



FLSS Board Meeting

December 19, 2018

Board Members:

Chief Andy King, Chair	Chief Ed Hadfield, At-Large Board Member
Chief Greg Rogers, Vice Chair	Chief Jason Hoevelmann, At-Large Board Member
Chief Michael O'Brian, International Director	Chief Michael Whim, Public Safety Specialty Rep.
Chief Stephen Hrustich, Secretary / Treasurer	Meri-K Appy, Education Specialty Rep.
Chief Adolf Zubia, Immediate Past Chair	Howard Hopper, Engineering Specialty Rep
Daniel Finnegan, At-Large Board Member	Peg Paul, Ex Officio Board Member
Angie Wiese, At-Large Board Member	Vickie Pritchett, Ex Officio Board Member
Chief Ray Reynolds, At-Large Board Member	George Michehl, Ex Officio Board Member
Chief Mark Chubb, At-Large Board Member	

Guest: Chief Shawn Hansen, IDELP Representative
Chief David Kerr, EFO Section Representative
Chief Jo-Ann Lorber, EFO Section Representative

Staff: Russ Chandler, IAFC Staff, Program Manager

1. Approval of October and November minutes

- November minutes missing information on the formation of the Election and Bylaws Committee. To be added and returned in January for approval
- Motion by Michehl and seconded by Zubia to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

2. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

- Chair reported on EFO representative invited to our conference calls, but just got invited yesterday and could not make today's call.
- The NFPA 1001 Alternative will be to have Chief King moved up to that position (as reported by Chief O'Brian). Chief King asked Chief Hrustich to send any information on the NFPA 1001 committee activity to him that may be helpful.

3. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

- Chief Rogers reported on the activities of on the conference.
- Rogers also discussed work already being discussed on the Joint Vision 20/20/IAFC (FLSS) conference in 2020.
 - Staff will be working with the 20/20 conference folks where even years will be a joint conference and the odd years bring the FLSS CRR conference. Once agreement established more will be reported.
 - There was discussion on grant funds for Vision 20/20 event with FLSS being involved. Since attendance fees cover just costs, there will be no profit, thus, there will be no issue.
- CPSE meeting was attended by Chief Rogers who reported on professional credentialing
- Rogers was also able to sit in for Chief Mike Carson at the FRI Planning meeting in Atlanta. He was able to assist with the future CRR track. He also reported that FRI 2020 will have some format changes, more to come later.

- e. Chief Rogers reported that Board members attending the Board Meeting and CRR Conference in Reno will need to handle their own transportation, hang onto your receipts to process as we do for FRI. Rooms and registration will be handled by conference staff.

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

- a. If any section wants to sign onto a grant, we must seek approval from the CEO to partner on any grant. One grant which is similar to Vision 20/20's is open, but they are just looking for evaluators from FLSS, no funds. The other grant from Michael H. Minger Foundation (*mingerfoundation.org*) involves looking into why fire deaths are increasing instead of decreasing. Folks from behavioral and safety groups will be looking into this to identify solutions such as instead of High-Risk group messages, looking at educating decision makers. Right now, they are just using our name to assist.
- b. ICC has issued their preliminary code consensus. Chief O'Brian gave summary on two things that changed on combustible dusts and Hazardous Materials. More discussion on Tall Wood.
- c. The IAFC Board met at Headquarters December 6 & 7. Staff reported on what is happening in the IAFC which is what we want to get into the hands of our membership. Board approved the budget that includes membership dues increase (3.2% increase on general dues, about \$6).
- d. Board received a great presentation from FDNY Retired Assistant Chief Joe Pfeifer on Vertical Terrorism. This is something that may be tasked our way. In near future will need to see how fire codes affect safety and security. We will need to provide more direction on this topic.
- e. IAFC Academy is seeking accreditation. There were reports on legislation, report on Wildland fires, a presentation on Global Terrorism and a change in the EFO process.
- f. Report on Human Relations Committee and the Board approved their strategic direction.
- g. Board is looking at increasing our committees to increase diversity. Asking that we check our circle of influence to see if we can get people that want to get engaged to have them join our committees.
- h. Request from National Association of State EMS Officials on fatigue and risk management. Basically, talking about staff on 24 hour shifts to reduce those hours. Board felt there needed to be more studies and better reporting before taking any action.
- i. Received an update on conferences, including our conference in Reno. Chief O'Brian praised all working on this but most important to Chief Rogers and all his outstanding efforts. O'Brian provided a great discussion on getting Chiefs to recognize need for their CRR staff to attend conferences.

5. Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Stephen Hrustich)

- a. Chief Hrustich reported he will be sending out a copy of the approved budget.

6. Old Business

- a. New award(s) during the CRR Conference needs to be discussed, Chair asked that we do this for the second CRR conference (year 2021) or during the Vision 20/20 joint conference in 2020. Chief Rogers advised that this would be a great opportunity to recognize those who are doing some great work in the fire life safety arena. Will be discussed in the upcoming Executive meeting.
- b. Chief Whim advised that the "We Care" project report will be next month.
- c. NEMA updates (Dan Finnegan) will be discussed next month.
- d. Vickie Pritchett reported on the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act and legislative issues. She also reported, that all the groups are working together to improve this process. There were audio issues and she will be sending information to the group.

- e. Howard Hopper reported that we did not identify the election committee results in the minutes from November. Chandler to insert such and redo the minutes and send back out for approval.
- f. Chandler working on bylaws signatures, will insert such by the end of the year and send back out. These are the minutes that were approved in August.
- g. No report this month on the NFPA 3000 at this time. To stay on the agenda for next month.

7. New Business

- a. Federal Register: Conforming the Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) will be sent back out.
- b. Reminder for IAFC Sections: February 1 is the deadline for us to send any changes to our bylaws, send them to Howard Hopper.
- c. We will need to identify a replacement of our Principal for the NFPA 101 Committee.

8. Staff Report

- a. Shirts arrived, will hold off shipping until the end of the holiday “shipping” season.

9. Roundtable

- a. Chief Ray Reynolds reported that he did an article for OnScene and the folks from Code 3 saw it and reached out to him. They did a podcast on that article talking about FLSS. Reynolds is going to Emmitsburg for grants review. He presented a Program on Community Risk Reduction at the Texas Fire Inspector Conference where he handed out 200 to 300 pamphlets on the CRR conference. Was recommended that Chief Reynolds provide above information to Chandler for inclusion in our WHAT Report.
- b. Discussion on this new meeting process. Chair wants to continue with the use of this technology since it has a lot of options for the future. Chandler to set up a practice session after the first of the year for all members experiencing difficulty connecting. Special kudos to Tom Roby (IAFC IT Manager) for his assistance.
 - i. Note: if Microsoft Meetings opens when you reboot your computer, in the Microsoft Teams page, click on small circle with your initials (or your photo) in the upper right corner. Click on that icon, then click on settings. It opens on “General” and to the right of that you will see “Application.” Uncheck those boxes under Application and then Meetings will only open when you request such.

10. Adjournment: 1435 hours

Respectfully submitted:

*Russ Chandler
Program Manager*