



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 18, 2022
Eaglewood Resort & Spa Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca



1. **Call to Order** – President Christian called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. on May 18, 2022.

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
President John Christian*	Barrington	X	Affiliate Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	X
1 st Vice President Steve Evans*	Winfield	X	Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	X
2 nd Vice President Steve Wascher*	South Elgin & Ctyd	X	Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	
Secretary Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X	Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	X	Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Immed. Past Presid. Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	X	Active Director Tom Gaertner	River Forest	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief		Active Director Andy Dina*	Warrenville	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief	X			

President Christian declared there to be a quorum.

3. **Secretary's Report – Secretary Wax**

A. Approval of meeting minutes of the April 20, 2022 Executive Board meeting

I. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Kenny and seconded by Past President Styczynski.

a. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote. The approved minutes, excluding the associated attachments, are enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-4](#).

4. **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Deegan**

A. Approval of the Treasurer's Report covering April 19, 2022 through May 16, 2022

I. The Report included a list of revenues/expenditures, account balances, and the 2022 Budget status.

II. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Director Friedl and seconded by Director Gaertner.

a. The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote. The Report is enclosed as [Attachment B on pages 5-6](#).

B. Payment of Invoice to Pedersen Design, LLC for Annual Website Support Services

I. Treasurer Deegan presented the invoice for consideration. The invoice amount (\$5,830) is within the amount included in the 2022 Budget (\$6,000). The invoice is enclosed as [Attachment C on page 7](#).

II. A motion to approve payment of the Pedersen invoice was made by Director Kenny and seconded by 2nd VP Wascher.

a. The motion to approve payment of the Pedersen invoice passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote.

C. Membership Still Unpaid. As a continuation of past discussions, Treasurer Deegan advised that notices resulted in the list of unpaid members being reduced a bit, but there are still many names remaining on the list (Treasurer Deegan distributed the list as of 5/16/2022 to the Board). Board members were asked to continue to reach-out to fellow chiefs on the list. Discussion on future more definitive actions is expected at the next Executive Board meeting.

5. **President's Report – President Christian**

A. Chief Wascher's Retirement – President Christian offered congratulations to 2nd Vice President Wascher and thanked him for his involvement with – and service to – the Metro Chiefs Association.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** – Committee Chairperson Kuryla and Secretary Wax reported that the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Executive Board, were emailed to all active members, are posted on the Metro Chiefs website, and will be up for an approval vote at the August 4th general membership meeting.

B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke reported that all is well with the website and directory.

C. **Fundraising** – Chairperson Swanson reported that the Fishing Derby is set for June 24th, but there are not yet too many registrations, so all are asked to spread the word about the event. Chief Styczynski has the 50/50 Board for the Golf Outing, which will be at Home Day for attendees to participate in the 50/50 raffle.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** – Chairperson Styczynski reported that there is little happening legislatively – the next session is the "Lame Duck" session in the fall, where there is concern about a resurgence in the attempted legalization of fireworks. He noted that the Volunteer bill failed, and the sweep of 9-11 funds is a concern. Also, the Tollway Agreement has been settled (thank you Chief Christian and Retired Chief Buckley), State Fire Marshal Perez is retiring on June 30th, and there may be GEMT funding for treat/no-transport situations down-the-road. There is IFCA discussion on reducing the minimum age for firefighter to 18, and on changing the paramedic licensure process to provide for simultaneous EMT & Paramedic training – and the planning

for the June 2023 joint conference with the Fire Protection District association will start in July, with members needed for various committees. Work is also starting on the October 2023 IFCA Symposium. The 2022 IFCA Conference remains in October in Peoria. It was noted that the 2022 IFCA Symposium went well, with approximately 150 attendees. Director Kenny noted that there were approximately 100 attendees at the initial meeting of female firefighters in the state. The organization will be formalized in June. Director Kenny will provide information that can be forwarded.

E. Symposium – Committee Co-Chairpersons Wax and Evans are closer to determining which presentations will be offered at the Fall Symposium on September 1st. Other presentations may be available to be used for programs at regular monthly meetings.

F. Nominating – Chairperson Friedl advised that there was nothing to report.

G. Programs – Committee Chairperson Styczynski

I. Future Meeting Presentation Topics – Chairperson Styczynski led a brief discussion on potential August meeting program topics that might be of interest to retirees. Potential topics for other meetings include emergency responses to photo-voltaic cells, lessons learned from the Indiana Walmart extra-alarm fire, and “unused” possible Symposium topics.

II. Membership Meeting Schedules – A discussion was held to clarify the times of the general membership meetings and the elements within the meetings. The announcements, website, and actual times often did not match. It was determined by consensus that, for the regular monthly lunch meetings, the following schedule would be followed:

- a. Registration and Fellowship 11:00 – 11:30
- b. Lunch 11:30 – 12:00
- c. Business Meeting 12:00
- d. Presentation Immediately Following Completion of Business Meeting

H. Annual Banquet – Co-Chairpersons Friedl and Kenny advised that there was nothing to report.

I. Sick & Welfare – Committee Chairperson Kenny reported that Matt Martin, formerly of the Westchester FD, is the new Broadview Deputy Chief. She also issued another request that any information related to Good & Welfare of members be forwarded to her. Further discussion revealed that Wauconda Chief David Geary is retiring on May 20th and Patrick Kane has been appointed as the new Wauconda Chief. Additionally, Retired Northlake Chief Robert Hjelmgren is very ill; Chairperson Kenny will send him a card from the Metro Chiefs.

J. Metro Chiefs Association History – Chairperson Swanson advised that there was nothing to report.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Home Day Update – Co-Chairperson Deegan reported that all is ready for the event – however the attendance response from active chiefs is very low (only eight chiefs registered at the time), which is concerning. It is important that chiefs attend to show support and talk with legislators/staff and vendors. Reminders and requests for chiefs to attend will be blasted-out. Speakers and topics is still being finalized. It appears that Representative Sean Casten (Illinois’ 6th District) will be in attendance himself, and may speak.

B. Executive Board Meeting Location – After brief discussion, it was determined that the Eaglewood Golf Club location and dining options were nice, and thus the June 15, 2022 meeting would be held at that location again.

8. New Business – There was no New Business

9. Open Discussion – There were no Open Discussion items

10. Future Meetings

- A. Home Day: Thursday June 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Sprinkler Fitters Local #281, 11900 S. Laramie Ave in Alsip
- B. Executive Board: Wednesday June 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Eaglewood Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd in Itasca
- C. Regular Membership: Thursday August 4, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Empress Banquet Hall, 200 E. Lake St in Addison

11. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by Past President Styczynski and seconded by Director Dina.
- B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Wax, Secretary



5/18/2022 MINUTES ATTACHMENT A

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois Executive Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 20, 2022 Aurelio's of Addison, 1455 W. Lake St, Addison



NOTE: Attachments to the approved 4/20/2022 minutes are excluded here

1. **Call to Order** – President Christian called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. on March 16, 2022.

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
President John Christian*	Barrington	X
1 st Vice President Steve Evans*	Winfield	X
2 nd Vice President Steve Wascher*	South Elgin & Ctyd	X
Secretary Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	
Immed. Past Presid. Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief	X

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
Affiliate Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	X
Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	
Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	X
Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	X
Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Active Director Tom Gaertner	River Forest	
Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Active Director Andy Dina*	Warrenville	X

President Christian declared there to be a quorum.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Wax

- A Approval of meeting minutes of the March 16, 2022 Executive Board meeting

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Friedl and seconded by Past President Styczynski. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote. The approved minutes, excluding the associated attachments, are enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-4](#).

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Deegan

- A Approval of the Treasurer's Report covering March 15, 2022 through April 18, 2022

- The report included a list of revenues/expenditures, the budget status, and an Administrative Professionals Luncheon Financial Report through April 18, 2022.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Director Swanson and seconded by 1st Vice President Evans. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote. The report is enclosed as [Attachment B on pages 5-7](#).

- 5 **President's Report – President Christian**

- A May 5th General Membership Meeting – President Christian reported that the meeting is all set. There will be two sponsors this time (due to a previously paid-up sponsor that was delayed due to the pandemic requesting to sponsor this meeting where there was already a sponsor designated). The sponsors will be Eagle Engraving and Optimal Recovery. The speaker will be Marsha Giesler providing an update on Community Risk Reduction.

Committee Reports

- A **Bylaws** – Committee Chairperson Kuryla and Secretary Wax reported that the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Executive Board, will be sent-out to the membership prior to the vote to approve the amendments at the May 5th general membership meeting.

Directory/Website – Committee Chairperson Deicke reported that he sent-out a notice about the May 5th general membership meeting, and he will send-out another one. He also has received directory updates, which will be made soon.

- C **Fundraising** – Chairperson Swanson reported that the Golf Outing and Fishing Derby days are “nailed-down” and can be found in the recent IFCA HotSheet sent. Additionally, the IFCA Fundraising Committee will be meeting soon.

IFCA/Legislation – Chairperson Styczynski reported that there was nothing new to report regarding legislation. The agreement with the Tollway is going to the Tollway Board this month – assuming approval, it will then be sent-out to the fire departments and districts.

- E **Symposium** – Committee Co-Chairpersons Wax and Evans advised that suggestions for the Fall Symposium and future events presentation topics would be welcome – several have already been received and are being discussed.

Nominating – Chairperson Friedl advised that there was nothing to report.

Programs – Committee Chairperson Styczynski advised that an update on the Community Risk Reduction initiatives is confirmed for the May 5th Regular Membership meeting with presenter Marsha Giesler. Chairperson Styczynski also solicited suggestions for the August retiree meeting speaker. A brief discussion ensued.

- H **Annual Banquet** – Co-Chairperson Friedl advised that there was nothing to report.

- I **Sick & Welfare** – With Committee Chairperson Kenny's absence, there was no report. Discussion revealed that Aurora Chief Gary Krienitz is retiring on May 3rd, Wauconda Chief David Geary is retiring on May 20th, and Libertyville Chief Rich Carani is retiring on June 30th.

- J **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Chairperson Swanson advised that there was nothing to report.

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7. Unfinished Business

- A. Home Day Update – President Christian reported on a meeting with Metro Chiefs, Paul Darley, and representatives of the sprinkler fitters. There was an issue that the Sprinkler Fitters Union (Home Day location hosts) took exception to a couple of Metro Chiefs' vendors/sponsors, and was considering not allowing those businesses in the building. It appears that this was a personality issue. President Christian identified that the Metro Chiefs would not jeopardize the organization's relationship with its vendors/sponsors, who have been so supportive, and thus, if necessary, an alternate location for the Home Day could be found. Discussion also identified that, while sprinklers are obviously vitally important, based on notices of the event distributed as well as statements made by the sprinkler associations, the sprinkler groups appear to be attempting to transition the focus of the Home Day event from fire service funding/legislation to a forum all about sprinklers. The Committee will address that with the sprinkler organizations.
- B. Administrative Professionals Luncheon Review – With Chairperson Kenny's absence, this discussion was brief. It was noted that the event financials as of April 18th were included in the Treasurer's Report in Item 4.A., above. Additionally, \$520 was raised in a raffle for a purse, which proceeds were donated to the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP) Scholarship Fund.

8. New Business

- A. Executive Board Meeting Location – Discussion was held regarding a memo previously emailed by Treasurer Deegan regarding potential alternate locations for the monthly Executive Board meetings. One identified location that appears to be attractive due to menu options, space availability, and centralized location is the Engelwood Resort at 1401 Nordic Rd in Itasca.
 - I. A motion to try meeting at the Engelwood Resort in Itasca for the next couple of months was made by Past President Styczynski and seconded by 2nd VP Wascher.
 - a. The motion to approve the meeting relocation trial passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote. It was noted that Aurelio's has done an outstanding job for the organization and their service has been appreciated.
- B. Membership Renewal – Discussion was held regarding the list of members not paid-up, which was provided to the Board members ahead of time by Treasurer Deegan. It was determined that Board Members would scrub the list first using a shared document, and then further discussion would be held on how to handle the large number of non-payers. There was also a brief discussion regarding how to make membership more attractive, such as by having different costs for the Symposium for members and non-members – this will be tied-in to a future discussion regarding the potential change in Active and Affiliate membership fees that was begun in December.

9. Open Discussion

- A. Cook County Fire Chiefs Association – Sergeant-at-Arms Kuryla, who served on the executive board of the Cook County Fire Chiefs Association when it went "inactive" years ago, stated that several of the members of that organization's executive board had a conversation and identified that there is still \$2,731.92 in the Cook County Fire Chiefs Association bank account. The funds were mostly derived from membership dues when the organization was active. Those in the discussion intend to close-out that account, and likely will distribute the funds to the Metro Fire Chiefs Association for the benefit of the fire service and for charitable purposes.

10. Future Meetings

- A. Regular Membership: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Empress Banquet Hall in Addison
- B. Executive Board: Wednesday May 18, 2022 – Location to be confirmed
- C. Home Day: June 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Sprinkler Fitters Local #281, 11900 S. Laramie Ave in Alsip

11. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by Director Swanson and seconded by Director Nord.
- B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Wax, Secretary

5/18/2022 MINUTES ATTACHMENT B

Metro Chiefs Exec - May 2022

4/19/2022 through 5/16/2022

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Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 4/18/2022				54,451.34
4/20/2022	1Aurelios		Executive Board L...	-162.03
4/26/2022			Secretary Lunch In...	350.00
			Dues:Dues 2022	280.00
5/2/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	100.00
5/4/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	320.00
5/4/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]	531.59
5/4/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	140.00
			Luncheon Income	420.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-28.41
5/4/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]	-531.59
5/5/2022		Cash from Meeti...	Luncheon Income	200.00
			Secretary Lunch In...	245.00
			Dues:Dues 2022	130.00
5/5/2022	1Empress Banquets 48		Luncheon Expense	-1,640.00
5/5/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	120.00
5/5/2022			Dues	10.00
			Luncheon Income	100.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-4.27
5/6/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	50.00
5/16/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	90.00
5/16/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	80.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-3.78
4/19/2022 - 5/16/2022				796.51
BALANCE 5/16/2022				55,247.85

Account Balances - As of 5/16/2022

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Account	5/16/2022 Balance
Bank Accounts	
MB Financial Bank	55,015.90
Paypal	181.95
TOTAL Bank Accounts	55,197.85
Cash Accounts	
Petty Cash	50.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	50.00
OVERALL TOTAL	55,247.85

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Metropolitan Fire Chiefs - 2022 Budget as of 5/16/22

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	Notes:
<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues	\$ 18,680.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,095.00	
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lunches	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,950.00	
Symposium	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,010.00	
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 20.00	
Holiday Lunch	\$ 140.00	\$ 21,905.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Secretary Lunch	\$ 630.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,815.00	
Misc Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 557.00	
Total Income	\$ 23,995.00	\$ 41,790.00	\$ 67,200.00	\$ 32,447.00	
Expenditures:					
General:					
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 108.56	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Credit Card Fees	\$ 289.20	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 730.41	
Charter/Filing	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Lunch meetings	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 5,956.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,040.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 41.19	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 127.60	
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Sick/Welfare	\$ 530.60	\$ 319.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 327.51	
Total	\$ 2,342.99	\$ 7,424.29	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 4,225.52	
Executive Board:					
Guest/Speakers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Lunch meetings	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,025.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 663.15	
Legislator Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 40.75	\$ -	\$ 287.00	
Total	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,066.05	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 950.15	
Special:					
IFCA Candidate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Website	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	
Directory Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
Total	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,830.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	
Special Events:					
Symposium	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,870.00	
Golf Outing	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
Holiday Lunch	\$ 211.34	\$ 32,931.94	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 1,435.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Secretary Luncheon	\$ 58.79	\$ 6,543.25	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,745.50	
Total	\$ 1,883.13	\$ 44,530.39	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 10,615.50	
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,016.97	\$ 59,850.73	\$ 74,985.00	\$ 17,792.17	
Expenses Vs Income	\$ 12,978.03	\$ (18,060.73)	\$ (7,785.00)	\$ 14,654.83	

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PEDERSEN DESIGN, LLC
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Invoice 74901

BILL TO

Randy Diecke
METROPOLITAN
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC. OF
IL

DATE
04/21/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$5,830.00

DUE DATE
05/21/2022

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
WEB HOSTING Web hosting for 1 year. May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023.	1	540.00	540.00
DESIGN Web Maintenance Yearly Service Contract for 12 months - May thru April. 4 hours per month (48 hours). Includes site updates, pdf files, Jot Form/PayPal service checkout buttons, additions and revisions, major membership update in April. Update Wordpress Plugins Update Wordpress Theme Updating Directories with info from shared Metro Google Doc Updating Monthly Meeting schedule Updating Monthly Meeting Registration forms Updating Meeting Minutes page with Regular and Executive Board Meeting PDFs Add PowerPoint and PDF Presentations to the Presentations page Update Officers & Directors when needed Add Images to the Photo Gallery Add Special Announcements to Home page when needed Post updated download links for current ByLaws Update Printable Directory to match Website and Google Doc, and make available to download/print	48	105.00	5,040.00
DESIGN WEB DESIGN Jot-form payment form integration subscription for 1 year. Used for membership and event registration notifications and payment integration.	1	250.00	250.00

TOTAL DUE

\$5,830.00

THANK YOU.