

Minutes
Western Fire Chiefs Association
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Waikoloa, Hawaii

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 checked="" 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 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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Silva, Hawaii State Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Griffin, Executive Director |

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Paul Adams, seconded by Doug Williams to approve the February 25, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

WFCA Year-to-Date – Kay Johnson reviewed the financial reports as of February, 2010. She specifically reviewed the bookstore revenues that have been shared with each of the states and the GPO revenues. Jeff Griffin discussed the alignment selling approach and letting everyone know we are their partners. Peer to peer marketing is still one of our best resources. *Action: Staff will prepare a list for each State VP that shows the agencies in their states that are making purchases from the Fire Service Bookstore.* **Motioned by Mark Wendelsdorf, seconded by Warren Cummings to approve the financials. Motion carried.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Committee Appointment Documents** – Gary Aleshire reviewed the committee appointment documents and specifically discussed the NCSA Board Representative duties and time commitment involved. The request was made for a list of current committee representatives and suggested that we schedule 5-10 minutes per month for one of our representatives to give a report on committee activities to the Board.
- B. CFSI Attendance** – Jeff Griffin reported on the anticipated activities at CFSI and that award presentation/recognition will be given to Senator Inouye and Representative Wu for their contribution to the fire service on behalf of WFCA and their respective State Chiefs Associations.

5. NEW BUSINESS – no new business.

- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION called at 4:00 p.m. and concluded at 4:15 p.m. – Motioned by Warren Cummings, seconded by Bret Waters to have staff arrange meeting with NFPA and appropriate WFCA Board members. Motion carried.**
- 7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Gary Aleshire reported he is looking forward to a successful President’s Forum. Gary indicated that David Daniels would be in attendance to ask for WFCA’s endorsement for his campaign for IAFC 2nd VP.
- 8. INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Joe Perry indicated that work is still be done for position papers on lightweight construction; one for training to ensure personnel is trained to recognize lightweight construction and hazards, and the other for residential sprinklers. Another issue is the Public Safety Spectrum Trust, and he deferred to Chief Johnson for additional comment.
- 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Jeff Griffin provided a short report. He thanked Chief Johnson for the relationship with IAFC and expressed great appreciation for having Chief Parow and Mark Light in attendance. The Daily Dispatch revision is on schedule and we still anticipate rolling out the new edition at FRI. The Fire Service Bookstore is moving well and work continues the URL issue.
- 10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** – Several Board members indicated that they would give their report at the Forum event.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jim Critchley stated he had nothing to report at this time.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jeff Johnson focused his comments on the Public Safety Spectrum Trust, the “D” Block Auction and gave a detailed report on what is currently happening. He did state that the FCC recently announced that the Obama Administration has made the decision to auction off the D Block. There should be interesting debates in the coming weeks.

ALASKA – Warren Cummings reserved comment.

ARIZONA – Paul Adams commented on the status of the State's Fire Marshals office, state training issues and indicated that there will be a one cent sales tax election on May 18th.

CALIFORNIA – Doug Williams reserved comment.

HAWAII – Ken Silva - discussed a Tsunami “ramp up” that never happened. He stated that it was interesting to see how the media drives the behavior of a community and how well the public is responding to emergency instructions.

IDAHO – Mark Wendelsdorf – reserved comment.

MONTANA – Brett Waters – reserved comment.

NEVADA – Douglas Stevens – reserved comment.

OREGON – Paul LeSage – reserved comment.

UTAH – John Evans not in attendance.

WASHINGTON – Jim Broman reported that they are in the final stages of selecting a State Fire Marshal in Washington and have changed the pension rules so they can have more viable candidates for the position. Budgets are still tight and they are closely watching what is happening in Arizona.

NCSA CHAIR – Jim Weigand not in attendance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Next meeting will be April 22, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/submitted by:

Samantha Simpson, WFCM Administrative Staff