



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Glendale Lakes Golf Club; 1550 President St; Glendale Heights



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Nord at 11:45 hours.

2. Roll Call – (8 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/Acting Treasurer Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	X
Secretary Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	
Immediate Past President Fred Friedl*	Gurnee	X
Sergeant-At-Arms Tom Deegan	Retired Chief	X
Director John Christian*	Grayslake	X
Director Phil DiMenza*	Winfield	
Director Jim Jackson*	Downers Grove	
Director Mike Kuryla*	Berkeley	X
Director Joe Leone*	Addison	X
Director Sean Maloy*	Bedford Park	
Director Jim Walters*	Skokie	X
Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Randy Deicke	Batavia	X (until 1:02 pm)
IFCA Representative Tim Sashko	IFCA Exec. Dir.	X
Previous Treasurer Tom Gaertner	Retired Chief	X

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A vote approved the November 9, 2016 Executive Board meeting minutes, as presented.

- Motion – Director Christian
- Second – 2nd VP Kenny
- Voice Vote – Unanimous (9-0)

4. Secretary's Report

A. Membership – No report.

B. Meeting Sponsor Report – Past President Friedl reported that the letter for the 2017 meeting sponsorships has been sent, and several vendors have committed to sponsor meetings. Acting Treasurer Kenny reports some payments for sponsorships have already been received. The following are sponsors for upcoming general membership meetings:

- i. January 5, 2017 – Uncertain from memory who the sponsor is, however one is confirmed and payment has been received
- ii. February 2, 2017 – Metro Paramedic Services/Superior Ambulance will be the sponsor.
- iii. May 4, 2017 – W.S. Darley & Co. will be the sponsor.

5. Treasurer's Report – Acting Treasurer Tracy Kenny

A. Financial Statements – Acting Treasurer Kenny distributed the November 2016 Statement, reporting as follows:

Account Balances as of November 30, 2016

Bank of America Account –	\$58,596.05 (during November: \$7,360.00 deposits, \$3,322.34 debits)
Paypal Balance –	\$251.10
<u>Petty Cash –</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total as of 11/30/2015 –	\$58,897.15

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

A. Board Positions. President Nord noted that the Treasurer's position likely will soon change to a Presidential appointment if the proposed Bylaws change passes, and that 2nd VP Kenny is serving in two roles. Following discussion, a vote approved appointing Tom Deegan as Interim Treasurer pending the Bylaws vote, and appointing Chief Randy Deicke as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

- Motion – Director Christian
- Second – Past President Friedl
- Voice Vote – Unanimous (9-0)

B. How Members are Notified of Meetings and other items; and Meeting Planning Issues. Following discussion, by consensus, the following were determined:

- i. Executive Board and General Meeting Minutes and any notices to be distributed as part of the agenda packet will be sent to President Nord (Board meeting minutes to be included in general meeting packets per the Bylaws). President Nord will prepare the agenda packet and send it to Sergeant-at-Arms Deicke, who will send-out the agenda packet via email to members and will place it on the website.
- ii. Any general notices that need to be distributed to members are to be forwarded to Sergeant-at-Arms Deicke to be blast-emailed.
- iii. The Treasurer will receive RSVPs for meetings' and symposiums' attendance counts, and will notify the venue of expected attendee numbers.
- iv. 1st VP Wax will prepare a draft list of positions/responsibilities of Board members, and who is currently filling each responsibility. All Board members will review and suggest corrections and additions.

C. 2017 Meeting Dates. President Nord led the discussion on 2017 meeting dates, as indicated in the proposed schedule included in the Agenda packet. It was determined by consensus that the schedule as proposed will be maintained, except the March Symposium/Meeting date may be moved as reflected in the Vision 20/20 class discussion in the New Business section, below.

7. Committee Reports

A. Audit – Interim Treasurer Deegan, Previous Treasurer Kenny, Director Swanson, and Director Kuryla will complete the financial audit prior to the February meeting.

B. Bylaws Amendments – In the absence of the Chairman, President Nord led a discussion on the proposed amendments as included in the agenda packet (changes on Bylaws pages 2, 5, and 6). A vote passed to recommend to the general membership approval of the proposed Bylaws amendments as presented in the agenda packet.

- Motion – 1st VP Wax
- Second – Past President Friedl
- Voice Vote – Unanimous (9-0)

- C. **Directory/Website** – Chief Deicke reported that a few submitted changes will appear on the next edit of the directory. There was discussion about the Treasurer’s Reports perhaps being posted to the website. It was determined by consensus that such will NOT be done.
- D. **Fundraising** – Sergeant-at-Arms Deegan stated that there was no meeting since the last report, thus there is no report.
- E. **Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – Past President Friedl indicated that bills and receipts are still being documented on the 12/1/2016 Luncheon, and a full report will be issued for the next Board meeting. Long Grove FPD and Restore Restoration still owe for attendance. A vote approved a \$250 gift card to Rosalinda Kucharski, with the members’ most sincere appreciation, for all of her work putting-on the event.
 Motion – Director Kuryla
 Second – 2nd VP Kenny
 Voice Vote – Unanimous (9-0)
- F. **Legislation** – IFCA Executive Director Sashko reported that the organization is preparing for the new legislators, and met with lobbyist Chip Hume. Executive Director Sashko reports that there is much discussion on two Bills in particular:
- i. Rep. Willis is sponsoring a Bill regarding code enforcement and a building representative’s responsibility if a firefighter dies at a fire in a structure with a violation.
 - ii. A Bill regarding a 10-year battery requirement for smoke detectors, with the 10-year requirement terminology changed to an “extended-life” requirement.
- Executive Director Sashko will send-out the Legislative Summit document, which can also be put on the Metro Chiefs website.
- G. **Programs** – It was noted that a Committee chairman is needed for this Committee. The following programs are known at this time:
- i. January 5, 2017 – Aerovista Innovations presenting on the use of drones in the public safety services.
 - ii. February 2, 2017 – IFCA Update.
 - iii. August 4, 2016 – IFCA Update by Executive Director Sashko (and possibly Lobbyist Hume)
 - iv. September 2, 2016 – program not yet identified – Director Freeman will be working on this.
- H. **Sick & Welfare** – 1st VP Kenny thanked all for the support of the benefit for her former secretary Joanne, specifically thanking Chief Friedl and Rosalinda from Gurnee. She also noted that the son of Restore Restoration’s Cory Foster was killed, and requested that everyone keep the Foster family in their prayers.
 Sergeant-at-Arms Deegan reported that Mundelein Chief Ben Yoder is retiring (with less than five years so no plaque to be awarded), and Norwood Park Chief Kevin Stenson is also retiring – 1st VP Kenny stated she would handle the gift for Chief Stenson.
- I. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon Report** – 1st VP Wax will provide all the information to 2nd VP Kenny from previous years’ luncheons. The date of the luncheon will be April 6, 2017.
- J. **Home Day** – Chairman Deegan reported that the date of June 9, 2017 is good- he is working with Paul Darley to identify a location for the event.
- K. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Chairman Swanson reported that Director Maloy has all the material, and is utilizing an intern to organize and file it all. Once it is compiled, it will be posted to the Metro Chiefs website.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Dues. Acting Treasurer Kenny reported that the dues notices will go out soon. She advised that an update of the notices are needed on the website. A discussion ensued regarding the dues levels. By consensus, it was agreed that there will be no changes to the dues levels. It was also decided by consensus that dues notices will be via email only – hard copies will not be mailed-out. This will provide several hundreds of dollars in savings to the organization.

9. New Business

A. Vision 20/20 Community Risk Reduction Train-the-Trainer Program – Executive Director Sashko followed-up on previous discussions regarding this initiative. He thanked the Metro Chiefs for the monetary support, and noted other organizations also contributed. A train-the-trainer session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at the Empress Banquet Hall. The goal is to have 1-to-2 members of each fire department attend. He stressed that this is not just a fire prevention initiative (though fire prevention is a part of it) – it is a full-scale community risk reduction program. The March Metro Symposium will be a one-hour presentation on ISO, followed by Vision 2020 Community Risk Reduction follow-up.

Due to concern over the proximity of the February 21st class to the previously-indicated March 2nd Symposium, and difficulty for the instructors to make both sessions, Executive Director Sashko requested a date change for the Symposium. Executive Director Sashko will work with the instructors and get proposed dates to the Board at its next meeting.

B. Illinois Electronic Security Association (IESA) – The IESA has disconnected itself from the national association, focusing all of its dollars in Illinois to fight mandatory alarm company use, including in municipalities. They also intend to “do battle” with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on the issue.

10. Open Discussion – There was a brief discussion about a recent court decision regarding a PSEBA case in Lombard. 1st VP Wax will email information to Board members. Discussion also involved how PSEBA relates to the proposed legislation on severe injuries to firefighters from code violations, as discussed in the Legislation Committee report.

Lobbyist Hume happened to stop-by the meeting to provide documents to Executive Director Sashko. Executive Director Sashko took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Hume to the Board, as there were several Board members present who had not previously met him.

11. Future Meetings – President Nord

President Nord noted that upcoming meetings are as follows:

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| • General Membership Regular Meeting (Drones) | January 5, 2017 | Empress Banquets |
| • Executive Board Meeting: | January 18, 2017 | Glendale Lakes Golf Club |
| • General Membership Regular Meeting (IFCA Update) | February 2, 2017 | Empress Banquets |
| • Executive Board Meeting: | February 15, 2016 | Glendale Lakes Golf Club |

12. Adjournment

Motion: Director Swanson
 Seconded: Director Kuryla
 Voice Vote: Unanimous (8-0)
 Time Adjourned: 13:05 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S Wax

Alan Wax, 1st Vice President