

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 11:30 a.m.  
Aurelios of Addison, 1455 West Lake Street, Addison**

**1. Call to Order at 1150 hours By President Wax**

Rosalinda was welcomed by Chief Wax and thanked for attending and presenting ideas for this year's Holiday luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**2. Roll Call – (7 Voting Members\* Needed for Quorum)**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>President Alan Wax *</u>	<u>Des Plaines</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tracy Kenny*</u>	<u>Broadview</u>	
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tom Styczynski*</u>	<u>Alsip</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Secretary Joe Leone*</u>	<u>Addison</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Treasurer Tom Deegan*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Immediate Past Pres. Gordon J. Nord, Jr.*</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director John Christian*</u>	<u>Grayslake</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Randy Deicke*</u>	<u>Batavia</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Phil DiMenza*</u>	<u>Winfield</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Michael Kuryla*</u>	<u>Berkeley</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Sean Maloy*</u>	<u>Bedford Park</u>	
<u>Director Jim Walters*</u>	<u>Schaumburg</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Robert Wilson*</u>	<u>Frankfort Chief</u>	<u>X</u>

**3. Secretary's Report – Secretary Leone**

**A. Approval of Minutes** – A vote was taken to approve the Executive Board Meeting minutes for January 17, 2018

**Motion was made by** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tom Styczynski

**Second by** – Director Phil DiMenza

**Voice vote** – Unanimous

Other Business from the Secretary - Secretary Leone asked the group if it would be Okay to double up lunch sponsors for the monthly general meeting, with the understanding that two vendors will need about 3 minutes to talk.

**Motion was made by** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tom Styczynski to allow the 2 sponsors for lunch

meetings

**Second by** – Director Michael Kuryla

**Voice vote** – Unanimous

It was also pointed out that special events, such as Home day, Administrative Lunch and the Holiday luncheon will provide their own sponsors.

#### 4. **Treasurer's Report**

**A. Financial Statements** – Through February 21, 2108 were distributed and reviewed.

**B.** Account balance as of February 21, 2018 was \$66,191.10

MB Financial Bank – \$64,073.16

PayPal Balance – \$2067.94

Petty Cash – \$50.00

**Motion to approve the financial statements** was made by Director Randy Deicke

**Second by** – Director Jim Walters

**Voice Vote** – Unanimous

**C. 2018 Proposed Budget** – Treasurer Tom Deegan - reported that the 50/50 raffle money for the two boards used at the 2017 Holiday Luncheon have been deposited . He also mentioned that he made the annual donation for the IFCA golf outing. Finally, Treasurer Tom Deegan reported that he received about \$6000 from the Holiday Luncheon that came in after the end of 2017 and that he posted it to the 2017 income, which now shows a positive \$2032.00 for year end. It was also reported that the Holiday Luncheon lost about a couple thousand. President Alan Wax stated that as of today the bank account is about \$16,000 to the positive.

5. **President's Report** – President Wax stated that he received a request from Chief Mike Mavrogeorge, Fire Chief of the St. Louis Airport Fire Department and Vice President of the IAFC Great Lakes Division, has asked the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs to endorse Chief Dan Eggleston for IAFC President in 2018. A discussion was had by the board and it was decided that the Board should not make an endorsement. Director Swanson reported that based on history the board has never made an endorsement of any outside chiefs; he did recall a situation where the board endorsed a member of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs for an outside office. No motion was made to honor the request.

## Committee Reports

- A. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kenny was not in attendance; however, it was decided that Director Deicke should go ahead and send out the invites, all in attendance reported that they proofed the draft and that it is ready to be sent out. The invites would only be sent out by email and that no invites would be sent by regular mail.
- B. Audit** – Treasurer Deegan  
Director Swanson reported that according to the By-Laws the Board appointed Audit Committee of Director Swanson and Director Kuryla performed the audit on February 12, 2018. Director Swanson stated that the Audit committee finds the checking account to be balanced and that all disbursements were in order and for the sole benefit of the Association.
- C. Bylaws** – Director Sean Maloy was not in attendance; however, President Wax reported for him. President Wax stated that he sent out some “clean up language” for the By-Laws and he hoped that all in attendance had an opportunity to review the changes. Some reported that they had not been able to review them. The changes were tabled till next meeting to allow all to review. No motion made.
- D. Directory/Website** – Director Deicke will be sending out the Administrative Luncheon invites by email only and he will set up the website for on-line payment. He also reported that the website is up to date and if someone knows of any changes within a department to let him know.
- E. Fundraising** – Treasurer Deegan reported.  
Golf Outing will be on July 11.  
Fishing tournament will be out of Waukegan Harbor this year and will be on June 2nd
- F. Home Day** – Treasurer Deegan stated that the day has been confirmed as June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chicago Fire Academy. He has not had much discussion with Paul Daley as of yet. A discussion came up about sponsors and it was reported that the Home Day Committee will handle it themselves.
- G. IFCA** – Director Christian reported that the website for the IAFC is completely new and working well. He was unsure if the membership directory was completed yet.

**H. Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl and Rosalinda discussed the luncheon and the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There was a lengthy discussion on several options for changing the luncheon and or a separate 50 anniversary. After about 30 minutes of discussion a **motion was made by** Director Swanson to keep the luncheon the same as in the past and a **seconded by** Director Walters

**Voice vote** – Unanimous

Several options for the 50 anniversary event were discussed, some options included making it part of the Holiday Luncheon or a separate event. This item was tabled for future discussion.

A decision was made on the 50/50 boards. A **motion made by** Director Swanson to have a 50/50 board at each general meeting to help pay for the 50 anniversary event, **seconded by** Director Kuryla.

Direction was also given by the board that going forward the 50/50 boards at the Holiday Luncheon would be given to the IFCA Foundation. Treasurer Deegan reported that the monies received from the all boards will be tracked as miscellaneous income.

**I. Legislation** – Director Christian reported that the Chiefs are watching the bills coming out closely, a few that have their attention are:

State

H.B. 1335 – this is about the same bill that came out last year about 2<sup>nd</sup> employments and pension.

The IFCA is still working with the Tollway to allow departments to receive some sort of stipend from the Toll Authority and still be able to bill.

Qualifications for Fire Chiefs has been discussed at a state level, the IFCA is watching this bill.

Federal

Medicaid reimbursement, this would help departments with recouping cost for ambulance fees. The IFCA is working with others to make sure that duplicate language is not being proposed.

**J. Nominating** – Director DiMenza absent. No Report

**K. Programs** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Styczynski reported that the March symposium is a go and is set, he also reported that the April general meeting also has a program.

Direction was given by the board to switch the August symposium with the September meeting. Secretary Leone will be working with 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Styczynski for a speaker for the September Symposium.

**L. Sick & Welfare** - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Styczynski reported that the Brookfield Fire Chief Patrick Lenzi will be retiring soon.

President Wax reported that Fire Chief Daniel Pease will be retiring and Deputy Chief Larry Amidel will be replacing him.

**M. Metro Chiefs Association History** – Director Swanson – No report

**7. Unfinished Business** – None

**8. New Business** – Director Swanson reported that the NFPA conference in Las Vegas is coming up and NFPA 72 will be voted on, his concern is that some are looking to remove the AHJ from fire alarms. He is asking that if you're a voting member to send someone out there to vote against allowing the AHJ from being removed from fire alarms.

**9. Open Discussion** – Treasure Deegan reported that he some members had asked to move the location of the general meeting to the South and or to the North. The Board did not entertain this request for several discussed reasons.

**10. Future Meetings**

- A.** 2018 Board Meetings – 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19
  - i.** Board Meetings conflict with 5/16-18 IFCA Symposium & 10/14-17 Conference. As each of those dates approaches, a decision will be made whether to change the meeting date, cancel the meeting, or meet during the IFCA event.
- B.** 2018 General Meetings 3/1, 8/2, 11/1
  - 3/1 and 9/6 Symposium-Meeting
  - 4/5 Admin. Prof. Luncheon
  - 12/6 Holiday Luncheon

**11. Adjournment** - at 1306 hours

**12. Motion made by** Director Deicke

**13. Second by** Director DiMenza

**Voice Vote** - Unanimous

Prepared by and submitted by,

Joseph Leone

Secretary,  
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

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