

GREAT LAKES DIVISION/IAFC
Minutes of April 11, 2006 Board Meeting
Schaumburg, Illinois

I. Call to Order

The spring board meeting of the Great Lakes Division (GLD) was held on April 11, 2006 at the Motorola Campus. The board meeting was held in conjunction with Forum '06. President Kenn Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM CDT. The following board members were present: IAFC Director Larry Grorud, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Hutchings, State Representatives, Dale Duermit-OH, Paul Klapprich-MN, Bill Schmidt-MI, Timm Schabbel-IN and Jeff Stauber-WI. Vice President Hank Clemmensen will join the meeting later as he is presently on his way to pick up IAFC President Bill Killen at the airport. President Taylor introduced the new state representative from Illinois, Chief Jeff Macko. Jeff is from Cary, IL which is about 25 miles NW of Schaumburg. He has been in the fire service for about 30 years. The president also introduced Gioa Albi, Director of IAFC Member Services and Scott Skeldon, President of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. All of the state presidents have been invited to join us for lunch and a round table discussion this afternoon.

II. Acceptance /Additions to the Agenda

President Taylor asked for any additions to the agenda he had provided. Duermit stated he would like to discuss the GLD luncheon scheduled for FRI. This will come up under new business. Hearing nothing additional the agenda was accepted as distributed.

III. Acceptance of minutes of October 18, 2005 meeting.

President Taylor asked for a motion on the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting that had been provided to the board electronically. Duermit moved to accept the minutes of the 10/18/05 board meeting as written. Second by Schabbel. Motion carried.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- A. Membership: Hutchings reported that the GLD membership at the close of 2005 was 2225 which includes IL-601, IN-194, MI-368, MN-178, OH-612 and WI-246. We also have 26 retirees living out of our area. The above number includes 1902 dues paying members, 2068 voting members and 31 temporary members.
- B. Financial: Hutchings reported that while some accounts were over or under budget we finished the year well within budget with income of \$63,842.79 and expenses of \$59,368.99 leaving a balance of \$21,933.34 in checking and \$58,504.03 in the money market account for a net gain of \$4,473.80 for the year 2005. To date we have had expenses of \$2751.60 for the Fire GPO and income of \$3604.49 through the first quarter of 2006. We are within budget, for 2006, with income of \$11,042.52 and expenses of \$4873.99. Most of the income from Forum '06 is in and none of the expenses have been paid to date. It looks as though we will break even for Forum '06, if all goes well. Motion by Schmidt to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Second by Grorud. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

- A. Forum '06: Defer discussion until Clemmensen joins the meeting.
- B. Fire GPO: President Taylor informed us that there was considerable discussion by the attendees at the recent Fire Leadership Conference in Fairfax regarding the Fire GPO. The Southeast Division has indicated by letter that it will not renew their contract with Fire GPO when it expires at the end of the year unless the situation improves. The GLD has taken the same position. After extensive discussion about the Fire GPO it was decided we (1) Keep the same position about the GPO we have at this time. (2) Inquire as to a more prominent display of Division news on the "Daily Dispatch". (3) Attempt to use the "Daily Dispatch" blast e-mail for information distribution to our Division. (4) Continue to support our representative to the Fire GPO Board and review progress at our next meeting.

- C. C. National Fire Service Mutual Aid Task Force: The GLD committee on this topic has been meeting by teleconference. Chief Reardon, chairman of the GLD committee and Chiefs Killen and Harmes are expected to discuss this at Forum '06 on Thursday.
- D. D. GLD Candidate Election's Policy: There was considerable discussion about this recently modified policy. It was decided Duermit would re-work the policy to include that a candidate for election must have his paperwork filed with the IAFC before being allowed to speak at a GLD function.

At this time (10:45 A.M.) Vice President Clemmensen and IAFC President Killen joined the meeting.

- A. Forum Update: Clemmensen reported the program was set for Wednesday and Thursday. Motorola will provide transportation from the hotel to the campus and back.

President Taylor welcomed IAFC President Killen who thanked us for our invitation to join in this meeting. He also reviewed the accomplishments of the IAFC and some future plans to make use of the abilities of "past" IAFC presidents. He also discussed the IAFC involvement in the National Mutual Aid Program and our progress in working with the folks on Capitol Hill.

Old Business (continued)

- E. SCBA Inter-operability Position Statement: The president distributed copies of the re-worked policy. While we all agreed that inter-operability is important to the fire service we do have concerns about the costs to individual departments. Duermit moved that we accept the policy as presented. Second by Grorud. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

- A. FRI Dallas: The Westin will be the headquarters for the GLD again this year. There was much discussion about the shortage of rooms for our Division in Denver and hopes this will not happen again this year.
- B. Division Luncheon – Dallas: The luncheon will be 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Thursday. Exact times will be determined. Menu is undetermined at this time.
- C. IAFC Leadership Orientation: Clemmensen reported the leadership conference was a very worthwhile time. It was an opportunity to meet staff and be informed as to what is going on at the IAFC. There also was ample opportunity for one on one communications with other division leaders. Both Taylor and Clemmensen urge the IAFC to make this an annual affair. It was also reported that the IAFC could host our web site and possibility print our newsletters. Grorud suggested that each of our board members accept greater responsibility in keeping our web site up to date.
- D. Western Division Resolution: The resolution is to change IAFC billings to departments to include more than one member, thus eliminating multiple billings to each department. No action has been taken at this time.
- E. IAFC Job I and Job II: IAFC President Killen stated that Job I was a staff directive to get as many people on the exhibit floor as possible at FRI. Job II is to increase membership for the IAFC, appealing to both departments that do not have the chief as a member and departments that could register additional officers. There followed additional discussion about possibilities to increase memberships.

The time being 12:10 P.M. the meeting adjourned for lunch.

President Taylor called the meeting back to order at 1:05 P.M.

Expense reimbursements were approved for one night hotel expense and one day per diem to attend the board meeting.

At this time, 1:20 P.M., President Taylor convened the presidents' round table discussion and excused Secretary Hutchings from the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ret. Chief Ron Hutchings, Secretary/Treasurer GLD IAFC