



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 4, 2021
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL



1. **Call to Order:** President Tom Styczynski called the meeting to order by at noon on November 4, 2021.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Styczynski led attendees in the Pledge
3. **Roll Call** (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP): Based on the attendance roster, President Styczynski confirmed the presence of a quorum, as defined in the By-Laws.
4. **Introduction of Sponsor & Guests:**
 - a. New Mount Prospect FD Deputy Chief Tom Wang was introduced and welcomed.
 - b. President Styczynski thanked meeting sponsors Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) and North Central Emergency Vehicles (NCEV). Mark from NCEV introduced himself and the company.
5. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Alan Wax presented written minutes from the following two meetings for approval:
 - a. August 12, 2021 General Membership Meeting
 - i. A motion was made by Batavia FD to approve the 8/12/2021 meeting minutes
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Freeport FD
 - iii. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
 - b. September 2, 2021 Abbreviated General Membership Meeting Prior to Fall Symposium
 - i. A motion was made by Barrington FD to approve the 9/2/2021 meeting minutes
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Elk Grove Village FD
 - iii. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tom Deegan presented the written Treasurer's Report, which included the following:
 - a. Revenues and Expenditures from May 6, 2021 through November 3, 2021

i. Starting Balance 5/5/2021:	\$52,989.10
ii. Revenues:	\$33,045.98
iii. Expenditures:	-\$34,634.28
iv. Ending Balance 11/3/2021:	\$51,400.80 (Net: -\$1,588.30)
 - b. Account Balances as of November 3, 2021
 - c. Budget Status as of November 3, 2021, Approximately 84% of the Way Through 2021
 - i. Total Revenues: 55.52% of Budget
 - ii. Total Expenditures: 37.68% of Budget
 - iii. Net: 16.46% of Budgeted Loss (Budgeted Expenditures-Over-Revenue)
 - d. Vote on the Above Treasurer's Report
 - i. A motion was made by Schaumburg FD to approve the Treasurer's Report
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Beach Park FD
 - iii. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
7. **Reading of Communications:** President Styczynski reported that there were no communications.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Bylaws: Chairman Mike Kuryla – No report
- b. Nominating:
 - i. Chairman Fred Friedl presented the slate of 2022 Officers, as recommended by the Committee, as follows:
 - A. President – Chief John Christian from Barrington FD
 - B. 1st VP – Chief Brad Liggett from Freeport FD
 - C. 2nd VP – Chief Steve Evans from Winfield FPD
 - D. Secretary – Chief Alan Wax from Hoffman Estates FD
 - ii. Chairman Friedl then called for nominations from the floor three separate times. There were no nominations offered from the floor in response to any of these calls.
 - A. A motion was made by Appointed Retiree Board Member Dick Swanson to close nominations
 - B. The motion was seconded by South Elgin FD
 - C. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
 - D. A motion was made by Appointed Retiree Board Member Dick Swanson to elect the slate unanimously, as presented and recommended by the Committee
 - E. The motion was seconded by Hoffman Estates FD
 - F. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
- c. Directory/Website: Chairman Randy Deicke – No Report
- d. Fundraising: Chairman Dick Swanson – On behalf of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) Educational & Research Foundation, Chief Jeff Swanson thanked the sponsors and attendees of the recent clay shooting fundraising event. He reported it to be a great event, and advised that financial information on the event would be coming soon. Chief Swanson reported that there may be a fishing tournament fundraiser in early June of 2022, and that there will be a 50/50 raffle at the December Metro Luncheon. He also reported that the Blood Drive fundraisers are a strong fundraiser for the IFCA Foundation, and requested more departments participate.
- e. IFCA/Legislation: Chairman John Christian – IFCA Legislative Committee Chairman John Buckley noted that information was included in the IFCA Hotsheet that was distributed on 11/3/2021. He noted specifically that Illinois House Bill 220, which may involve including battalion chiefs in bargaining units, depending on specific local situations, passed both houses and will likely be signed by the Governor. It would go into effect in June 2022, and departments are encouraged to consult with labor counsel to determine local impact.
- f. Programs: President Styczynski reported that this meeting's speakers will be IFCA First Vice President Rich Mikel, speaking on Chiefs' involvement in the IFCA and what the IFCA has to offer, and Illinois MABAS Operations Branch Manager Kevin Lyne, speaking about responses to large inter-state activations and the recent deployment to Louisiana in response to Hurricane Ida.
- g. Sick & Welfare: Chairman Tracy Kenny – Chief Kenny asked that members advise her when they hear of information of which the Committee should be aware.
- h. Symposium: Co-Chairmen Steve Evans and Alan Wax reported that the Spring Symposium will be held on March 3, 2022 and will continue in the multi-presentation format. Ideas for presentations would be very welcome.
- i. Holiday/Installation Luncheon: Chairman Fred Friedl reported that there were 152 attendees registered as of 11/4/2021, so please get registrations submitted. Chairman Friedl thanked the vendors that are sponsoring the event. He also thanked the Addison Fire Protection District for arranging for, and managing, the overflow parking at the Empress during the event.
- j. Association Updates – No reports

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business: None

11. Open Discussion: None

12. President's Report: President Styczynski moved this agenda item to the end of the meeting in order to say a few words about his two years as President, since this was the last regular general meeting of the year. He noted that the term of the officers was extended to two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He expressed that it was his honor to serve as the President, and he thanked the Executive Board members by name (some of which changed-over during his tenure as President), as well as others who assisted on committees and special events and projects. He also thanked the vendors who support the organization, and the members who make the Metro Chiefs Association as strong as it is. He found the experience to be demanding and rewarding, and he expressed pride in how the organization excelled during the tough times, just as it always does. President Styczynski once again thanked everyone, and expressed that he looks forward to continuing to contribute next year as Immediate Past President, and in years to come.

13. Future Meetings – The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 2022, but more information will be forthcoming.

14. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made by Freeport FD to adjourn the business meeting
- b. The motion was seconded by Barrington FD
- c. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion
- d. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Program Presentation Following the Business Meeting-

- Illinois Fire Chief's Association- 1st Vice President Rich Mikel
- MABAS Operations Officer- Kevin Lyne