

**New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs**

February 3, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting
Teleconference Meeting

Members Present:

President Michael O'Neil
1st VP Steve Carrier, (Not Present)
2nd VP David Sayles
Sec/Treasurer John Wood

International Director
Roger Bradley

State Directors:

Steve Locke, VT
William St. Michel, ME
Chris Christopoulos, NH
George Farrell, RI (Not Present)
Michael Varney, CT
David Jarden, MA

Immediate Past President
Gerard Dio, MA

IAFC President Jack Parow

President O'Neil started the meeting at 9:45. This meeting was canceled do to a snow storm, therefore a conference call was planned to deal with pressing issues.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the November 4, 2010 board meeting approved.
Letter received from William Metcalf asking the board to support him for second vice president of the IAFC. Motion made by Chief Sayles seconded by Chief Varney to support; motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Chief Sayles motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills, seconded by Chief St. Michel; motion passed.

State Directors Reports

Each of the State Directors provided information about the legislative issues each of their States was dealing with. Which included reducing bargaining rights, rescinding building and fire prevention codes, and promoting each State to participate in CFSI. Chief O'Neil was appointed by the governor to be the Emergency Management Director for Department Public Safety.

Chief David Jarden announced he was retiring April 1, 2010 and would be stepping down from the Board of Director for MA; he is recommending the chief from Avon, MA. This will be discussed and voted on at the MAFC next meeting.

IAFC President Jack Parow reported the IAFC budget is doing well and will finish in the black, which includes a 4% pay increase for the staff.

The IAFC supports the ICC and NFPA codes; this was a controversial issue.

Federal legislation that continues to need our support; D-block communication for emergency services, Safer and Fire Act grants.

Chief St. Michel reported that ICC code council is changing which will give more input into the code development.

Chief Sayles reported that the IAFC By-laws committee will be meeting in Fairfax, VA next month. Life membership will be one of the topics discussed. Chief Sayles made a motion, seconded by Chief Locke to pay expenses for the President and Secretary to attend CSFI in Washington; motion passed.

Chief Locke made a motion to pay the expenses for the primary representative to attend the VCOS program and provide a report, seconded by Chief Varney; motion passed. Chief Ken Morton is the primary representative.

Exhibitors Report

Tom Simonelli read a letter from the association that was sent to the NEAFC board regarding their dislike with the way the joint meeting is being handled.

Teleconference ended at 11:45