

GREAT LAKES DIVISION OF THE IAFC



IFAC-GLD Board Meeting

November 19, 2008

Present: Chief Clemmensen, Chief Zikmund, Chief Taylor, Chief Roemer, Chief Mund, Chief Kluck, Chief DeLoach, Chief Skeldon, Chief Schabbel, Chief Macko

1. Meeting called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chief Clemmensen
2. Motion to approve agenda by Chief Skeldon, seconded by Chief Kluck.
3. Minutes – The minutes for the August 13th Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting on August 14th were presented. Motion by Chief Mund to approve, seconded by Chief Kluck.
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Chief Roemer presented the year to date financial report to the Board. There was discussion regarding investments and annual funding. Chief Taylor recommended short term investments until the audit is completed. There was an extensive discussion regarding the economy and how it is affecting membership. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Chief Kluck, seconded by Chief DeLoach. Chief Mund requested that financial reports be sent out quarterly to the Board.

Audit – Schenk Financial Solutions is currently conducting the audit. Chief Roemer anticipates that this will be completed by the end of the year.

E-Trumpet – Chief Roemer reported that he is waiting for the results of this board meeting, especially as it relates to the GLD Bookstore to send out this quarters E-Trumpet.

5. Director's Report – Chief Taylor reported that the IAFC Board met on October 30th. The IAFC will have a budget shortfall in 2009 and are mandating cuts for next year. There are also expectations that due to travel constraints the Dallas FRI will be low in attendance and may end up in the red. There will be many things cut unless there are sponsors for the events. There will be changes in the presidential reception and many of the other activities.

Motion by Chief Zikmund to advise Director Taylor to advocate protection of IAFC staff compensations and benefits, seconded by Chief DeLoach. Motion carried.

Chief Taylor also reported that a motion was passed on volunteerism. The Board also received a presentation from the Wildland Fire Group on a new program and the deputy director of FEMA. The Board is also working on charters for all committees.

6. Vice-President's Report – Chief Zikmund discussed the GLD clothing. We can put as much of their catalog as we want on the web page. We will get a quarterly check for \$3 per item. We will advertise on our web site and E-Trumpet. Access will be through the Great Lakes web site.

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Chief Zikmund discussed his potential trip to Australian Institute of Police Management (Fire). He is requesting the GLD Board co-sponsor his trip.

Motion by Chief DeLoach to sponsor Chief Zikmund to be a visiting fellow for an amount not to exceed \$3,000, seconded by Chief Kluck. Motion carried. Chief Zikmund abstained.

Chief Zikmund distributed information on Health Care Savings Plan and the potential benefits with volunteers and the LOSAP programs. Chief Zikmund is requesting that the GLD Board take this on as a legislative initiative. Federal law would have to be changed to direct the IRS to allow exceptions for Volunteer Firefighters to submit individual selections for the program.

Motion by Chief Macko to direct Chief Zikmund to pursue action on the changes needed in legislation to allow exceptions for Volunteer Firefighters to submit individual selections for the program, seconded by Chief Mund. Motion carried.

Book Store – Chief Zikmund discussed the differences between JDP and the Western Book Stores and their programs. This discussion reviewed all of the pros and cons from both book stores.

Motion by Chief DeLoach, seconded by Chief Roemer to move forward with an agreement with the Western Division for a GLD book store. Motion carried.

7. President's report – Chief Clemmensen discussed the new IAFC Task Force called "Embracing Economic Challenge Task Force" and that information will be on the IAFC web site soon.

Chief Clemmensen discusses the recent IAFC Israel trip and some of the EMS and fire ideas that came out of the visit.

Chief Clemmensen has signed up for the Labor Management conference in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The Board then took a tour of the Chicago Fire Academy at 1:10 p.m.

The Board resumed meeting at 3:30 p.m.

8. Old Business

GPO – Chief Mund stated that he would like to find a state rep from each state to keep information out on the GPO and monitor progress. This person would also act as a GLD liaison for the GPO. Names should be provided to Chief Mund.

There was also a discussion regarding the IAFC's involvement in the GPO.

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The Board suggested giving a percentage of the GPO money, with the request that they use the money to support the IAFC and Great Lakes Division. Motion by Chief Taylor to give the State Associations 50% of the funds that the division receives from the GPO, based on each of the states quarterly sales. The motion was seconded by Chief Schabbel. A letter should be written to each of the Chief Association by Chief Clemmensen. These programs will start January 1, 2009.

The new GPO agreement is now finalized. We should receive a copy within the next few days. There is also a new logo and will be sending out the links to their site.

9. New Business

CFSI – The Board decided to attend CFSI in 2009. Chief Roemer will schedule the rooms for the board members. There will also be a board meeting at IAFC headquarters on Friday morning. The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer should attend the dinner. Three tickets will be purchased. Invite the state presidents to CFSI for the president's round table.

2009 Haz-Mat Conference – May 2, 3, 2009 in Northbrook. Not all board members will attend the Haz-Mat conference.

2009 IAFC 2nd Vice-President – Motion by Chief Clemmensen, seconded by Chief Kluck to provide GLD Board support for Chief Al Gillespie. Motion carried.

2010 IAFC 2ND Vice-President Candidate Chief Hank Clemmensen - Chief Clemmensen will be asking for support and endorsement at the annual meeting. Motion by Chief Macko and seconded by Chief Skeldon to give GLD Board support to Chief Clemmensen. Motion carried.

Policies on the web site – Chief Roemer will send a copy of all of the board policies to Chief Schabbel for the web site.

FRI 2009 Dallas – There has been some discussion at the IAFC Board level to combine party rooms. We are considering going with drink tickets and a hotel bartender. There was also discussion of going to two nights rather than three. Chief Roemer reported that he has confirmed the request for 200 rooms at the Hotel Anatole.

10. Good of the Order – Chief Taylor explained that he will be taking a position as Battalion Chief on his department. He asked the Board to make a decision regarding his Director position on the board. Motion made by Chief Clemmensen, seconded by Chief Skeldon that Chief Taylor continues to complete his term as director. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding GLD collector coins for CFSI to give out to the legislators. Motion made Chief DeLoach, seconded by Chief Kluck to research coins that could be given out. Motion carried. Chief DeLoach and Chief Skeldon will do the research.

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Chief Skeldon and Chief Roemer will complete the sponsorship letters and send out draft copies to the board members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07p.m.