



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.
Aurelio's Pizza; 1455 Lake St., Addison, IL**



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Styczynski at 11:33 hours.

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>President Tom Styczynski *</u>	<u>Alsip</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>1st Vice Bob Wilson*</u>	<u>Frankfort</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>2nd Vice President Mike Kuryla*</u>	<u>Berkeley</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Secretary Steve Riley*</u>	<u>Westmont</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Treasurer Tom Deegan*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Immediate Past President Tracy Kenny</u>	<u>Broadview</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Alan Wax*</u>	<u>Schiller Park</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director John Christian*</u>	<u>Barrington</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Randy Deicke*</u>	<u>Batavia</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Steve Evans*</u>	<u>Winfield</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Brad Liggett</u>	<u>Freeport</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Jim Walters</u>	<u>Schaumburg</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Gordy Nord</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Fred Friedl*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>

3. Secretary's Report – Approval of June 17th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A vote approved the minutes from the June 17, 2020 Executive Board Meeting, as presented.

Motion- Director Swanson

Second by – 1st Vice President Wilson

Voice Vote – Unanimous (10-0)

4. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Deegan

A. Financial Statements – Treasurer Deegan sent the August 19, 2020 Statement, report as follows:

Account Balance of August 19, 2020

MB Financial Bank – \$58,923.42

PayPal Balance \$0

Petty Cash – \$50.00

Motion- Director Swanson

Second by – 2nd Vice President Kuryla

Voice Vote – Unanimous (10-0)

Treasure Deegan also advised the board that he refunded IPRF \$750.00 that was originally donated for the Executive Board Luncheon.

5. President's Report – President Styczynski

President Styczynski discussed ongoing issues with Covid-19 impacting the whole world and hopefully will start lifting restrictions soon. A lot of discussion on the unknown of where this is going along with a huge impact on all of us. So many unknowns right now that we continue to hear so much information from so many directions. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming flu season and differentiating between the flu and Covid-19. Addressing the issue may be challenging for fire departments.

Retaining Current Officers Through 2021-President Styczynski said a discussion pertaining to holding current positions through 2021 was held but not officially voted upon. After discussion it was decided a formal vote would be needed. All Officers will stay in their current position due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion- Director Friedl

Second by- Secretary Riley

Voice Vote – Unanimous (11-0)

President Styczynski said Chief Kenny approached him regarding forming a Diversity and Inclusion Committee to mirror the International level. Chief Kenny was on vacation and not present to further elaborate details. After further discussion it was unclear what action should be taken.

President Styczynski said the general meeting will not be held in person and asked if something online or a short webinar would be acceptable. After discussion it was agreed that a short webinar could be created and posted to the website in September for viewing. Another update will be provided in November.

President Styczynski discussed meeting frequency, he indicated monthly meetings were not necessary and quarterly meetings may be an option.

Committee Reports

- A. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** – No report
- B. Audit** – No report
- C. Bylaws** – No report
- D. Directory/Website** – No report
- E. Fundraising** – No report
- F. Home Day** – No report
- G. IFCA** – No Report at this time. Chairperson Christian indicated that there is not much activity in Springfield.
- H. Installation/Holiday Luncheon** – No report
- I. Legislation** – No report due to Legislation being put on hold.
- J. Nominating** – No report
- K. Programs** – All programs are put on hold at this time.
- L. Sick & Welfare** – No report
- M. Metro Chiefs Association History** – Treasure Deegan gave out thumb drives to all members with

past history.

7. **Unfinished Business** –IFCA incoming President Don Shovelin will still be hosting a small gathering at the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Station on Saturday October 17th from 2:00pm-6:00pm. More information will be forthcoming.

Chief Christian discussed that there is a request possibly for the Fire Department to administer Flu Shots, discussion ensued, Mike Hansen is spearheading this, information will be forthcoming.

8. **New Business** – Chief Christian is the new Chief in Barrington, Sergeant-At-Arms Wax will be interim Chief in Schiller Park starting September 1st.

Chief Wax to order a plaque for the retiring Schiller Park Chief.

9. **Open Discussion-** Discussion was held if any Board Member has used Rosecrance in Rockford, further discussion ensued.

Adjournment -

Motion- 1st Vice President Wilson

Second- Director Friedl

Voice Vote - Unanimous (11-0)

Time Adjourned: 12:20 hours

Prepared by and submitted by,

Steven Riley

Secretary,
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association