

Minutes
Western Fire Chiefs Association
August 13, 2008
Colorado Convention Center
Denver, Colorado

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 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 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: Ray Bizal (NFPA), David Ulbricht (Wedbush Morgan), Ed Widdis (Snohomish County Fire District), Chief Lawrence Rude (Maple Valley Fire District), Crosby Grindle, Kay Johnson and Samantha Simpson. Roll Call taken – quorum established.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Warren Cummings, seconded by Joe Perry to approve the July 24, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. WFCA Year-to-Date – Kay Johnson reported on the financials. She specifically addressed the success of the Daily Dispatch and GPO revenues. During the financial report, NCSA's status was addressed (i.e., current fiscal losses and out-of-date inventory). The Board requested that a motion be prepared for the next meeting to “dispose” of the NCSA out-of-date Code books. NCSA is to be notified that the WFCA Board will reach its business operation decision by November. NCSA has been tasked to present the WFCA Board with information on their targets and programs of interest. **Motioned by Gary Aleshire, seconded by Doug Williams to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FRI Annual Meeting – Jeff Griffin reviewed the event schedule that was distributed to the Board. Chief Johnson gave the times and locations of the IAFC meetings. Jeff addressed the elections and stated that if nominations from the floor are not made, the Board will present the unanimous ballot of consent (Gary Aleshire for President and Jim Critchley for Vice President).
- B. Lawrence Rude Endorsement for ICC Board – Ed Wilson introduced Chief Lawrence Rude and asked that he discuss his candidate platform with the Board. Chief Rude discussed his platform and expressed desire to sit on the ICC Board. Chief Rude was provided with a letter of endorsement.
- C. Position Statement for Use of Private Fire Resources – Joe Perry stated that the Wildland Committee of the IAFC has met a couple of times with insurance companies regarding hiring private companies to fight fires. The fires in California have demonstrated concerns to set some standards for the private firefighting companies. The IAFC Board endorsed the position yesterday. This is a Western issue and our Committee Appointee Bob Roper is good about representing Western's position on this issue.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Novelty Lighters – Joe Perry addressed the opportunity to help support the States in driving the ban on novelty lighters. NCSA has been tasked with submitting a letter of support for the ban on novelty lighters.

- 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Ed Wilson reported the status of Chuck Winn's (Montana VP) Board position. Ed also took a moment to thank everyone for their support during his term as President.

7. **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Joe Perry reported on the EMAC process. He indicated that IAFC has asked for a report to revise EMAC and/or create a new system that works for the fire service. The current issue is that the plan is doing what it was designed for (to provide resources after an emergency) and the Fire Service needs a plan that focuses on resources **during** an emergency.
8. **STAFF REPORT** – Jeff Griffin reported on the status of the building proposal. David Ulbricht suggested that since we are a 501(c)3 we should look at getting a 5% loan rate on a 10-year note. Jeff also provided the Board with information regarding IFSTA sales and the Bookstore's desirable market. Crosby advised the Board of the status of the GPO Agreement with all Divisions and the new logo, the status of the DVD promotional effort, and an increased promotional effort with the Daily Dispatch.
9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** - Not given due to time constraints.
VICE PRESIDENT – Gary Aleshire indicated that the NCSA teleconference has been rescheduled for next week. He also expressed appreciation for everyone's support in his campaign for WFCAs President.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** –The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The next WFCAs teleconference is scheduled for September 18, 2008, **1:30 p.m. PDST**. Meeting adjourned.

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