve on this committee.
k. Chair asked George Michehl if he is willing to serve one more year on the FLSS Board as an Ex-Officio. George advised that he is willing to serve one more year.
l. Chair reminded members that ICC has sent out another Voter Validation Reminder. Please pass on.

3. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

a. CRR Conference;

i. Chief Rogers provided overview on those who are working on the conference.
ii. The brief conference description and website are being created and will be available prior to FRI. The "save the date" flyer will come out in July, please make sure to share with your groups
iii. Vendor list is being created and one vendor has already committed to be at the conference.
iv. Email and marketing campaign will be mailed out after FRI.
v. Working on themes and will then be picking speakers, which will part of the next Planning Group meeting.
vi. Looking forward to March of next year.

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

a. FCAC Report: Reviewed committee actions, sub group made proposals and have a plan of action on other comments and proposals. Working on Tall Wood Structures, more discussions next week. There are some concerns with certain occupancies and their heights in tall Wood Buildings.

b. IAFC Board Meeting: Chief O'Brian reported that it was a long meeting with many discussions.

i. Part of our bylaw changes was not initially submitted for the original approval process. They have now been reviewed and approved by the IAFC Board. They can now get the final approval vote at the FLSS Annual Meeting at FRI

ii. When a Section gets involved in a grant or research project, if it is good for one section it may be good for all the IAFC sections and divisions. As such, we should share this information with IAFC.

iii. IAFC Board Investigation: Chief O'Brian explained recent action by the Board and the resulting legal fees. If you have any questions, please contact Chief O'Brian or Executive Director Mark Light.

5. **Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Stephen Hrustich)**

a. Chief King and Chandler reported that there has been very little fiscal activity and we are still on track with the budget.

b. Since we were already committed (approved) to the new election process, we do not need a motion for the assigned $600 expense. Cost is based on the number of members in the section and not on the action necessary in the voting process.

6. Elections & Bylaws Report (Howard Hopper)

a. No report

7. Old Business

a. Dan Finnegan and George Michehl provided an update on the NFPA hearings specific to removal of the AHJ from the alarm approval process. The motion passed which was contrary to desires of the fire service. This now goes back to the Technical Committee (TC). They can accept or reject.

b. NFPA 1001: The motion to have CRR included in firefighting training standard was successful and will now go back to the Technical Committee (TC) for voting. If rejected by TC it will then go to the Standards Council.

c. Russ to check on CRR paper and forward to Board

8. New Business

a. Meri-K Appy brought up Childhood Falls from Windows campaign. One of the Vision 20/20 members has been working with a family who lost their child who fell from a window. He wants to raise this

concern and the code that prevents bars from being placed on residential windows. They experienced some opposition in the use of window bars which she believes this comes from Fire Marshals. She advised that they will be asking for support from the IAFC to support use of window bars.

9. Staff Report

a. IAFC is designing a new design on the pavilion at this year's FRI. As such they want to include several photos on all aspects of the fire service. The graphics team is requesting photos of Fire and Life Safety actions that they can include in the design of the pavilion. Please forward any prevention photos you have to Chandler, so we can get them to the graphics team.
   i. Angie Wiese and Meri-K Appy have already provided some shots.

b. Items to be resolved for the FRI and our Annual Meeting:
   i. Speakers (Finnegan and Roberts)
   ii. Agenda
   iii. Swearing in of Officers, will put in a request for the IAFC President to perform the ceremony
   iv. Staffing of our FLS table at the pavilion
   v. Authorizing copy expense for both position papers and CRR Conference Flyer to be given out at the Annual Meeting.

   Motion**: Chief Rogers moved to authorize up to $1,000 for printing expenses for position papers and the CRR Conference Flyer. Seconded by Chief Chubb.* ***Motion carried*.*

c. Chandler will return from leave on July 17, the day before out July 18th Board meeting. Please send in any agenda items, they will be added to the agenda and sent out on the 17th.

10. **Roundtable**

a. Chief Reynolds advised that he participated in the AFG grant review process in Alabama.

11. **Adjournment**: meeting adjourned at 1429 hours (Eastern Time)

Respectfully submitted:
Russ Chandler, FLSS Liaison