

Minutes
Western Fire Chiefs Association
Thursday, June 25, 2009
Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Aleshire, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Wendelsdorf, Idaho State Vice President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Critchley, Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Brett Waters, Montana State Vice President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Perry, International Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Douglas Stevens, Nevada State Vice President |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Evans, Utah State Vice President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Adams, 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 type="checkbox"/> Jim Weigand, NCSA Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Silva, Hawaii State Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Griffin, Executive Director |

Staff and guests in attendance: Manny Neves (for Chief Silva), Jessica Heintz and Samantha Simpson. Roll Call taken – quorum established.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Doug Williams, seconded by Jim Critchley to approve the May 28, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. WFCA Year-to-Date – Jessica Heintz reviewed the financial reports and indicated that the Fire Service Bookstore has distributed \$52,000.00 in royalties and the second quarter checks will be mailed out mid-July. The office rent has increased from \$1200 per month to \$1600 per month. Jessica specifically addressed payroll expenses and advised that two staff positions had been cut. Gary Aleshire advised that he and Jim Critchley will be in the Salem office in July for a mid-year budget review. **Motioned by Mark Wendelsdorf, seconded by Paul Adams to approve the financials. Motion carried.**
- B. NCSA 2nd Quarter Profit & Loss- Jessica reviewed the NCSA 2nd Quarter Profit and Loss statement and stated that we have received two checks in the last two months totaling \$3,000.00.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan Goal #2 – Jim Broman stated that he is optimistic about the process and will work with staff on the logistics of adding components to the website. He anticipates having additional information at the July meeting. Jim also advised of his conversations with Chris from the Arizona Chiefs regarding leadership courses offered by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The IACP appears open to partnering and are looking to promote the leadership training on a larger scale and have developed courses with good content on general leadership principles. Jim stated that this potentially fits in with WFCA's Professional Development goal and would be an opportunity to expand exposure to the course at least in the Western states and give us an immediate product deliverable in the area of leadership. Paul Adams mentioned considering tailoring the program to leadership in Public Safety organizations. The program could potentially be marketed to both Police and Fire Chiefs along with other leadership. The IACP expressed interest in meeting to discuss the program and see if the Western Division would be a viable avenue to use to help facilitate it. Gary Aleshire asked that an initial meeting be arranged during the Arizona Chiefs Conference. Paul Adams will schedule a meeting with WFCA representatives and the IACP Program Coordinator. Jim Broman would like to encourage this and see a simple program proposal in writing for the Board to review. Jim also stated that if anyone was interested in viewing the program further, they should visit the website at www.theiacp.org/Training and "click" on CPL which includes the curriculum. This issue will be addressed further at FRI.
- B. Ready, Set, Go Resolution – Chief Williams indicated that he has reviewed the draft Resolution for Ready, Set, Go program with Chief Roper, it is consistent and he recommended it for approval. **Motioned by Joe Perry, seconded by Jim Broman to adopt Resolution 09-02 – Ready, Set Go. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.**
- C. NCSA Listing Service Proposal – Discussion of this item was postponed.
- D. FRI State VP Reports – Samantha requested that State VP reports be submitted no later than July 31st.

- E. Residential Sprinkler Resolution & Position Statement – Joe Perry indicated that the Resolution and Position Statements provided are to update the Western's position in support of adoption of ordinances at the state and local level for residential sprinklers. Joe indicated that Ray Bizal helped with input and editing. Joe believes them to be sound documents and asked the board to consider adopting them. **Motioned by Doug Williams, seconded by Paul Adams to adopt Resolution 09-03 support for adoption of codes and ordinances for installation of fire sprinkler systems. Roll call vote taken and motion passed unanimously. Motioned by Paul Adams, seconded by Joe Perry to approve the Fire Sprinkler Position Statement.** Gary Aleshire requested that the newly adopted resolutions and position statement be posted to the WFCA website and distributed as an Emerging Issue.
- F. MABAS – Jim Critchley advised that he is looking forward to attending the meeting and staff confirmed the dates.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2009 FRI Booth Schedule – Staff reviewed the booth schedule and asked that Board members attending FRI please select a time that would work with their schedule to serve in the booth.
 - B. President Forum 2010– Staff advised that Chief Olivera is working with the Hawaii hotels and negotiating room rates and will be able to provide additional information by the July Board meeting. Currently there appear to be no conflicts with the last two weeks of March and the first week of April. The Board was asked to advise if they notice any conflicts with those dates.
 - C. Correspondence re ICC Code Process – Joe Perry indicated that the letter (addressed to ICC) has been circulating and Joe asked if Doug Williams could clarify its meaning. Doug Williams stated that he believes they are looking at ways to shorten the duration of the hearings and one of the options offered would be to separate the code development process into two different groups. Doug is not sure of the best approach, but indicated that it would not hurt to voice concerns. Joe Perry stated that he expects the Fire and Life Safety Section will take a position on it from an International standpoint at FRI. Joe Perry recommended waiting and adding it to our FRI meeting Agenda.
 - D. Policy Statement – recognition gifts for elected officials – Staff advised that no written policies have been developed -- but thought Jeff Griffin's intention was to ask the Board to consider adopting a policy to recognize elected officials for their contributions. A draft policy statement will be provided at the next board meeting for consideration.
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Gary Aleshire stated that he attended the IAFC EMS Conference and there should be information forthcoming from the IAFC about Safety and Staffing.
7. **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Joe Perry advised that he had hoped the minutes from the IAFC Strategic Positioning Meeting in Fairfax would be out – unfortunately, they have not yet been finalized. The IAFC is working on the FIRE and SAFER grants. The IAFC recently attended a Labor Management meeting in Florida with IAFF to talk about CPAT and a few additional items.
8. **STAFF REPORT** -- Nothing to report.
9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Absent – attending Metro Chiefs Meeting.
10. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

VICE PRESIDENT – Jim Critchley is looking forward to the July meeting and locally he is working through budgets and a public safety initiative.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Absent – attending Metro Chiefs Meeting.

ALASKA – Warren Cummings – reported a cigarette fatality of a 70-year old woman. He brings this up for awareness because the cigarette was purchased on a military base and there is no requirement for post exchanges to sell self-extinguishing cigarettes. He asked if this could be brought to the Internationals attention to address the military side of selling self-extinguishing cigarettes. He also referenced another fire involving a self-extinguishing cigarette where the individual neglected his lit cigarette in anticipation that it would just "go out". Warren asked that we be diligent in looking at getting the military to start selling self-extinguishing cigarettes and not let our guard down on cigarettes that are self-extinguishing because they can still cause fires. Joe Perry advised that we send something to the IAFC and ask Mark Light to contact the Department of Defense. Gary asked that Joe and Warren draft something to be presented to the IAFC for consideration. He would like to remind everyone that the Alaska Joint Conference is in Anchorage on **September 21-26th** and registration is available on the Alaska Chiefs website.

ARIZONA – Paul Adams reported that the Arizona Chiefs Conference is **July 28 through August 1st**. He also addressed Congresswoman Kirkpatrick 's introduction of HR 2759 which would eliminate the matching requirement for

the 2008 SAFER grants. That legislation has been currently assigned to the Committee for Science and Technology. Congresswoman Kirkpatrick is attempting to find co-sponsors and indicated that she has talked with the IAFC and IAFF. Paul has directed her to CFSI to see about getting support.

CALIFORNIA – Doug Williams indicated that he had nothing to report.

HAWAII – Manny Neves (for Ken Silva) reminded everyone of the Hawaii Fire Chiefs Annual Conference in **November 19th-22nd** hosted on the Big Island by Chief Oliveira.

IDAHO – Mark Wendelsdorf stated he had no report at this time.

MONTANA – Brett Waters – absent.

NEVADA – Douglas Stevens – absent.

OREGON – Paul LeSage – absent – helping with an assessment center for North Las Vegas Fire.

UTAH – John Evans stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

WASHINGTON – Jim Broman also had nothing to report.

NCSA CHAIR – Jim Weigand absent.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for **July 23, 2009, 1:30 p.m. PST.**

Minutes recorded/submitted by:

Samantha Simpson, WFCA Administrative Staff