

Great Lakes Division-IAFC

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, DC, April 24, 2012

In Conjunction with 24th Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute

1. Call to Order for the Great Lakes Division (GLD) Board of Directors by President Peterson at 1:00 PM April 24, 2012, present were Zikmund, Baus, D. Peterson, Esbensen, Schuldt, Skeldon, and Holland, absent was Schabbel.
2. **Approval of Minutes** previous meeting: Motion Schuldt to accept and file, Second by Skeldon, passed unanimously.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer Report**, Holland, A) Checking account balance as of 4/23/2012 \$13,420.90. As of 4/23/12 investment holdings were valued at \$55,016.44. An investment holdings report was presented depicting asset name along with a portfolio snapshot reflecting beginning value plus investment and benchmark information. Investment activity remains with KeyStone Financial Group, Inc. B) A standard Profit & Loss report (Jan 1-April 23, 2012), Balance Sheet report (same period), and Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual report (same period) were presented. C) A declining membership report (IAFC data) was presented representing total membership of 1,930 members which is a decline of 1.3%. D) The per diem for this meeting is \$66.00 per day. E) Motion by Zikmund second by Kluck to accept financial report and up to \$10,000.00 to be taken from financial investment portfolio to assist in stabilizing division financial condition, motion passed unanimously.
4. **President's Report**, J. Peterson, A) The continuing verbal attack upon the fire service by the ICMA was discussed along with the Gassaway-Kline response/rebuttal report to the ICMA public safety presentation. Kluck requested the IAFC rebuttal to the ICMA position be posted on the GLD website (supported by all present).
5. **Vice President Report**, Baus, no report.
6. **Indiana State Director's Report**, Schabbel, no report.
7. **Illinois State Director's Report**, Schuldt, A) Illinois Chiefs Symposium will be held in Peoria, IL, B) The IRS has issued ruling concerning firefighter's meals/uniforms being taxable income and requires financial tracking and reporting. Taxable guidelines have been published by the IRS.
8. **Minnesota State Director's Report**, Esbensen, A) Minnesota annual Fire Chiefs Meeting will be in Duluth, MN October 18-20, 2012 B) Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be dedicated September 20, 2012 at 2:00 pm on the grounds of the state capital, C) Local jurisdiction option sprinkler prohibition was discussed along with no fireworks guidelines being issued by the state, fireworks operating permits are not required and local ordinances cannot apply/override State of Minnesota guidelines for fireworks.
9. **Ohio State Director's Report**, Skeldon, A) Ohio is target state for implementation of Federal Highway Project for safety education seminars regarding a traffic incident management system.

10. **Michigan State Director's Report**, D. Peterson, A) Michigan Summer Conference will be held at Boyne Mountain, MI August 24-25, 2012, B) No operating rules or regulations/guidelines have been established by the state legislature as it pertains to new legislation for fireworks. C) New State Fire Marshal is Rich Miller, D) Combining public safety public safety agencies (fire and police) continues to be an item for concern throughout Michigan and a number of municipalities/townships are resorting to some form of combined services due to state economic conditions.
11. **Wisconsin State Director's Report**, Kluck, A) Wisconsin Annual Fire Chief's Meeting will be June 21-24, 2012 at Kalahari Resort, The Dells, WI, B) Regionalized Emergency Management Teams are being established across the state, B) State changing retirement age for state employees from 53 to 62, firefighters have been exempted. Baus reported; C) Legislation has been enacted regarding individuals 'Impersonating Firefighters,' and D) Legislation has been enacted for punishment for reporting Malicious False Alarms.
12. **IAFC Director's Report**, Zikmund, A) Abernathy and Henderson have left their respective positions with the IAFC, B) Annual IAFC operating budget is down from \$9.369 M to \$9.0 M, C) The current mega issue with the IAFC Board of Directors is term limits for board members, motion Kluck second Skeldon to accept Director's Report, motion passed unanimously.
13. **Old Business**, A) Motion by Schuldt second by Kluck to approve/accept GLD Policies as rewritten and issued to board via email, motion passed unanimously, B) Motion by Zikmund second by Skeldon to endorse John DeHooge as Second Vice President for the IAFC, C) Annual audit process and outcome was explained by Baus as conducted by Audit Committee Baus, Kluck, Schuldt, motion by Kluck second by Esbensen to accept audit committee report, motion passed unanimously.
14. **New Business**, A) Recommendation by Esbensen to establish on-line access for QuickBooks, all present agreed. B) General discussion of on-going need to tighten financial belt regarding expenditures, led by Skeldon, Esbensen, Kluck, no action taken. C) A lengthy discussion took place regarding division financial condition and need to raise additional revenue, motion by Zikmund second by Kluck to authorize Secretary-Treasurer to approach vendors and other financial sources for donations and any new funds raised would be split between the GLD and Secretary-Treasurer. Only new funds raised between April 24, 2012 and August 2012 would be considered under this arrangement. Motion passed unanimously.
15. **Presentation by First Vice President Clemenson**, A) A brief presentation of weeks activities at FRI for IAFC Board of Directors, B) IAFC annual audit was clean with no exceptions, C) Federal Highway Safety Project (FHSP) to educate two million emergency personnel regarding a traffic incident management system is now available, D) Ohio is a target state for the Federal Highway Safety Project training program, E) Chief Clemenson is taking the concern for the ICMA on-going verbal attack against the fire service to the IAFC Board of Directors.
16. **Skeldon**, discussion of booth giveaways at FRI to include division poker chips. Chips to cost \$1.10 each and an initial setup fee of \$40.00. Other promotional items were discussed with no action being taken.
17. **Meeting was adjourned** by J. Peterson at 5:10 PM 4/24/2012.