

New England Division International Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Director Meeting
May 3 2001
Springfield, MA

Members Present:

President Richard McDonough
1st VP Michael Lajoie
2nd VP Nick Russo
Sec/Treasurer John Wood
Inter. Director Roger Bradley
State Vice Presidents
Timothy Wall, CT
Clayton Baker, ME
Gerald Bessette, RI
William Weston, VT
Jack Parow, MA
David Sylvaria, RI, Immediate Past President

Exhibitors:

Judy Marshall

Guest:

Fred Stanley

President McDonough called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:50

Pledge to the flag. Chief Lajoie gave invocation.

Secretary Report

Chief Wood presented the written minutes of the previous meeting. Chief Russo moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chief Wall. Motion passed
Chief Wood reported that he attended the annual secretaries meeting at headquarters. Topics discussed were whether you had to be a five-bugle chief to serve on the IAFC Board of Directors. Responsibilities of the state vice presidents of each division. How the director and secretary responsibilities should work with the division and the state chiefs association.

Treasurer Report

Chief Wood distributed the treasurer's annual report showing that the checking account had a balance of \$15,420.86 and that the two CD's and the money market account had a combined value of \$36,253.86 as of 4/30/01 making the total cash available at \$51,674.72. A more detailed account of the records are attached. Motion was made by Chief Russo and seconded by Chief Baker to pay all bills and to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

International Directors Report Chief Bradley

The 2000 auditor's report indicated that everything looks good. They recommended that the director of finance sign the monthly bank statements and that there should be two signatures on checks greater than \$10,000.00. There is a committee working on an implementation plan for NFPA 1710. Chief Russo is the representative from the NED. The question of should an active five-bugle chief officer serve on the IAFC Board of Directors, or hold any position on the board was discussed. Motion made

by Chief Jack Parow seconded by Chief Nick Russo that an active five-bugle chief serve on the board of directors of the IAFC. Motion Passed

State Vice Presidents Reports

Chief Wall attended Chief Dave Jorsey's retirement party. CT Fire Academy held its first one-week fire school. CT Fire Academy offered to host a division meeting.

Chief Baker, Maine Fire Chiefs and fire service training are working together on a seminar for the Executive Skills Workshops throughout the year.

Chief Parow, Chief Hobart Boswell, Jr. is the new president of the MA Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Cormier years of service and plaque need to be presented. Union members pushed for a meeting with the congressmen from his district. Jack was invited and spoke about the Fire Act Bill. There is a need to get the congressmen from New Hampshire on board to support the bill and moving to 300 million. Chief Parow attended a meeting in Boston with the FBI on Weapons of Mass Destruction. They want to open up a line of communications with the fire service.

Chief Bessette spoke of replacing the out going vice president and that he volunteered to fill the position when it opened. He reported that the RI Fire Chiefs are working with their congressmen on the Fire Act Bill. They are working with Representative Kennedy to help with the state fire academy. They have 20 plus acres to build on and they are asking for 4 million to fund the project.

Report of Committees

Conference committee-Chief McDonough reported everything is going fine with the up coming conference. Judy Marshall reported that the parade committee has earned \$1500.00.

Education Committee-A motion was made by Chief Lajoie and seconded by Chief Baker that all attendees for seminars must be paid in full before attending. Method of payment can be check, purchase order, cash. Motion Passed

Unfinished Business

Chief Bradley wanted to know what position the division would take on issues that the IAFC would support. Would you want to take a position on a particular issue before the IAFC board votes to support or not to support an issue. Discussion took place regarding would there be time to bring back to the division and the states these issues before the board voted on them.

New Business

Chief Bradley reported that Chief Landry would be retiring and leaving the NED board. The NHFCA is requesting that anyone interested in the position contact them.

Next meeting will be the annual meeting in June. Adjourned 14:30

Respectfully Submitted,
John G Wood Jr