



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 11:30 am
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 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>yes</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Alan Wax</u>	<u>Schiller Park</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director John Christian*</u>	<u>Barrington</u>	<u>no</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>yes</u>
<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Gordy Nord*</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Fred Friedl*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>

3. Secretary's Report – Approval of August 19th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A vote to approve the August 19, 2020 Executive Board Meeting minutes, with corrections noted.

Motion - Director Friedl

Second by - 1st Vice President Wilson

Voice Vote - Unanimous (12-0)

4. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Deegan

A. Financial Statements - Treasurer Deegan sent the September 14, 2020 Statement, report as follows:

Account Balance of September 14, 2020

MB Financial Bank - \$58,840.51

PayPal Balance \$0

Petty Cash - \$50.00

Motion - 1st Vice President Wilson

Second by - Director Evans

Voice Vote - Unanimous (12-0)

Treasurer Deegan also advised the board that he refunded IPRF \$750.00 that was originally donated for the Symposium Luncheon.

5. **President's Report** - President Styczynski

Video Update Topics - President Styczynski discussed video update topics. He advised discussion to be held with IFCA incoming President Don Shovelin regarding participating in a November video update.

Discussion followed regarding a video update highlighting GEMT funding. It was determined that it would be too late to post as funding requests are due October 1st. Further discussion followed pertaining to the December video update. Entertainment ideas for the December video update will be discussed at the October meeting.

Planning for 2021 - President Styczynski said planning for 2021 meetings and events will begin in October/November. The first calendar year meeting is typically held in February. With potential Covid-19 vaccines becoming available members should plan ahead for 2021 programs. Symposium sponsorships may be a challenge due to the negative financial impact Covid-19 has had on many businesses. Reduced fees may need to be considered.

Other- President Styczynski advised the Alsip Fire Department was approached by the Office of the State Fire Marshal regarding promoting the 2020 Fire Prevention Week. A short video shoot will be conducted at the Alsip Fire Department on Friday, September 18th.

President Styczynski further advised the Alsip Fire Department was working on alternative activities for the 2020 Fire Prevention Week. Proposed activities include a reverse drive through with adult and child handouts. Vendor handouts and videos would also be available. The event would potentially run from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or until bags run out. Staff also plans on posting one safety video per day during Fire Prevention Week; setting up a side by side sprinkler demonstration; as well as working with local schools to promote fire safety awareness. Direction was given for Director Diecke to post any available information on the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association webpage.

Committee Reports

- A. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** - Immediate Past President Kenny advised she will reach out to reserve normal dates. The Fall Seminar will be held at the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District.
- B. **Audit** - No report. Information after the first of the year.
- C. **Bylaws** - No report
- D. **Directory/Website** - No report
- E. **Fundraising** - Director Swanson said a clay shooting event has been scheduled for October 17th; a Waukegan Fall fishing outing is being planned. More information to follow; The t-shirt fundraiser was ok with approximately 275 shirts sold; Blood drives still being held. A minimum of 30 participants needed. A group email to be sent.
- F. **Home Day** - No report. May be a virtual format again, more information to follow.
- G. **IFCA** - No report
- H. **Installation/Holiday Luncheon** - No report
- I. **Legislation** - No report due to Legislation being put on hold.
- J. **Nominating** - As discussed at the August meeting, the 2020 board will remain as is for the 2021 calendar year.
- K. **Programs** - All programs are put on hold at this time.
- L. **Sick & Welfare** - Any updates to be sent to Immediate Past President Kenny. Discussion was held regarding including Deputy Chief rank, after a brief discussion consensus was to not include Deputy Chiefs. Will also look into recognizing retired McCook Fire Chief Myrick.
- M. **Metro Chiefs Association History** - None

7. Unfinished Business -

President Styczynski said prior to the August meeting, Immediate Past President Kenny approached him regarding forming a Diversity and Inclusion Committee to mirror the International level. Immediate Past President Kenny was on vacation for the August meeting and no action was taken. The item was brought up for discussion once again. Immediate Past President Kenny advised after further review she felt no action was necessary as the Metro Chiefs are currently following procedures and policies established at the International level. Discussion followed and the consensus was action should be taken at the State level prior to moving down to the Metro Chief level.

8. New Business -

Director Swanson advised the one day Northern Alliance Conference is planned for Saturday, January 30th at a cost of \$60 per attendee. Members are also working towards registering the same number of attendees as previous years. More information to follow on pension training for additional fire departments.

9. Open Discussion -

Immediate Past President Kenny said September is designated as National Suicide Prevention month. She advised Division 20 has designated benevolence funds to cover counseling costs for any Division 20 member in need. The program is strictly confidential and allows for three free counseling sessions at a cost of \$220 paid out of the benevolence funds. The program has been very beneficial and rewarding.

2nd Vice President Kuryla discussed potentially trademarking the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association logo. Immediate Past President Kenny advised Division 20 had been discussing the same topic at a meeting earlier in the day. Further discussion followed.

Adjournment -

Motion - Director Swanson

Second - 2nd Vice President Kuryla

Voice Vote - Unanimous (12-0)

Time Adjourned: 12:34 hours

Prepared by and submitted by,

Steven Piley

Secretary,
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association