

**New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.**  
**International Association of Fire Chiefs**  
**May 20, 2021, 08:30**  
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Ken Richards, Chuck Flynn, Steve Carrier, John Duross, Charles Doody, John Wood, Robert Bradley, RI., Robert Gowans, Chris Christopoulos, Peter J Starkel, CT., Kevin McAllister, VT., Darrell White, ME., Ken Jones, NH., Gary Blume, Dick Martino, Charles Chaconas

Members Not Present: Thomas Higgins, ME Steve Locke, Michael Bucossi, VT., Keith Stark, MA.

President Duross called the meeting to order at 08:30. Explained the meeting was to discuss the Annual Meeting and Seminar with Golf June 23-26, 2021.

Rev. Gary Blume gave prayer to open the meeting.

John Wood spoke about the sponsorships received with the corporate sponsorship from AT&T. Then went through the agenda and format for the programs. The agenda, format, and sponsors were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

In addition, he spoke about hotel and conference registrations for FRI in Charlotte, NC. Secretary will send out a link for board members to register for hotel rooms in the Westin Hotel. The Board had already decided not to have a luncheon meeting and there will be a limited networking room. The secretary emailed the link to everyone for the hotel and conference registrations. The IAFC will provide hotel rooms for the secretary (5 nights) and president for (4 nights). A decision would need to be made as to which one of the two incoming presidents would get the IAFC hotel room. The two presidents would be at the time of FRI in July Chief Charles Doody and Robert Gowans.

Chief Flynn who would be one of the outgoing presidents mentioned his room and expenses would be provided by VCOS.

Chiefs Flynn made a motion to have the Division pay the expenses for the other president Chief Doody to attend FRI, the motion was seconded by Chief Richards. During discussion Chief Doody and Duross reported that they had funds to pay for the expenses to attend FRI. Chief Gowans reported he could pay for his conference registration. The IAFC would provide the hotel room (4 nights) and Division would pay all other expenses for Chief Gowans. Chief Jones suggested the Division pay for the immediate past presidents to attend FRI as well, and made an amendment to the motion. Chiefs Flynn and Richards accepted the suggested friendly amendment as part of the original motion. In total there are 2 immediate past presidents attending FRI, Chief Flynn and Duross

expenses being paid by VCOS and department funds, and two current presidents attending FRI, Chiefs Doody and Gowans one expenses paid for by department funds and the other by IAFC and Division. The motion passed

President Duross called for the next meeting to be June 10, 2021 at 08:30, President Flynn to send out the Zoom invitation.

Dick Martino provided the closing pray.

Meeting adjourned 09:18