

Great Lakes Division –IAFC
Minutes of the October 18, 2005 Board Meeting
Peoria, Illinois

The annual board meeting of the GLD Board of Directors was held at the Pere' Marquette Hotel, Peoria, IL in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Association annual fall meeting.

I. Call to Order

President Kenn Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:40 am with the following members present: Vice President Hank Clemmensen, IAFC Director Larry Grorud, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Hutchings, State Representatives Paul Klapprich-MN, Dale Duermit-OH, Timm Schabbel-IN, William Schmidt-MI, and Jeff Stauber-WI.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

President Taylor asked if there were any additions to the agenda he had provided each member electronically. Hearing none the agenda was accepted as presented.

III. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

There were no minutes taken at the August 10 meeting as there was just a general discussion of the upcoming annual meeting and plans for Forum '06. There were no motions to consider. Brian Lott recorded the minutes of the August 11 annual meeting of the membership and they have not been received as yet.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer Report

A. Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported that the membership of the GLD at the end of the 3rd quarter numbered 2223. The by state breakdown is: IL-604, IN-194, MI-371, MN-175, OH-605, WI-246 with 28 retirees in other states. We now have 1897 dues paying members and 2087 voting members

B. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer provided copies of the 10/08/05 balance sheet for review. Hutchings stated that although some accounts are over budget, others are under and at this time we are in good financial condition and should finish the year well within, and possibly below, actual budget. Duermit moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Schabbel. Motion approved.

V. Old Business

A. FRI Denver: Board members expressed concern that many of our members who had confirmed reservations at the Westin were turned away and sent to other hotels. There was also concern that our original block of rooms that had been requested was reduced and GLD members were turned away from the Westin early in the registration process. There also was concern expressed about the shortened conference schedule and the overall cost to attendees for a limited educational program. The divisions' breakfast schedule was also discussed and it was the unanimous opinion of the board that the breakfast was too early in the day and should not be held on the first day of the conference. It was decided that the GLD Board meeting next year in Dallas would be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday September 13th.

B. Forum 2006 Update: Clemmensen reported that Motorola will provide a meeting room for our board on April 11th, a meeting room for the Forum April 12-13, all meals on site, speakers from Motorola and a tour of the museum and the system staging area. We will have to provide for a weary travelers

hospitality room on the evening of the 11th and a reception and dinner on the evening of the 12th. He is currently negotiating with Embassy Suites for room rates. We have asked for 60 rooms with a 30 day release. It was suggested that we request Motorola to address "breaking technology". It also was suggested that if possible we have the reception and dinner at the Embassy Suites. This would be the most convenient. We also need to have promotional material ready for the next Trumpet. A deadline for submitting articles for the fall Trumpet was established as November 10th. It was discussed that we need to determine a topic for the Forum. "Breaking Technologies" was suggested and favored by the board. Also discussed was outside speakers and the possibility of a speaker at the dinner. No decisions were made.

- C. Legislative Directory: Schabbel reported that he would send a CD of the directory to board members to review for current accuracy. Duermit reported that Jim Whitworth, who supplies our federal legislative information, was stepping down from this position to pursue another project for the OFCA. Mike Werner will be filling this vacancy. Duermit suggested we request Werner to continue to provide this service for the GLD. Duermit will make the request. After additional discussion Duermit made the motion that we invite the legislative representative from each state to attend Forum '06 and complete their registration. Second by Schmidt. The motion was approved. President Taylor requested the GLD State Rep's provide him with the names of the legislative rep's from each state.
- D. Fire GPO Daily Dispatch: Hutchings reported the Western Division was ready and eager to provide a GLD edition of the Daily Dispatch. What we need to do now is for the state organizations to come on board. After considerable discussion it was decided the secretary should provide the GLD roster to the Western Division and the GLD state rep's would provide the "go to person" in their state organizations for Jeff Griffin to contact and explain the program and provide assurance of the privacy of the mailing lists. As a membership tool it is important we attempt to provide this service to every chief encompassed in our division.
- E. Illinois State Representative: Clemmensen reported Jeff Macko of the Cary Fire Protection District has been appointed by the IFCA to serve as the Illinois State Representative.

VI. New Business

- A. Proposed 2006 GLD Budget: Treasurer Hutchings presented a 2006 budget that included \$63,425.00 of expenses and \$60,145.00 of income. After extended discussion of the budget by line items and the suggestion we as a division may have to support our representative on the Task Force for National Mutual Aid, the board agreed to increase account # 114.2 from \$250.00 to \$1000.00. Schmidt moved to accept the 2006 budget with \$60,145.00 in income and \$64,175.00 in expenses. Second by Klapprich. Motion approved.
- B. FRI Dallas:
No additional discussion
- C. Policy on Candidate Endorsement:
Due to some confusion that arose at the recent Annual Meeting of the Membership concerning candidate endorsement, the Board discussed what or if we should make changes to our present policy. Discussion included: Should the GLD Board be responsible for providing candidate information? How do we direct the membership to not endorse more than one candidate. Consideration of candidates' endorsements should be added to the agenda. It was decided that Duermit would amend our Election Policy and submit it for board approval.

D. IAFC Leadership Summit:

President Taylor stated he will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment. He asked Past President Schabbel to attend in his place accompanied by Vice President Clemmensen. The summit will be held November 4&5, 2005.

E. National Mutual Aid:

The president has submitted the names of Jay Reardon, IL and John Prurer, OH as our representatives on this task force.

VII. Good of the Order

Clemmensen reported that he just received a message that the Embassy Suites would be able to provide a hospitality room and dinner for the Forum. Hutchings asked that the board members submit expense reimbursements for this meeting. The Board approved room expense, travel expenses and 3 days per diem.

Schmidt asked Grorud for clarification on the IAFC switch to Gem Magazine from Fire Chief Magazine. Grorud stated the contract with Fire Chief Magazine was due to expire and re-negotiations were not favorable, so the IAFC went to bid for a partner to do a trade publication for the IAFC. GEM came back with the best package and term of contract. Fire Chief would not improve their offer. Schmidt also requested that board members provide him with information as to how their states fund the fire service at the state level.

Duermit asked that we determine what state conference we will attend as a board. After considerable discussion as to what state was next and the conflicting dates with FRI , Duermit moved that the GLD Board attend the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Fire Chiefs June 22-25, 2006 in Green Bay, WI. Second by Klapprich. Motion carried.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next GLD Board meeting will be held at Motorola on April 11, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hutchings, Secretary/Treasurer
Great Lakes Division IAFC