

New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs
November 3, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting

Members Present:

President Steve Locke

1st VP Chris Christopoulos

2nd VP Tim McLaughlin

Secretary/Treasurer John Wood

Not Present; Chief Ken Richards

Guest; Michael Varney, 1st Net

International Director

Chief Steve Locke

State Directors:

Chief Michael Bucossi, VT

Chief John Duross, ME

Chief Steve Achilles, NH

Chief James McLaughlin, RI

Chief Kenneth Richards, CT

Chief Charlie Doody, MA

Immediate Past President

Chief Robert Spurr

Meeting Called to order by President Locke at 08:30.

Rev. Gary Blume gave invocation and pledge to the flag.

Mike Varney gave a brief update on 1st Net who is a government entity charged with building a public safety network with more reliable and priority communications capability.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the previous annual meeting minute's where approved and accepted by the board.

The board set the date for the annual meeting and seminars for March 23-24, 2017, at NFPA using the Boston Quincy Marriott Hotel for housing. The cost to attend the seminars with meals will be \$75.00 for one day, and \$100.00 for two days.

Sponsors for the event will need to be contacted by board members. The board agreed that any State Fire Chiefs Association that took a gold sponsorship would be allowed to send one of their members free. Chief Doody and Richards will work on providing speakers for the event.

Treasurer Report

Motion made to accept the treasurer report and pay all bills. The board discussed the finances of the division. The board discussed the last time the dues increased, which was approximately 1996. Concerns about the trend that chiefs and fire officers are not attending seminars and conferences at the same rate. Reducing the amount of income generated by attendees. The board has cut expenses by reducing face to face quarterly meetings and paying their own expenses when attending division meeting and seminars. The board supports taking a proposal to the annual meeting to increase the annual due from \$25.00 to \$35.00, allowing the membership a vote on the increase.

President Report

President Locke appointed Shaw Toomey, Concord, NH to the ICC Code Action Committee.

International Director Report

Discussion regarding the Division Sub-Group committee meetings and what the expected results will be (see attached report).

The board voted not to support the Division Sub-Group recommended MOU at this time indicating it needs additional work.

By-Laws Committee report Chief Charlie Doody attended a meeting at FRI in San Antonio, TX. The committee reviewed and clean-up some of the by-laws language.

GPO report Chief Chris Christopoulos spoke about the trucks that can now be purchased through this process, which have already met the competitive bid process.

Elections Committee report Chief Robert Spurr spoke about the change in the voting process.

New Business

Maine Fire Chiefs Association will be hosting their annual conference March 29-31, 2017, at Sunday River, Bristol, Maine.