



# Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

## Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

### Empress Banquets in Addison

### February 1, 2018



**1. Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by President Wax at 1202 hours. Chief Wax noted that a quorum was present as defined in the by-laws.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence-** President Wax led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chief Wax asked all to keep the family of Buffalo Grove Firefighter / Paramedic John "Kevin" Hauber in their thoughts and prayers. Chief Wax also discussed the flyer on the tables that outlined the visitation and funeral for FF/PM Hauber

**3. Introduction of Guests-** Chief Wax introduced and thanked today's speakers Lt. Tim Scott & FF/PM Phil McLeese from Addison FPD; Chief Brian Scott from Evanston FD.

**4. Introduction of Meeting Sponsor-** Chief Wax introduced and thanked the sponsor for lunch, Bob Buhs and the Illinois Public Risk Fund. Bob Buhs thanked the group for allowing him to be the sponsor of today's events.

**5. Secretary's Report-** Chief Wax reported that Secretary Leone is still looking for vendors to sponsor events for 2018. They could contact Chief Leone for more information.

**6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Winfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Batavia and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**7. Treasurer's Report-** Treasure Deegan presented the **2018** budget. The 2018 draft budget was placed on each table prior to the meeting. Treasure Deegan stated that the budget shows a \$10,885.00 deficit; however, as in years past the budget broke even and he feels confident that 2018 will do the same. A motion was made by Bedford Park to approve the 2018 budget as presented; the motion was seconded by Westchester and approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer Deegan presented the current treasurers report, the report was placed on each table prior to the meeting. He stated that as of January 29, 2018 the ending balance was \$61,495.28

**8. Approval of the Treasurer's Report** Alsip made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Berkley and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**9. President's report-** Chief Wax reported that he has appointed a new director to the open spot. Chief Bob Wilson from Frankfort will be the new director. Chief Wax explained that Chief Wilson is from Frankfort Fire Protection District in Will County and that this appointment should help fill the gap in the South West Suburbs.

Chief Wax pointed out two flyers / handouts that were placed on the table.

1. The upcoming fundraiser called Operation Taste, this event will be held on February 5, 2018 at Avalon Banquets at 1905 Higgins, in Elk Grove. This event supports Operation North Pole and supports terminally-ill children.
2. The next flyer was from the Fire Inspectors Association. The event was training on a comparison of chapter 34 of the IBC and its transition to the International existing Building Codes. This will take place on February 23, 2018 at Top Golf in Naperville. Cost is \$75 per person.

## **10. Committee Reports**

**a. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** – Chief Tracy Kenny, Broadview FD – 4/5/18  
Chief Kenny reported that the Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon will be on April 5, 2018 and that invitations will be sent out soon. The event will again be held in Addison at the

Shriners banquet hall. She also pointed out the need for department/districts to host blood drive for the IFCA foundation; she would be willing to assist any department/district that would like to participate.

**b. Audit Report**– Treasurer Tom Deegan

It was reported that the audit will be completed shortly and presented at the next meeting.

**c. Bylaws** – Chief Sean Maloy, Bedford Park FD - No report

**d. Directory/Website** – Chief Randy Deicke, Batavia FD

Chief Deicke asked that the members check to make sure that their information is correct on the website.

**e. Fundraising** – Treasurer Tom Deegan

Jeff Swanson spoke about three upcoming fundraisers

1. Blood drivers – please consider doing them, information can be found on the IFSAP website
2. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the fishing tournament, Elmhurst DC Bill Anaszewicz will be sending out information soon. This year the boats will be out of Waukegan Harbor, six to a boat.
3. The IFCA Foundation golf outing will be on 7-11-18, Sue Huiner will be coordinating, registration can only be done through the website.

**f. Home Day** – Treasurer Tom Deegan

Treasurer Deegan reported that Home day will probably be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chicago Fire Academy this is being confirmed with Paul Darley, co-chairman and the Chicago Fire Department. Note this is a change from the previously-posted date of the 8th.

**g. Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl – No report -on the December 6, 2018

**h. Legislation** – Chief John Christian, Grayslake FD

Chief Christian reported that legislative bills are starting to come in. He also reported that in the past we had a complicated and lengthy form to track them, going forward only bills that are important and need action will be forwarded to the membership. The process should become more streamlined.

He also reported that Chief John Buckley will be the new committee Chairman for legislation. Legislation day for police and fire will be April 11. Chief Buckley reported that if you receive something from him consider it important and may need action.

**i. Nominating** – Chief Phil DiMenza, Winfield FPD - No report

**j. Sick & Welfare** – Chief Tom Styczynski, Alsip FD

Chief Styczynski asked the members to report to him any upcoming retirements. Chief Wax offered congratulations to the Highland Park Chief, Dan Pease, who is retiring on March 1.

**11. Association Reports**

**a. IFCA** – Executive Director James Grady/President John Christian

Director Grady stated that “Hot Sheets” should be out next week. He also reemphasized the importance of legislative day on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the importance of the Medal of Honor Ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Director Grady stated that the foundation scholarships are now open and encouraged all to apply, finally he reported that the Fire Officer program is going well and that Chief Dominick and Chief Reeder are doing a good job.

**b. IFCA Foundation** – Retired Chief Andrew O’Donnell – Director Grady reported for the foundation under IFCA

**c. MABAS-IL** – No report

**d. Great Lakes Division** - No report

**e. County Chiefs’ Associations** – No report

**f. Other, if any** – None

**12. Unfinished Business** – None Reported

**13. Agenda of Business** - None Reported

**14. New Business** – None Reported

**15. Good & Welfare of the Association** - None Reported

**16. Adjournment**

Highland Park made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded by Deerfield-Bannockburn and was unanimously approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1235

**17. Program** – Cancer-Detecting Dogs for the Fire Service

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Leone

Secretary

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