



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.  
Haufbrau House Restaurant, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont**



**1. Call to Order at 1142 hours By President Wax**

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
President Alan Wax	Des Plaines	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Tracy Kenny	Broadview	X (until 12:15)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tom Styczynski	Alsip	
Secretary Joe Leone	Addison	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan	Retired Chief	
Immediate Past President Gordon J. Nord, Jr	Lyons	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl	Retired Chief	X
Director John Christian	Grayslake	X
Director Randy Deicke	Batavia	X
Director Phil DiMenza	Winfield	X
Director Michael Kuryla	Berkeley	X
Director Sean Maloy	Bedford Park	
Director Jim Walters	Schaumburg	
Director Dick Swanson	Retired Chief	X
Active or Affiliate Director [Vacant]		

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

**A. Approval of Minutes** – A vote was taken to approve the Executive Board Meeting minutes on November 15, 2017.

**Motion was made by** - Chief Christian

**Second by** - Chief Kenny

**Voice vote** - Unanimous

**B. Other Business from the Secretary**

A reminder that there is no general meeting for January and that the January Executive Board Meeting will be at Aurelio in Addison 1455 West Lake Street, 630-889-9560. Chief Leone will be developing a notice for the General meeting in February about the cancer dogs training.

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

**A. Financial Statements** – Through 12/17/2017 were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that most of Installation Luncheon revenue is not included yet. Account balance as of 12/17/17 was 45,090.15

MB Financial Bank – 39,467.92

PayPal Balance – 5,572.23

Petty Cash – 50.00

**Motion to approve the financial statements** was made by Chief Kuryla

**Second by** – Chief Nord

**Voice Vote** - Unanimous

**B. 2018 Proposed Budget** – was presented, Chief Wax asks all to review and be prepared for a full discussion in January.

5. **President's Report** – President Wax

- A. **Thank you on Installation Luncheon** – Chief Wax took this opportunity to thank all who participated in the Christmas installation lunch. He also personally thanked Chief Friedl and Rosalinda Kucharski from Gurnee Fire for making the event so successful. He also thanked Chief Deicke for the challenge coins, which look great and were a huge hit.  
**Motion was made by Chief DiMenza to thank Rosalinda with a \$200.00 gift card Second by** – Retired Chief Swanson  
**Voice Vote** - Unanimous
- B. **Operation North Pole** – Chief Wax personally thanked all who helped with this, he also pointed out to Chief Kenny what a great help her Explorers were. He also mentioned Restore Board up and the nice job they did in the cleanup.
- C. **Board Meeting Location** – See the secretary's report. January's Executive Board meeting is being held at Aurelio as a trial to determine if it is a better location due to proximity to the highway. Future meetings will be discussed at that meeting.
- D. **Filling Board Vacancy** – Chief Wax held a discussion on filling the one vacancy. It was identified that, ideally, a representative will be found from the northwest or southwest/south regions of the metro area. A general email will be sent out to Chiefs in those areas shortly to see who may be interested.
- E. **Responsibilities & Duties** – Chief Wax handed out an updated list of responsibilities for review, the list is attached to these minutes.

**Committee Reports**

- A. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kenny reported that the lunch will be at the Medinah Shriners in Addison on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. **Audit** – Treasurer Deegan was not in attendance; however, Retired Chief Swanson reported that Chief Kuryla, Treasurer Deegan and himself will be meeting in mid-January for the audit and will report back in February.
  - C. **Bylaws** – Director Maloy was not in attendance – no report
  - D. **Directory/Website** – Director Deicke reported that the directory on the web-site is up to date and is being constantly being updated.
  - E. **Fundraising** – Treasurer Deegan was absent, Retired Chief Swanson stated that the committee has a meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Superior prior to the general meeting.
  - F. **Home Day** – Treasurer Deegan was absent; however, several members reported that Chicago was interested in hosting again, more to follow in upcoming meetings.
  - G. **IFCA** – Director Christian reported that the website has been updated and that "Hot Sheets" will be coming out more on a regular basis.
  - H. **Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl reported a very successful holiday luncheon and thanks everyone for their help. Also see the president's report. Discussed were options to address parking at next year's event.
  - I. **Legislation** – Director Christian reported that there will be a new format to the "Hot Sheets". The group discussed the topic of the Tollway and where we are as far as legislation. Discussion on a possible tier system and allowing the stricken district or department to also bill for transport, as of now this project is in a "holding pattern" per Chief Christian. It looks like the Federal House legislation to continue funding the FEMA FIRE Act, SAFER, and Fire Prevention Grants, along with the United States Fire Administration, is moving forward with little or no opposition.
  - J. **Nominating** – Director DiMenza. No Report
  - K. **Programs** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Styczynski was absent, however, several members spoke on February's program (cancer dogs) and the March Symposium (tactical health). Chief Wax wanted information on each so that we can start to promote them.
  - L. **Sick & Welfare** - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Styczynski was absent; however, several members brought up concerns.
    - i. Jay Reardon Retirement January 6<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Chief Jose Torres will be retiring from Northbrook
    - iii. Chief Ron Rakosnik's wife is currently in Evanston Hospital
    - iv. Retired Chief Steve Iovinelli is now home recovering.
  - M. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Director Swanson no report
7. **Unfinished Business** – None
8. **New Business** - Chief Wax stated that he was going to fix some of the missed spelling of names on the bell and add Past President Nord.

9. **Open Discussion** - none

10. **Future Meetings**

- A. 2018 Board Meetings – 1/17, 2/21, 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 – 2/1 Cancer-detecting dogs, 3/1 Symposium-Meeting, 4/5 Admin. Prof. Luncheon

11. **Adjournment** - at 1233 hours

Motion made by Chief DiMenza

Second by Chief Kuryla

Voice Vote - Unanimous

Prepared by and submitted by,

*Joseph Leone*

Secretary,  
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association