

**Minutes**  
**Western Fire Chiefs Association**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2008**  
**Teleconference**

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 and Carl Smith. Roll Call taken – quorum established.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motioned by Doug Williams, seconded by Mark Wendelsdorf to approve the May 7, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- A. WFCA Year-to-Date – Kay Johnson reviewed the financial reports provided to the Board. Motioned by Gary Aleshire, seconded by Jim Critchley to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. FRI Presidential Sponsorship – President Wilson reviewed the history of past support. The Board was asked to consider an amount of \$2,000 for incoming and \$1,000 for outgoing President. Motioned by Paul LeSage and seconded by Jim Critchley to contribute a total of \$3,000.00. Motion carried.
- B. 2009 IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Endorsement - Al Gillespie – Motioned by Gary Aleshire, seconded by Jim Madden to endorse Al Gillespie for 2009 IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Motion carried. A \$1,000.00 contribution will be made to his campaign.
- C. NCSA Membership Drive – Jim Weigand reported that NCSA is promoting their training classes to the nation and asked that Chapter membership be encouraged statewide. NCSA continues to participate with NFPA and the International Fire Marshals' Association and is transitioning from a code development group to a training group. The first of the new courses have hit the market and the Board is looking forward to a positive outcome. NCSA is tracking the needs related to code adoption and attempting to address them. As a result of training revenue, the Board will extend the business decision deadline to December, 2008.
- D. Strategic Plan Update - Ed Wilson reviewed a few of the specific task assignments with the Board. A task sheet and a copy of the current strategic plan will be distributed to the Board.
- E. FRGPO Division Agreements - Crosby addressed the new "universal" Division Agreements for the GPO program. He is attempting to unify and strengthen the agreement in the areas of marketing and the Division responsibilities in promoting the program. A draft agreement has been distributed to all Divisions for their review and input.
- F. FRGPO Logo – Crosby indicated that the logo has been changed to clarify the GPO and what it stands for. The image remains the same and Division logos can be included on the left. Crosby recommends that we proceed with the logo and be aware of the fact that at times we may see our WFCA logo on some vendor products. The Board likes the logo. Motioned by Warren Cummings, seconded by Jim Broman to adopt the new GPO logo. Motioned carried.
- G. Sprint/Nextel Promotion – Crosby stated that the Sprint/Nextel contract provides the vast majority of our GPO revenue. He would like to send a cover letter of introduction on WFCA letterhead that supports the contract and program with Sprint. Historically, the GPO program has allowed use of the mailing lists from all Divisions for promotion of the program and would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2009 IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Endorsement – Carl Smith – Carl introduced himself and provided the Board with a brief background of his fire service career and service on various boards and committees. He asked for WFCA's endorsement and would like to have the opportunity to meet and address our membership at the Division luncheon. He has the Eastern Division and the Southwestern Division endorsement. His website is [www.chiefcarlsmith.com](http://www.chiefcarlsmith.com).
- B. FRI Planning – Ed Wilson discussed sharing the lunch with the Southwestern Division and asked that annual reports be submitted by July 20<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up list will be sent out to the Board for booth coverage at FRI.
- C. WFCA Campaign Fund Policy - Kay Johnson reviewed the proposed policy and indicated that this is a Western Division member benefit and only offered to Western-endorsed candidates. **Motioned by Jim Broman, seconded by Joe Perry to adopt the WFCA Campaign Fund Policy. Motion carried.**
- D. NCSA Training Brochure - Jim Weigand indicated that the brochure was distributed in Las Vegas and that it details available class offerings.
- E. IAFC Focus Group Request - Ed Wilson asked if anyone on the board had an interest in participating in the focus group at FRI. Gary Aleshire indicated that he would be interested in serving on the focus group.
- F. Assembly Bill 2288 – (not on the agenda) – Joe Perry stated that the NCSA Board voted to support AB2288 in the State of California to require that sprinkler installers be certified by the State Fire Marshal's office. Several organizations are supporting this measure and Joe is seeking Board approval to support this position. **Motioned by Jim Critchley, seconded by Jim Madden to formally support AB2288. Motioned carried.**

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Ed reported that he is still participating on the Division Task Force Committee and anticipates that a Task Force report will be given at FRI. He reminded the Board of the application deadline for the US Fire Administration's Deputy Fire Administrator position. He announced his decision to step away from Board service and that FRI would be his last meeting. If anyone is interested in running for the Board position – please let Ed know before the July Board teleconference.

7. **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Joe Perry reminded everyone of Safety Health and Survival Week and asked that they pass the reminder on to their departments. Joe indicated that he received an update from Mark Light regarding the Public Safety Benefits Program. He provided the following June statistics: 146 approvals, 92 denials, 39 pending, 12 approved under appeal and two denied. He will forward a copy of the email to the Board and asked that it be shared. The IAFC is partnering with the National Bio-Diesel Forum to develop training materials on the risks associated with Bio-Diesel plants. Joe will be attending the Washington Chiefs' meeting and will give a presentation on behalf of the IAFC.

8. **STAFF REPORT** – Jeff Griffin discussed the issue of limited office space and that a possible solution would be to locate the Bookstore to a separate location. He informed the Board that the Fire Service Library grant was rejected and that the Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association will be applying for the SAFER Act Grant to assist in building the Library. The Southwest Division has asked about a management contract; staff will do some research and advise the Board. Crosby added that he will be attending the Washington Fire Chiefs Association Conference.

## 9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Gary indicated that he appreciated the support for his dad's surgery and was sorry he was unable to attend the President's Forum. He would like to applaud Joe's and Jim's commitment to NCSA.

**PAST PRESIDENT** – Jeff Johnson reported on the issues facing the Public Safety Broadband Trust. The D Block auction failed to get the minimum bid of \$1.3 billion. The FCC opened a Notice of Rule Making and took comments on the changes needed. Jeff indicated that WFCA has filed comments consistent with IAFC and the International Association of Police Chiefs and other public entities. APCO is focusing on the governance of the Board. He indicated that progress is being made on the ADA issue and data has been collected for the response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making which closes in August. The focus of the issues is on the private living quarters of a fire station.

**ALASKA** – Warren Cummings – hopes everyone enjoyed Alaska at the Forum.

**ARIZONA** – Jim Critchley reported that the Annual Conference will be in Glendale the last week in July.

**CALIFORNIA** – Doug Williams reported on the fires currently burning in California.

**HAWAII** – Absent.

**IDAHO** – Mark Wendelsdorf stated that Idaho is starting to hit 100-degree temperatures.

**MONTANA** – Absent.

**NEVADA** – Jim Madden reported on the Nevada Fire Chiefs business meeting held in conjunction with the Nevada State Firefighters Association's annual training conference. The Nevada Chiefs talked about moving forward with the Fire Safer Cigarette Legislation. Their Legislature meets every other year.

**OREGON** – Paul thanked everyone for their response on the ISO issue. He continues to work on it – he contacted ISO and they are planning for September 1 as the deadline for receiving input on the rewrite of the fire service rating schedule. He will prepare a draft prior to the meeting in Denver.

**UTAH** – Absent.

**WASHINGTON** – Conference starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, in Wenatchee.

**NCSA CHAIR** - Jim Weigand thanked the Board for the invitation to the President's Forum.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for **July 24, 2008, 1:30 p.m. PDST.**

Minutes recorded/submitted by:

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