



FLSS Board Meetings

April 17, 2019

Board Members:

Chief Andy King, Chair

Chief Greg Rogers, Vice Chair

Chief Michael O'Brian, International Director

Chief 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

Chief Ed Hadfield, At-Large Board Member

Chief 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

Guest: Chief Shawn Hansen, IDELP Representative

Chief Jo-Ann Lorber, EFO Section Representative

Staff: Russ Chandler, IAFC Staff, Program Manager

1. Approval of the March minutes

- a. **Motion:** Moved by Michehl and seconded by O'Brian to approve the March minutes. **Motion Carried.**

2. Report from the Chair (Andy King)

- a. Chair praised Chief Rogers and IAFC Staff for their success in putting on the CRRL Conference in Reno.
- b. Surveys are back from attendees for the conference, if you have not made recommendations or suggestions please do so, which will provide an improved conference in the future.
- c. Thanks again to Dan Finnegan and Siemens, for continuing to support the FLSS Annual Meeting by providing lunch. Meeting this year is on Friday, August 9th.
- d. Hopefully all travel reimbursements have been submitted, if not please do as soon as possible.
- e. We will be having an executive meeting soon. If you know of a topic you want covered please let Chief King know.
- f. Chair thanks Chief Lorber with EFO for being involved with our Board meetings.
- g. Chief Lorber invited the FLSS Board to the EFO reception (at FRI) that will be just before the Friday night festivities.
- h. Discussion on Chief Randy Metz's support from FLSS for the ICC Board position.
- i. **Motion:** Chief Reynolds moved to support Chief Metz for the At Large ICC Board position with the ICC elections, seconded by Chief Zubia. **Motion carried.** Wiese sustained from voting as per ICC rules.

3. Report from the Vice Chair (Greg Rogers)

- a. No Report

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

- a. Next IAFC Board meeting will be in May.
- b. Planning on bringing up the IAFC the Conflict of Interest policy at FRI to provide general education and to make sure IAFC policies are shared.
- c. Building Radio coverage position paper is vetted out. Once we have a completed document, Chief will prepare to take that forward to the IAFC Board.

- d. O'Brian will be EFO folks next week and they will be discussing the Tall Wood issue.
- e. He is traveling about once a week on IAFC/FLSS meetings.
- f. Hopes to see lots of support for Fire Sprinkler Week coming up in mid-May.
- g. O'Brian stated that he pledged that FLSS will be at the September NEMA meeting.
- h. Discussion on the potential dinner with the Alarm Association group, proposed Thursday night for a dinner at or around 1900 hours.

5. Report from Secretary/Treasurer (Stephen Hrustich)

- a. Did not receive the budget information from IAFC, as soon as it arrives, he will send out to the group. The 240 support hours for last year were exceed by 72 hours for about \$3,600. Hope it will come from the 2018 budget funds. Funds from last year were just over \$250K in carryover assets.
- b. Chandler added that expenditures will be listed in the Master sheet so all can see those costs. He will contact Fiscal folks to get updated budget info for next month.

6. Report on the ICC (Angie Wiese)

- a. The action hearings will be in a couple of weeks, April 28th. Will cover IRC, Energy Codes both residential and commercial, IBC structural. It will be a full two weeks of hearings. Fire Service Membership council will be April 27 and 28. Anyone in town is welcome to attend.
- b. ICC and Homebuilders report on the most common code violations in residential construction report is out and she will be reviewing.
- c. Chief O'Brian brought up that they need a Canadian representative on the Fire Service Membership Council. Deputy FM Michehl made suggestions and he will be reaching out to see if they can assist on this committee. Chief King will also reach out to Chief Sawyer as well.
- d. O'Brian asked Chandler if he could research getting a list of members that are from Canada and get it back to Board.
- e. Wiese advised that the Building Safety and Security Work Group has discussions on different topics. Their next task will be to break into groups to work this year and want outside groups and individuals to be involved. If you have an interest, please let her know. The info was put out in the ICC document.

7. Report on iDELP (Shawn Hanson)

- a. iDELP meeting coming up May 1 and 2 at VCOS West, will be doing a collaboration meeting with Women's Chiefs Council and will have more to report after that meeting.

8. Bylaws and Election (Howard Hopper)

- a. No report

9. EFO Update (Jo-Ann Lorber)

- a. No Report

10. Old Business

- a. Chief Reynolds discussed concerns with Tall Wood. Chief Chubb advised that we voice our specific questions and issues. Chief Reynolds felt that many of the questions asked have not been answered, he is looking for data and plans reference the concerns. Seeking feedback to FLSS Board concerns.
 - i. Chief Zubia sent list to Chandler who will distribute. Their next scheduled conference call will be April 30th. Requested that concerns and issues be passed on to the group. (Chandler sent out following the meeting)

11. New Business

- a. Emergency Responder Radio Communication Systems: Finnegan advised that the task group has been working on the paper, they are on revision 9. Copy went out to the FLSS Board. One member expressed his opposition, and another provided some good constructive suggestions. This is a hot topic right now. He

asked that we continue to work on this project. Finnegan wants to make sure we work through comments and keep working on this to make sure all bases are covered on regulations, code standpoint and most important a first responder safety standpoint. Finnegan encouraged additional comments and he will be working with King to move forward.

- i. Further discussion continued including concerns from Chief Chubb. Chief King made comment and thanked those working on this project.
- ii. This will be put on the agenda for next month
- b. Chief Hrustich reported on the International CRR Meeting will be held in September outside Birmingham UK, by invite only. Travel will be on each individual. Hope to turn this into an annual event, occurring opposite times from the symposium.
- c. Smoke Alarm Position paper still being worked on, will be meeting before next month. Chief King offered to include anyone else who may want to work on that project.
- d. Chief O'Brian is working on positions with the Canadian and Southwest Division
- e. Peg Paul reported on the Five Star Fire Safe Community program in IL to be expanded across country. Task Group members are Paul, Pritchett and Michehl. This program goes beyond the sprinkler ordinance.
 - i. The new 5-Star program will require a community to
 1. Adopt a model code or include residential fire sprinklers
 2. Adopt a code that requires smoke alarms, CO Detectors
 3. Achieving an optimum ISO rating possible for your community
 4. Implementing a successful CRR campaign
 5. ITM compliance, regular testing in your community
 - ii. FLSS would oversee this and will need a marketing plan. The next step is to develop a proposal that she will be sharing with the FLSS Board
- f. Marketing Materials: Chief King introduced this topic to provide some materials or items in future FLSS events, items for our booth. Chief O'Brian suggested we sell shirts or provide give-aways. King requested that Whim get with Chandler to come up with items for our booths. Marketing and Branding FLSS (Whim)

12. WHAT Report items (see list provided after this report, provide item and category from the list)

- a. Chief King encouraged board members to provide items for the WHAT report. Chandler asked that members provide an item number for items they want to attach. Items being added:
 - i. The 2019 CRR Leadership Conference (need figures to be added such as attendance, fiscal, etc.)
 - ii. The Lifetime Achievement to Jim Tidwell

13. Staff Report

- a. Need for articles for OnScene, deadlines provided in the Master sheet.

14. Roundtable and Adjournment

- a. Peg Paul mentioned Home Fire Sprinkler Award Week kicking off at NFPA Headquarters with several speakers. Last year more than 25 states and provinces in Canada participated. It will be May 22nd at 1000 hours. King suggested that Paul send out the link.
- b. Paul also praised Dan Finnegan for his media interviews. He did spots recently, and they were outstanding.
- c. Michehl asked if there is a way to send something as a gratitude to the ladies who worked at the CRRL conference. Suggested that we at least provide a certificate of appreciation. Chandler will send a template. Requested it be sent to King and Rogers.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 1519 hours

*Respectfully submitted,
Russ Chandler, FLSS Liaison*