



Great Lakes Division (GLD)-IAFC

Minutes

Board of Directors (BOD)

Teleconference Meeting, September 24, 2013

1. **Call to Order** by **President Baus** at 9:01 AM (CST).
2. **Present** were Zikmund, Peterson, Skeldon, Kluck, Esbensen, Schabbel, and Holland.
3. Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting of August 14, 2013 were not available for approval.
4. **Secretary-Treasurer Report, Holland**, 1) Dues payment from IAFC was received for the months of July and August 2013 in the amount of \$4,640.00 and deposited. 2) Checking account balance as of September 24, 2013 is \$24,632.03. 3) Credit Card Statement was received representing a balance due of \$27,669.67 with \$27,661.10 directly relating to FRI 2013. Past practice has been to pay the credit card billing as soon as it is received. 4) Holland recommended paying \$19,000.00 toward the credit card balance and that the BOD authorize a cash withdrawal from the Financial Investment Holdings Account managed through Lynn Berry Financial Services, Neenah, WI. As soon as investment funds are received the credit card balance of \$8,669.67 will be paid. This is the same action taken by the BOD in 2012 to offset anticipated expenses related to FRI. This transaction also recognizes that dues revenues do not offset major expenditures in a timely manner. 5) Discussion included recommendation by Peterson to analyze financial budget projections and actual expenditures in relation to FRI 2013 expense and to request a detailed statement from IAFC for Annual Business Meeting luncheon. Detail is to include cost per meal. After discussion **Motion** by Peterson **Second** by Shabbel to instruct Lynn Berry Financial Services to sell unspecified investments equal to the amount of \$10,000.00 and forward said cash to the GLD. **Motion** passed unanimously.
5. **Director's Report, Zikmund**, 1) Chief Metcalf is continuing to form a committee to evaluate the impact of the Affordable Health Care Act on the nation's fire service.
6. **President's Report, Baus**, 1) Chief Jim Grady is reappointed as GLD Representative on the IAFC Constitution and Bylaws Committee. 2) Regarding the Endorsement Resolution discussed during the Annual Membership Meeting in Chicago, John Rukavina has recommended the GLD create a resolution, this is the best option for member endorsement of candidates for an office rather than change the bylaws. This approach would allow the division more latitude in the endorsement process and creating necessary changes. President Baus recommended that an e-

vote be conducted rather than wait until the Annual Membership Meeting. It was also pointed out that more members would be able to vote in the e-vote process and that a cover letter explaining this approach be created that all members might be better informed in their vote. The BOD will be included in creating the cover letter. No action taken. 3) The names of five individuals/companies have been submitted for mailing the Executive Director (ED) RFP. Chief John Schuldt has notified the GLD that the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association will be submitting his name for GLD consideration for the ED position. It is noted that the revised RFP is requesting that all interested parties submit their documentation electronically so it would be easier to distribute information to the BOD. 4) The BOD meeting preliminarily scheduled for February 2014 would only be necessary if candidates for the ED position are to be interviewed face-to-face. 5) Chief John Schuldt has stated he would be willing to stay as GLD Representative to the GPO. President Baus suggested that a soft search be conducted to find a replacement for Chief Schuldt. Peterson recommended that Chief Schuldt remain in the position as he is actively seeking a fire chief's position and that he has performed well in representing the GLD. Skeldon agreed with Peterson in stating he supported the active chief approach for filling positions, however, Chief Schuldt had been responsible in representing the GLD and that the system is not broken and doesn't need fixing. President Baus stated he would notify Chief Schuldt that he would continue as GPO Representative on behalf of the GLD.

7. **Vice President Report, Sink**, No Report.
8. **Illinois Report**, No Report.
9. **Ohio Report, Skeldon**, 1) Ohio Fire Chiefs Association office has moved and can be contacted at 450 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 101, Worthington, OH 43085, (800) 347-3704, (614) 410-6324.
10. **Indiana Report, Shabbel**, 1) Indiana Governor Mike Pence has appointed John H. Hill Executive Director for Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Director Hill was formerly with the U.S. Department of Transportation. 2) Indiana is reevaluating Task Force Response teams and response areas. 3) The State of Indiana is moving closer to creating a statewide fire training academy.
11. **Michigan Report, Peterson**, 1) The State of Michigan is addressing a number of areas of legislation; however, Michigan is basically status quo in regards to statewide fire service.
12. **Minnesota Report, Esbensen**, 1) The Minnesota Firefighter Memorial dedication will occur on Sunday September 29, 2013 and President Baus has agreed to attend the ceremony to represent the GLD. 2) Esbensen recommended that the GLD send flowers to any LODD within the GLD and made a **Motion** to that effect, **Second** by Peterson, **Motion** passed unanimously.
13. **Old Business**, None.
14. **New Business**, None.
15. **Meeting Adjourned 10:00 AM** September 24, 2013.

Meeting Minutes Recorded and Certified by:

E. Dean Holland, Secretary-Treasurer

