



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017



Glendale Lakes Golf Club; 1550 President St; Glendale Heights

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Nord at 11:40 hours.

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

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – There were no minutes to approve.

4. Secretary’s Report – In the absence of the Secretary. There was no report.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Tom Deegan

A. Financial Statements – Treasurer Deegan distributed the September 2017 Statement, reporting as follows:

Account Balances as of September 19, 2017

MB Financial Bank –	\$57,092.78
Paypal Balance –	\$1,358.36
Petty Cash –	\$50.00
Total as of 4/18/2017 –	\$58,501.14 (Since 7/31/17: \$2,739.58 deposits, \$2,897.27 debits)

Treasurer Deegan went through the document which lists checks, fees, and deposits. He also presented and reviewed the status of the 2017 Budget.

A vote approved the September, 2017 Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

- Motion – Director Christian
- Second – Director DiMenza
- Voice Vote – Unanimous (7-0)

6. President’s Report – President Nord led discussions on the following:

A. Chief Christian to be Inducted as Illinois Fire Chiefs Association President. The Metro Chiefs contributed to the IFCA for Chief Christian’s induction. Chief Christian expressed his appreciation. There will be a reception after the banquet.

- B. Challenge Coins.** There was discussion and review of the graphics. Selected for the two sides of the coin are the two designs on the right side of the attached page, labeled "Exhibit A" to these minutes. By consensus, the following decisions were made related to the challenge coins:

Quantity: 1,000
Size: 2"
3-Dimensional?: Yes
Shiny Braided Edge?: Yes
Epoxy Coating?: No
Finish: Shiny Gold
Valet Coin Bags?: Yes – 600 for attendee gifts at the Holiday Luncheon

A vote approved the challenge coin purchases per the above, plus approved payment of \$500 to Pedersen Design for the design of the coin.

Motion – Director Swanson
Second – Director Christian
Voice Vote – Unanimous (7-0)

- C. Cancelled Symposium.** Symposium was cancelled due to low enrollment. It was discussed that perhaps notice went-out too late. It needs to be done earlier in the future.

7. Committee Reports

- A. Audit** – No Report.

- B. Bylaws Amendments** – No Report.

- C. Directory/Website** – Director Deicke reported that DMS CAT of Illinois, a restoration company, seeks Affiliate membership status.

A vote approved the Affiliate membership of DMS CAT of Illinois.

Motion – Director Leone
Second – Director Christian
Voice Vote – Unanimous (7-0)

- D. Fundraising** – Treasurer Deegan reported that the IFCA Fundraising Committee will be holding a strategic planning session soon. They ask for the submittal of any fundraising ideas. Director Swanson reported that the Committee is trying to work with other blood services companies besides Lifesource.

- E. Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – Past President Friedl advised that he will get the luncheon registration on the website soon. Flyers will be out soon. Gift-buyers are the same as last year. All is set for the event.

- F. Legislation** – 1st VP Wax reported that the legislature is out of session for the summer. The state is taking a percentage of sales tax revenue as a fee prior to sending to the jurisdictions, as well as a reduction in Personal Property Replacement Taxes transmitted to the local governments. And there is always threat of additional sweeps of funds. Representatives Carol Sente and John Cavaletto, co-chairs of the Illinois Legislative Fire Caucus, have announced that they are not running again for office – huge losses for the fire service. October 27th is the Legislative Summit in Springfield. General discussion was held on these topics.

- G. Nominating** – Director DiMenza presented a proposed slate of officers for 2018 for consideration.

A vote approved the proposed Slate of Officers for 2018, as follows:

President – Chief Wax (Des Plaines)
1st Vice President – Chief Kenny (Broadview)
2nd Vice President – Chief Styczynski (Alsip)
Secretary – Chief Leone (Addison)

Motion – Director Christian
Second – Director Swanson
Voice Vote – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay (Director Deicke)

- H. **Programs** – The Chairman was not present, but it was remembered that the November meeting topic is the IFCA and Caucus Updates
- I. **Sick & Welfare** – It was noted that Chief Jim Jackson’s (Downers Grove) retirement party is September 29th, and Chief Scott Franzgrote’s (Rolling Meadows) retirement cake/coffee is September 28th.
- J. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon Report** – 2nd VP Kenny indicated that there was not much to report. Next year’s gift will be candles.
- K. **Home Day** – Chairman Deegan reported that a decision needs to be made on whether this event will continue, if we wish to move to bi-annually, etc. He noted that there is some time before this decision needs to be made. Don Hroma from the Chicago Fire Department worked with the Metro Chiefs on this – and he is now Deputy Fire Commissioner.
- L. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Director Swanson reported that, per Director Maloy, all the material has been sorted. The two will meet on the topic shortly.

8. **Unfinished Business** - None

9. **New Business** – None

10. **Open Discussion**

- A. 1st VP Wax reported that Mark Edinburgh, the former Chicago Fire Department member that has been serving as Interim Director of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has been relieved of his duties by the County.
- B. 2nd VP Kenny reported on attending the IAFC’s conference for women chiefs. She stated that the conference was excellent. She wrote an article for the “Gong,” and was asked to expand it for publication in the IAFC magazine.
- C. Chief Jackson will update everyone with his “civilian” email address now that he is retired.

11. **Future Meetings – President Nord**

President Nord asked if the group would be interested in having a meeting at the Chicagoland Fire Museum. The consensus was that doing so would be a good thing, so President Nord will work on it.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion: Director Swanson
 Seconded: Director DiMenza
 Voice Vote: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay (Director Deicke)
 Time Adjourned: 12:55 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S Wax

Alan Wax, 1st Vice President

EXHIBIT A

to the 9/20/17 Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting Minutes

