

New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs
Conference calls May -February 19, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting/Conference Calls

Members Present:

President Kenneth Richards

1st VP John Duross

2nd VP Charles Doody

Secretary/Treasurer John Wood

State Directors:

Chief Michael Bucossi, VT

Chief Brian Rhodes

Chief James McLaughlin, RI

Chief Peter J Starkel, CT

Chief Keith Stark, MA

Reverend Gary Blume

Immediate Past President

Tim McLaughlin

International Director

Chief Chris Christopoulos

Meeting Called to order by President Ken Richards

Rev. Gary Blume (suspended for conference call).

These minutes are a brief summary of the conference calls the board had mainly to discuss the Annual meeting and Seminar and the Merger of the two New England Fire Chiefs Organizations.

Secretary Report

FRI Atlanta 2019

The Annual meeting and Seminar were discussed by the board. They decided to have President Richards and Secretary Wood investigate the possibility of having the event in Old Mystic, CT or Springfield, MA.

Conference Calls

After site reviews and discussion with hotel manager it was decided to hold the event in CT. President Richards took the lead on signing the contract and making the arrangements for the event. The dates were decided by the board on a conference call.

Sponsors for the event will need to be contacted by board members.

Treasurer Report

Motion made to accept the annual treasurer report and pay all bills. The board discussed the finances of the division and the need to work on getting sponsors for the annual meeting.

President Report

The board approved paying \$2,500.00 to the attorney, which is half the retainer for processing the merger between the two New England Fire Chiefs organizations. The board approved the recommended date of February 20, 2020, at the NH Fire Academy in Concord, NH for the vote by the membership. The Association is also having the vote of the membership immediately following the Division vote. It was agreed that both organizations memberships would meet together for the informational part of the merger process. The board discussed having a meeting of both boards following the merger vote to discuss moving forward with membership and transition.

Both boards should consider meeting again at the April Division meeting to discuss the transition, finances, and final merger date. Proposed to be no later than June 25, 2020 at the Association Expo in Worcester, MA.

See attached Merger Plan for Prior to and Post Merger Vote dated 1/7/2020.