

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

February 7, 2013
Board of Directors Meeting
Springfield Sheraton

Members Present:
President David Sayles
2nd VP William St. Michel
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

Guest: Fred Stanley
Stuart Pearson

Not Present: Michael Varney

International Director
Roger Bradley

Exhibitor: Tom Simonelli

Chaplin
Rev. Gary Blume

State Directors:
Steve Locke, VT
John Duross, ME
Chris Christopoulos, NH
Timothy McLaughlin, RI
Kenneth Richards, CT
Robert Spurr, MA

Immediate Past President
Chief Steve Carrier

President Sayles called the meeting to order at 08:00

Presentation to the Flag and Innovation by Rev. Gary Blume

Secretary Report

Minutes of the December 6, 2013 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was presented to the board in writing. Motion to accept was made by Chief Chris Christopoulos and seconded by Chief Robert Spurr. Motion passed

President Report

The IAFC is having a strategic planning program January 18-19, 2013, and has invited President Sayles to attend. He reports that the session was productive and the focus was on moving forward with services for the members to include what those services should be. What will be the vision and voice for the fire service in the future was identified. He was of the opinion that the second day could have finished earlier.

President Sayles reported that the NEAFC meeting will be February 14, 2013. The group will meet with hotel staff and staff from the Big E to review and prepare for the upcoming conference. Chief Pearson explained the meeting will formulate the conference format.

International Director Report

Chief Roger Bradley submitted his report in writing see attached.

In addition, he spoke about the IAFC dues increase which will be administered in the next cycle. He also spoke about NFPA 1582 Standard on medical and fitness for new hires and current employees.

Officer Reports

2nd Vice President William St. Michel passed out membership information and reported that the IAFC will help recruit at the State Chiefs Conferences. He also reviewed the responsibility of his position as 2nd Vice President as the person over seeing recruitment for the division, but reminds all State Directors that it is their responsibility to perform the recruitment in their State.

Committee Reports

President Sayles has assigned the flags to RI State Director Tim McLaughlin to watch over and care for them.

Chief Ken Richards State Director from CT proposed a one day seminar performed in 3 different locations throughout New England. One in Springfield, MA one in Dover, NH, and one in Fairlee, VT. Instructor cost would be 700.00, with another 1,000.00 being donated in equal parts to Sandy Hook and Columbine. Sponsors have been contacted and have committed to help the program. Motion was made to accept the report and move forward with the plan with a student cost of 75.00 per person.

President Sayles has put Chief Richards in charge of collecting sponsors and there is an expectation that the State Directors will market this in each State and help with obtaining sponsors.

By-laws committee will meet in March.

Elections committee there won't be a contested race this year; only one candidate is running for 2nd Vice President of the IAFC.

State Directors Reports

See attachments

Chief Pearson question why the IMA funding for planning and meeting throughout New England was discontinued. He had received an email about this topic. Chief Bradley the International Director will look into this topic. Chief Pearson will forward the email he received to Chief Bradley.

Exhibitors Report

Break for lunch

Reopened meeting 12:50

Worked on the Division's Strategic Plan

Meeting adjourned 14:00

