

New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs
April 29, July 10, August 14, and September 18, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting
Teleconference Meetings

April 29, 2014

Members Present:

President Michael Varney

Chief Gerard Dio also attended the call.

1st VP William St. Michel

2nd VP Robert Spurr

Secretary/Treasurer John Wood

International Director

Roger Bradley, Not Present on Call

State Directors:

Steve Locke, VT

John Duross, ME Not Present on Call

Chris Christopoulos, NH

Tim McLaughlin, RI Not Present on Call

Kenneth Richards, CT

Charlie Doody,

Immediate Past President

Chief Ret. David Sayles, Not Present on call

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved.

President Report

President reported he could not attend the vendors meeting held the previous week because of other commitments.

Regional Mutual Aid plan should be completed by the June conference.

Committee Reports

Seminar-Chief Richards reviewed the conference seminars for June with the group.

Constitution and By-laws Chief Locke spoke about the issues associated with EFO section.

Bookstore/GPO Chief Christopoulos spoke about needing to do more marketing.

New Business

The Board agreed to purchase gifts for both Chief Stanley and Bradley.

Old Business

President Varney will work with Chief Stanley on the transition of setting up and breaking down the division booth in June. This will be Chief's Stanley's last year of doing the booth for the division. President Varney has requested to take it over.

Other

Chief Varney will be stepping down as Fire Chief after 14 years.

Chief St. Michel reported he sent a letter to NEAFC with the intent to run for second vice president from Maine. The NEAFC board rejected the letter of intent. Discussion took place regarding the ability of Chief St. Michel to be president of the division and second vice president of the association; more to follow this June.

July 10, 2014 Minutes

Present; Sec/Treasurer John Wood, President William St. Michel, First Vice President Robert Spurr, Second Vice President Steve Locke, Directors Chris Christopoulos, Kenneth Richards, John Duross, Michael Bucossi, Charles Doody. Immediate Past President Michael Varney, and International Director Chief Gerard Dio.

Not attending the call Tim McLaughlin

Meeting opened at 9:04 by President St. Michel.

Secretary Wood spoke about FRI; donations, hospitality room, lunch tickets.

Seminar

Chief Richards emailed three different programs to the board for discussion. Those were EMS issues, Vet's in trouble, and Keeping Firefighters from killing themselves.

The board discussed them all and decided to pursue the third Keeping Firefighters from killing themselves. The proposed dates would be April 29 or May 6, 2015, location to be determined. Chief Richards will contact John Norman for availability on those dates.

Joint conference issues were discussed, location, contract payment, programs.

August 14, 2014 FRI, Dallas

Informal meeting after luncheon meeting for those officers who could attend to discuss the 2015 seminar and the division's annual meeting. It was agreed to have the division annual meeting prior to the seminar in May of 2015, moving it from the June joint conference. This will give us more time at the June conference to do other business without interrupting business of the association. It was also agreed by the group to have the annual meeting and seminar in Maine the State of the current president, and to move in that direction for future years. The group also decided to have a conference call meeting of the board in September to discuss and finalize the plans.

September 18, 2014 Minutes

Present; President William St. Michel, First Vice President Robert Spurr, Second Vice President Steve Locke, Sec/Treasurer John Wood, Directors Chris Christopoulos, Kenneth Richards, Michael Bucossi, Charles Doody. Immediate Past President Michael Varney, and International Director Chief Gerard Dio.

Not attending the call Tim McLaughlin, , John Duross

The board discussed the seminar and annual meeting for May 2015. John Wood provided some background on hotel visits he made with President St. Michel, and Director John Duross. Also on the visits was the Portland and So. Portland Fire Chiefs, Chief Retired and former president of the IAFC Phil McGoldrick.

The board decided to have the format start on Tuesday with the annual meeting followed by a day and one half of seminars held May 5-7, 2015. After discussing the hotels and the risk associated with the finances there was a motion to host the program at the Double Tree because there was much less risk to the division. The motion passed. The other option was the Marriott at Sable Oaks which some felt would be a nicer place to host the event.

Treasurer Wood will work at putting some numbers together for the hotels and provide them to the board.

At a later date Treasurer Wood emailed the board a new proposal with considerable less risk at the Marriott at Sable Oaks. There was no opposition to changing the host hotel based on the financial risk to the division. A contract will be brought to the November 13, 2014 board meeting for discussion and approval.