

Minutes
Western Fire Chiefs Association
Thursday, July 24, 2008
Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Wilson, President | <input 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Doug Williams, California State Vice President | <input 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 and Samantha Simpson. Roll Call taken – quorum established.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Gary Aleshire, seconded by Paul LeSage to approve the June 26, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. WFCA Year-to-Date – Kay Johnson reviewed the financial reports provided to the Board. Motioned by John Evans, seconded by Warren Cummings to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FRI Planning – Samantha reviewed the Board and booth schedule and asked for Board members to sign up for coverage.
- B. Strategic Plan – Staff reported that the Strategic Plan tasks/assignments have been submitted and is working on the updates.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WFCA Board Candidates – President Wilson reminded the Board that he will not be running again. Gary Aleshire indicated that he has the support and endorsement of the Washington Fire Chiefs' Association for his campaign for WFCA President. Ed Wilson stated that Jim Critchley is willing to run for Vice President. Ballots will be prepared for the vote at the annual meeting. President Wilson will make the election announcement.
- B. ICC Board Endorsement Request for Lawrence Rude – Gary Aleshire indicated that Chief Rude is seeking endorsement from the Washington Fire Chiefs' Association and the Western Fire Chiefs' Association for his campaign for ICC Board of Directors (September 2008). Motioned by Gary Aleshire, seconded by Warren Cummings to endorse Chief Rude for ICC Board pending the final recommendation from the Washington Fire Chiefs' Association. Motion carried – one in opposition.
- C. Al Gillespie Campaign Speech to Membership - President Wilson informed the Board that Al Gillespie has requested time to speak at the membership meeting.
- D. Building Proposal - Jeff Griffin reviewed the need for a larger office facility and discussed making a proposal to purchase a building. The brick building is approximately 9000 square feet and would allow for us to grow. The cost structure looks sound. Jeff sought the Board's approval to move forward with making an offer within the next 30 days. The projected costs and revenues will be distributed to the Board. Motioned by Warren Cummings, seconded by Jim Madden to move forward with the building proposal.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ed reported that he is looking forward to a great conference at FRI.

7. INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joe Perry reported that Carl Smith withdrew from the IAFC Campaign for 2nd Vice President. He also reported that the IAFC is anticipating a good turnout in Colorado.

8. **STAFF REPORT** – Jeff Griffin stated that the Bookstore continues to perform at a high level. The State Chief Association endorsement of sales is important. Looking at relationships with other states and divisions as a possible revenue share. The Southwestern Division has indicated that they would like to work with the Western Division and they would be looking for a person to update their website and sit in on teleconferences to help with the transition. The IAFC (for profit section) has approached WFCA to partnership on the Bookstore. Jeff is seeking the Board's approval to talk to the IAFC about a small revenue share and possible relations with the Southwestern Division. Staffing is sound and we are looking at bringing in a technical person for website updates – still remaining under budget for employee costs. The Daily Dispatch is actively publicizing FRI.

9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

VICE PRESIDENT – Gary indicated that NCSA teleconference has been rescheduled for next week. He appreciates everyone's support in his campaign for President.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – Joe Perry wanted to thank the Washington Fire Chiefs Association for inviting him to speak on behalf of the IAFC.

PAST PRESIDENT – Absent.

ALASKA – Warren Cummings stated that the Alaska Fire Chiefs' Joint Conference will be held September 24-27, 2008 in Juneau. They have a table set up for the Bookstore and GPO at the conference.

ARIZONA – Unable to report.

CALIFORNIA – Absent.

HAWAII – Manny Neves reported that the Legislature did pass the Fire Safe Cigarette and Governor signed it.

IDAHO – Absent.

MONTANA – Absent.

NEVADA – Jim Madden stated he had nothing additional to report.

OREGON – Paul LeSage – stated he had nothing to report.

UTAH – No report given.

WASHINGTON – Jim Broman indicated that representatives from Idaho and Montana attended their conference and wanted to look at possibly hosting a Joint Conference. The Washington Chiefs are focusing on Novelty Lighter legislation.

NCSA CHAIR - Absent.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** –The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2008, 3:00 p.m. MDT. Meeting adjourned.

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