

**New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs**

May 17, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting
Teleconference Meeting

Members Present:
President Steve Carrier
1st VP David Sayles
2nd VP Michael Varney
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

Guest: Fred Stanley
John Duross, ME

International Director
Roger Bradley

State Directors:
Steve Locke, VT
William St. Michel, ME
Chris Christopoulos, NH
George Farrell, RI
Kenneth Richards, CT
Robert Spurr, MA

Immediate Past President
Director Michael O'Neil

President Carrier started the meeting 08:00

Presentation to the Flag and Innovation

Maine Director William St. Michel introduced Chief John Duross who will become the next State Director from Maine.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted as printed.

Bookstore information and checks were given out. Discussions regarding the new process that was put in place by the Western Division took place. There were mixed opinions on whether a State would adopt or continue with the Bookstore based on the requirement's set forth.

Reported on Denver FRI information and meeting times.

Treasurer Report

Chief Locke made a motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills, seconded by Chief Spurr; motion passed. Board asked to receive a list of the renewals and quarterly reports for membership. Discussion about the division current and future budget took place with the treasurer explaining the need to consider expenses and future obligations.

Old Business

Chief David Sayles brought up what he believes maybe a disconnect with communications between the IAFC and the Division. This seems to be a continuing theme he suggested having a meeting in June with the IAFC president and others who will be attending the division conference to discuss communications between the division, States and the IAFC. The board agreed that a meeting should be scheduled and instructed the secretary to make the arrangements.

Executive Edge educational program was a great program. However, some attendees felt the cost was too much for this program. One way to reduce the cost is by increasing the number of attendees. Scholarships for this program were not well planned. Need a process in place before any other scholarship programs are awarded.

President Report

President Carrier submitted a written report which is attached to the minutes. There was a new process for work assignments at the annual conference. There was no discussion regarding this change prior to sending the emails out. It has caused some confusion with the board.

International Director's Report

Chief Roger Bradley submitted his report in writing which is attached to the minutes. Request that the board of director's minutes be forwarded to the NED board.

State Directors Reports

Each director submitted their report in writing which is attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Seminar committee is working on fall and/or winter program in Springfield and/or Maine.

New Business

Motion by Chief Chris Christopoulos seconded by Chief Robert Spurr to endorse Chief Tim Wall for VOCS board of directors, motion passed.

Exhibitors Committee

Membership drive took place during the June annual conference and the annual meeting was held during the conference.

Other

D-Block passed an organization committee is being formed to review and inform what the next steps need to be. CT is endorsing a candidate from their State to be on the committee. A motion was made by Chief Robert Spurr and seconded by Chief Michael Varney to support the CT candidate's endorsement. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 11:50