



# Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Glendale Lakes Golf Club; 1550 President St; Glendale Heights



## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Friedl at 11:35 hours.

## 2. Roll Call – (8 Voting Members\* Needed for Quorum)

Members	Departments	Present
President Fred Friedl*	Gurnee	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Gordon J. Nord Jr.*	Lyons	X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Alan Wax*	Des Plaines	X
Secretary Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	
Treasurer Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	X 11:36-12:19
Immediate Past President Randy Deicke*	Batavia	X
Sergeant-At-Arms Tom Deegan	Retired Chief	X
Director John Christian*	Grayslake	X
Director Phil DiMenza*	Winfield	X
Director Tom Freeman*	Lisle-Woodridge	X
Director Jim Jackson*	Downers Grove	X
Director Mike Kuryla*	Berkeley	
Director Joe Leone*	Addison	
Director Sean Maloy*	Bedford Park	X
Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	
IFCA Representative Tim Sashko	IFCA Exec. Dir.	X
Previous Treasurer Tom Gaertner	Retired Chief	
Doug Aller	New Concept Benefit Group	X
Segment Director Kenneth Willette	National Fire Prot. Assoc.	X 12:40-13:05

## 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A vote approved the May 18, 2016 Executive Board meeting minutes, as presented.

Motion – Director Christian  
Second – Director Jackson  
Voice Vote – Unanimous (9-0)

## 4. Secretary's Report – President Friedl

A. Correspondence – President Friedl noted Retired Chief Don Markowski's thank-you note expressing appreciation to the members for their friendship, support, and attendance at his retirement celebration.

B. Meeting Sponsor Report – Foster Coach will be sponsoring the August 4<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting.

## 5. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Tracy Kenny

A. Website Payments – Prior to Treasurer Kenny's arrival, President Friedl reported that there was an outstanding bill for \$250 from previous Metro Chiefs webmaster, B/C Joris Lillge of the Grayslake FD, who would put the annual web-hosting fee renewal on his own credit card and then get reimbursed by the Metro Chiefs. He was still owed \$250. A vote approved reimbursement of Joris Lillge in the amount of \$250.

Motion – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Nord  
Second – Director DiMenza  
Voice Vote – Unanimous (10-0)

Past President Deicke noted that there is now \$540 owed to Pedersen Design, LLC for hosting the new website for the next year. A vote approved payment of \$540 for the website hosting.

Motion – Director DiMenza  
Second – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Nord  
Voice Vote – Unanimous (10-0)

**B. Financial Statements** – Treasurer Kenny distributed the June 2016 Statement, reporting as follows:

**Account Balances as of June 30, 2016**

Bank of America Account – \$60,912.81 (during June: \$4,500.00 deposits, \$420.00 debits)

Petty Cash – \$50.00

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Total as of 6/30/2016 – \$60,962.81

Treasurer Kenny provided an overview of the “glitches” with the Paypal processing. She indicated that she would send the Board members a copy of the Paypal account record. She also provided a sample of a new form that she will use to avoid the problems experienced in the past. Discussion ensued.

Treasurer Kenny reported sending a check to the Illinois Fire Chiefs Foundation for the golf outing donation. It was identified that an additional \$1,000 needed to be submitted, which she will do.

Several receipts were submitted at the meeting by Board members, for which Treasurer Kenny reimbursed them.

Treasurer Kenny led a discussion about a check that was issued in her absence, but there is no notation regarding what was paid or for how much. She feels it is possibly for Home Day, so she will check with Tom Gaertner at NIPSTA.

Treasurer Kenny reported that Barrington-Countryside reports submitting a check for the Fall Symposium, however there is no record of the organization receiving the check, so she will ask the department for a replacement check.

A vote approved the Treasurer’s Report.

Motion – Director DiMenza  
Second – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Wax  
Voice Vote – Unanimous (10-0)

**6. President’s Report – President Fred Friedl**

**A. Presentation by Mr. Doug Aller of the New Concept Benefit Group** – Chief Sashko introduced Mr. Aller, who distributed a handout and provided an overview describing the services he provides. The idea is to provide financial planning training to firefighters similar to that provided police officers by the New Concept Benefit Group through NEMRT. The idea is for Metro Chiefs to host classes, which are provided by the New Concept Benefit Group for no charge. Discussion included inviting spouses to attend, preferred class sizes, incorporating co-sponsorship with the AFFI, and having classes be age-based. Also discussed was the possibility of having a Metro Chiefs Symposium consisting of three simultaneous classes of less than an hour, and then having the students rotate through the three classes, for a total of a three-hour symposium. By consensus, Director Christian will work with IFCA Director Sashko and Mr. Aller to develop a program.

**B. Presentation by Mr. Ken Willette of the National Fire Protection Association** – President Friedl introduced Mr. Willette, who provided a background on himself, as well as relaying some of the changes associated with the NFPA’s internal reorganization. He reported that the NFPA is trying to “listen more,” has changed it’s mission from “saving lives” to “helping others save lives,” and it focused on providing support so the fire service can achieve its goals. Mr. Willette asked for thoughts, ideas, and comments, and Board members asked questions and offered suggestions in several areas.

7. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Audit** – No Report.
- B. **Bylaws** – Chairman Maloy noted that the amendments were presented on first reading to the general Membership previously, and the Membership vote on the amendments will occur at the August 4, 2016 regular meeting.
- C. **Directory** – Past President Deicke reported that the directory is up-to-date. He is submitting updates monthly, so advise him of any changes.
- D. **Fundraising** – Sergeant-at-Arms Deegan reported that the IFCA Golf Outing had a lower number of golfers this year, and, additionally, the weather did not help. There are no totals yet. The committee is starting to work on the 2017 golf outing. They are also working on the basketball fundraising event in October.
- E. **Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – President Friedl reported that this year's event will be on December 1, 2016.
- F. **Legislation** – Director Sashko reported on several pieces of legislation, including HB229 and HB4522. He reported that the fire districts are familiar with the new bidding threshold. He advised that the IFCA is still working on getting training throughout the state on IMPACT Registration. In response to a question, he advised that the appropriations passed are for the full-year on pass-through monies to the municipalities, however they are at 2015 annual amounts. There was discussion on the reduced number of legislation updates sent by the IFCA to its members; it was noted that legislative activity levels were down and IFCA staff time is spread increasingly more thinly.
- G. **Nominating** – No Report
- H. **Programs** – Committee Chairman Freeman noted the following scheduled programs:
- August 4, 2016 – IFCA Update by Executive Director Sashko
  - September 1, 2016 – Fall Symposium on Risk Management. A continental breakfast will be served. Following the Symposium will be a regular lunch and membership meeting. Information and registration is on the website.
- I. **Sick & Welfare** – Palatine Rural Fire Chief Hank Clemmensen retired on July 15<sup>th</sup> – no event is known. Morton Grove Fire Chief is retiring on August 11<sup>th</sup> – no event is known. Downers Grove Deputy Chief Matt Daly is retiring. Lombard Chief Paul DiRienzo and Geneva Chief Steve Olson are also retiring. Forest Park Chief Steve Glinke has retired. Robert Hoff has been appointed as the new Fire Chief in Carol Stream. Chicago Fire Department Commissioner Santiago has named Mark Nielsen as First Deputy Fire Commissioner.
- J. **Home Day** – Chairman Deegan reported that the event went very well – it was considered a success. There were 12-14 federal staffers. The event made some money. There was much vendor support. The committee will start working on the 2017 event, to include looking for a new venue.
- K. **Metro Fire Chiefs History** – No Report.

8. **Unfinished Business** – None

9. **New Business** – None

10. **Next Meeting Date(s) – President Friedl**

President Friedl noted that future events and meetings are as follows:

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| • General Membership (IFCA Update): | August 4, 2016 –    | Empress Banquets         |
| • Executive Board Meeting:          | August 17, 2016 –   | Glendale Lakes Golf Club |
| • Symposium & General Membership:   | September 1, 2016 – | Empress Banquets         |

- Executive Board Meeting for September – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Nord is looking at the possibility of the September Board meeting being held at the Chicago Fire Academy – he is working on possible dates, and he will advise further.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion: Past President Deicke  
Seconded: Director Maloy  
Voice Vote: Unanimous (9-0)  
Time Adjourned: 13:10 hours

Respectfully submitted,

*Alan D. Wax*

Alan Wax, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President