

Great Lakes Division

April 27, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes Washington DC 0900 to 1700

1. Call meeting to order – Chief Zikmund called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Chief Zikmund requested that everyone give a little background on themselves for the new member present.
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Chief Skeldon, seconded by Chief Taylor. Approved.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financial Statements – Distributed by Chief Roemer. Motion to approve by Chief Kluck, seconded by Chief Schabbel. Motion carried.
 - b. Payment of Bills
 - c. Reports
 - i. Presidents - Chief Zikmund – Nothing additional
 - ii. Vice Presidents – Chief Peterson – Nothing additional
 - iii. GPO – Chief Mund reported on the personnel changes in the GPO. He also reported on the web site redesign. Sprint is the largest income source in the GPO.
4. Reports
 - a. Secretary/Treasurer Report – Chief Roemer reported on the membership status – 5% decline for 2009 in the Great Lakes. Chief Roemer also reviewed information on FRI 2009 and discussed the hotel choices for 2010. Chief Kluck made a motion to have the secretary do a site visit in Atlanta and return with hotel recommendations. Chief Skeldon seconded the motion and the motion passed.
 - b. Director Report – Chief Taylor reported on appreciative the IAFC staff was in regards to the staff appreciation lunch that the Great Lakes Board provided. Chief Taylor also reported on the progress Chief Johnson has made on policies and processes that committees are using, including their reporting system. He discussed the position papers on sprinklers and light weight truss. He also reported that the IAFC administration met for 8 hours with the Obama administration. There was a discussion on how well the ESCI contract is working. Chief Taylor also reviewed the current membership situation and the IAFC is down about 1000 from last year.

5. Old Business

- a. Investment Policy – Chief Roemer recommended to the Board that a specific amount of dollars should be invested on a monthly basis. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Taylor to invest \$500 a month in our investment account. Motion carried.
- b. NFA Scholarship – Letter sent to Onieal and copied to board. Chief Zikmund sent a follow-up letter and has not received a response back yet.
- c. Honor Guard – Update – Chief Zikmund gave an update from Chief Prillaman. Chief Roemer reported that the Heroes Challenge of Green Bay games have moved forward with planning. Dates have been set for July 30, 31 and August 1, 2011. – Chief Roemer will meet with Chief Prillaman
- d. Update Board Policies – Motion by Chief Mund, seconded by Chief Skeldon to approve the revised GLD Policy. Motion carried.
- e. Blue Card/Hazard Zone Management – Chief Zikmund stated that the standard for this is Hazard Zone ICS for NIMS type 4/5 Incidents that was sent to IFSAC for certification of the standard. The next step will be to set up the testing process. States should submit their training costs, up to \$1000, to Chief Roemer for reimbursement after this month's training. Chief Schabbel reported that 2 people from every GLD state will be attending this training. A request to assist Clay Township with providing lunch for the participants. A motion by Chief Skeldon, seconded by Chief Peterson to pick up the \$500 lunch cost for this training session. Motion approved.

6. New Business

Get Fired Up Over Scouting – Chief Schabbel reported on a request for the IAFC-GLD to support the concept of “Get Fired Up Over Scouting” campaign. Chief Taylor will contact the IAFC Director in regards to getting time for the scouts to present at FRI. Chief Mund made a motion to support the “Get Fired Up Over Scouting” campaign, seconded by chief Kluck. Motion carried.

- b. FRI – Chief Zikmund discussed the day that the board should arrive in Chicago. The decision was made to have the Board meeting on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the GLD hospitality room. The Board Members rooms will be covered for 4 nights. Hospitality room will be held on Wednesday and Thursday night, from 5 – 7 p.m. Chief Roemer will send an invoice out to all of the States.

7. Good of the Order – Chief Holland reported to the board that he has been able to set up a meeting with the ICMA President and Executive Director, who is Chief Holland's Administrator, and Executive Director Light and President Johnson. The two Associations have not met for several years and have disagreements, especially as it relates to staffing.

Chief Zikmund discussed the topics from the strategic planning session. The E-trumpet was discussed. Chief Roemer was directed to talk to the Daily dispatch personnel about ways to provide information better than the E-Trumpet. Chief Roemer was also directed to get a proposal from IAFC on hosting the web site.

There was also a discussion on ways to be more involved with all of the State Chief's Associations. The Board also discussed the idea of an Executive Director position. Chief Roemer was directed to review the options with a sales manager for his CVB and set up a meeting with the Western Division Director at FRI on Monday or Tuesday night. Chief Skeldon will also look into booth and display information.

Strategic planning budget issues were also reviewed and Chief Zikmund asked the board to think about what they would like for cash flows and budget as it relates to scholarships and sponsoring.

Chief Schabbel reported that Indiana's Governor is trying to change local government dramatically.

Chief Skeldon reported that Ohio State Chiefs is having its 100th anniversary. He also reviewed who needs to be sworn in this year at the conference.

Chief Holland reported that Michigan's unemployment rate is at 17%. There is lack of funding in the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Chief Kluck reported that Wisconsin's vocational tech system recently converted to the certified and entry level officer program. The Department of Commerce is not replacing fire coordinators and taking money away from the 2% dues. A collapse rescue training center has been set up at Volk Field.

Chief Mund reported that Minnesota is studying joint PSAP consolidation between multiple counties. There is also movement to facilitate fire department mergers and consolidations.

8. Adjourn – Chief Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Kluck. Motion carried.