

Article III – Section Officers and Directors

Section 1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (officers) of the section shall consist of the section chair, vice chair, director-at-large, secretary/treasurer and international director. The section chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer and international director ~~Each officer~~ shall serve a term of office of two (2) years or until his/her successor is elected. The immediate past chair shall serve as an advisory member of the Executive Committee. See Article VI, Section 4 for eligibility requirements.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall comply with all eligibility requirements as set forth in Article VI, Section 4 of these bylaws and shall consist of:

- The section's five ~~e~~Executive Committee members.
- Six at-large members, one of whom may serve as the director-at-large.
- Four specialty representatives, and
- Up to four ex-officio advisors

A. ~~The section's five (4) Executive Committee members (officers), six (6) at-large members, and four (4) specialty representative members.~~ At-large members shall have a term of three (3) years with two (2) at-large members to be elected each year.

B. Specialty representatives shall consist of one (1) member from the education community, one (1) member from the engineering community, one (1) member from the public safety community, and one (1) member from a non-US fire safety organization, and shall be appointed ~~for a one-year term~~ by a majority vote of the board after the election at the annual business meeting, or at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting if suitable candidates are not identified at the annual business meeting. Specialty representatives shall serve until the next annual business meeting. These members shall be Regular, Associate or Affiliate members of the IAFC, members in good standing of the section, and shall have a vote on matters before the Board of Directors.

C. The Board of Directors may appoint up to three (3) four (4) ex-officio advisors, who offer specific expertise which would be helpful to assist the board with their work. Ex-officio advisors have a voice but no vote on matters before the board and shall be appointed for a one-year term by a majority vote of the board after the annual business meeting. There will be no section funding provided for ex-officio advisors unless extenuating circumstances permit it at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

D. A director-at-large can be appointed by a majority vote of the board after the election at the annual business meeting, or at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. The director-at-large shall be a currently elected at-large member of the section and shall serve in this position until the next annual business meeting. The appointment of a director-at-large shall not create an at-large member vacancy that is required to be filled in accordance with Section 3 (D).

Article IV – Duties of the Officers and Directors

Section 2. Duties of the Vice Chair

The vice chair shall:

A. Assume the duties of the chair in the absence or inability of the chair to perform his/her duties.

- B. Assist the chair in conducting the business of the section.
- C. Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Duties of the Director-at-large

The director-at-large shall:

- A. Assist the chair in conducting the business of the section.
- B. Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Article VI – Section Elections

Section 4. Eligibility for Election to Office

- A. The chair and vice chair shall be non-retired chief officers of a fire department who remains active in the mission and vision of the FLSS and are Regular members in good standing of the IAFC and the section throughout their term of office.
- B. The international director shall be a non-retired chief officer of a fire department and a Regular member of the IAFC and the section in good standing at the time of filing and upon installation. If the international director vacates his/her position as chief officer (through retirement or otherwise) he/she may continue to hold the position until the end of the elected term as provided for in Article III of the IAFC Constitution and Bylaws.
- C. The secretary/treasurer shall be a non-retired chief officer of a fire department who remains active in the mission and vision of the FLSS and is a Regular or Affiliate member in good standing of the IAFC and the section throughout their term of office. The FLSS elections committee shall have the authority and obligation to determine if a chief officer meets the eligibility requirement for remaining active in the mission and vision of the FLSS.
- D. No more than three (3) at-large members shall be elected from any single division of the IAFC. The at-large members shall be non-retired chief officers who remains active in the mission and vision of the FLSS and are Regular members in good standing of the IAFC and the section throughout their term in office, except as follows:
 - 1. A maximum of two Associate (industry) members who are members in good standing of the IAFC and the section throughout their term in office shall be allowed to serve as at-large members at any given time.
 - 2. A maximum of three Affiliate members who are members in good standing of the IAFC and the section throughout their term in office shall be allowed to serve as at-large members at any given time.
- ~~FE.~~ Regular, Associate and Affiliate members who are members of the IAFC and the section in good standing are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors as specialty members and in the positions of education, engineering and public safety and as ex-officio advisors.