

**Minutes**  
**Western Fire Chiefs Association**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2008**  
**Anchorage Marriott Downtown**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Wilson, President                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Wendelsdorf, Idaho State Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Aleshire, Vice President                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Winn, Montana State Vice President                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Perry, International Director              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Madden, Nevada State Vice President      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Johnson, Past President                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul LeSage, Oregon State Vice President                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Cummings, Alaska State Vice President   | <input type="checkbox"/> John Evans, Utah State Vice President                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Critchley, Arizona State Vice President    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Broman, Washington State Vice President  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Williams, California State Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Weigand, NCSA Chair                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manuel Neves, Hawaii State Vice President      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Griffin, Executive Director             |

Staff and guests in attendance: Crosby Grindle, Kay Johnson, Samantha Simpson and Ray Bizal (NFPA). Roll Call taken – quorum established.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Doug Williams, seconded by Manny Neves to approve the April 17, 2008 Minutes. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. WFCA Year-to-Date – Kay Johnson reviewed the financials. She reported that royalties are on track and that the Daily Dispatch had another record month. Kay stated that IAFC dues are current and indicated that Bookstore revenues have been distributed to the States. **Motioned by Warren Cummings, seconded by Mark Wendelsdorf to accept the financials as presented; motion carried.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Wildland Working Group – Ed Wilson presented the draft resolution (08-1 – Support for Wildland Fire Suppression and Collaborative Working Efforts in the Ten Western States) to the Board for review and input. He then deferred to Mark Wendelsdorf to provide the Board with specific issues regarding wildland fires. Following Mark's input, Ed Wilson indicated that IAFC has a Wildland Policy Committee and our WFCA appointee is Bob Roper from Ventura, California. Upon further discussion, it was determined that the importance of wildland fire issues in our Division need to be elevated. Jim Broman asked to take the resolution back for review and propose amendments or rewording if necessary at the next meeting. Ed Wilson requested that Jim assist in developing a strategic plan goal and specific objectives to meet that goal since this issue is unique to the Western Division geography. **Motioned by Joe Perry, seconded by Mark Wendelsdorf to adopt Resolution 08-1 – Support for Wildland Fire Suppression and Collaborative Working Efforts in the Ten Western States.**
- B. WFCA Endorsement for MATCH Act 2007 – House Resolution 1759 is a national issue and was presented for WFCA's endorsement and subsequent request for IAFC's endorsement. **Motioned by Doug Williams, seconded by Joe Perry to adopt Resolution (08-2) – Support for House Resolution 1759, Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2007.**
- C. Group Purchasing Organization – Crosby addressed the following items as they relate to GPO:
- 1) Increased revenue – record checks distributed each quarter to Divisions
  - 2) Increased efforts in "peer to peer" dissemination of GPO message – need to bolster support
  - 3) Revenue shareback with IAFC – future growth revenue – Division's endorsement of proposal
  - 4) Logo changes and suggestions – addition of GPO logo to state websites – product feature on Daily Dispatch
  - 5) Creating a DVD training tool – provide a GPO step-by-step process - Train the Trainer CD/DVD
  - 6) Available resources/studio for producing media (Portland, Tualatin Valley, and Spokane)

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2009 IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Candidate Al Gillespie – Ed Wilson advised the Board that Al Gillespie has contacted the Western Division seeking endorsement for his campaign and will be given time at the President's Forum to present. The Washington Chiefs' Association has endorsed Chief Gillespie. The other candidate running in 2009 is Carl Smith.
  - B. CTI Fully Involved Marketing – Jim Critchley reported on meeting with Rob and Michelle of CTI. Jim indicated that CTI requested increased marketing on the product and are looking to the states to adopt this training program for credentialing. The product is available, but has not yet made a substantial market impact. The next evolution (Phase II) of the product would be an online training program with an added HR training segment and could include sponsor ad placement in the training sessions. CTI has asked that product articles be added to state association websites and/or newsletters for more saturation.
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Ed Wilson indicated receipt of a letter from Lakewood Fire Department and their efforts to overturn a tax law. WFCA will refer this issue back to the Washington Chiefs' Association. Ed reported on attending the California Legislative Day and stated that he will travel to Denver to attend the IAFC Division Task Force Meeting.
  7. **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Joe Perry reported that President Westermann will attend the President's Forum tomorrow and will make a presentation on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The IAFC dignitaries will be here to visit and participate in the process.
  8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Jeff Griffin thanked the Board for their decision regarding 403B and stated the positive impact that it will have on staff. Jeff reminded the Board to make their room reservations for FRI in August. He discussed past WFCA partnership in sponsoring the FRI presidential incoming and outgoing hospitality rooms and asked for a Board decision on how to address future sponsorship. Action - Staff will determine past costs associated with the "room hosting" and will provide the information. The Board will then determine an amount to contribute.
  9. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Jim Broman announced recognition of Mark Wendelsdorf's acceptance into the Harvard Program.
  10. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** – due to time constraints few reports were given.
    - VICE PRESIDENT – Absent.
    - PAST PRESIDENT – No report.
    - ALASKA – Warren Cummings stated that Presumptive Coverage passed.
    - ARIZONA – No report.
    - CALIFORNIA – No report.
    - IDAHO – No report.
    - MONTANA – Absent.
    - WASHINGTON – No report.
    - HAWAII – No report.
    - NCSA CHAIR – Jim Weigand reported that the new NCSA courses will be delivered in Las Vegas next month and that a membership drive is underway. NCSA is still working on retooling and changing a few courses.
  12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned. Next meeting (teleconference) scheduled for **June 26, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes recorded/submitted by:  
Samantha Simpson, WFCA Administrative Staff