



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday August 17, 2022  
Eaglewood Resort & Spa Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca**



1. **Call to Order** – President Christian called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. on July 20, 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Steve Evans*	Winfield	X	Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Andy Dina*	Warrenville	X	Active Director Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	X
Secretary Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates		Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	X
Immed. Past Presid. Tom Styczynski* Alsip			Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Tom Gaertner*	River Forest	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	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 July 20, 2022 Executive Board meeting

I. A motion to approve the July 20, 2022 minutes was made by Director Swanson and seconded by Director Walters.

a. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

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

A. Treasurer Deegan advised the Board members present that he will e-mail the Treasurer’s Report out to the Board members within the next few weeks. No report was presented.

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

A. President Christian noted that the Executive Board will continue to meet here at the Golf Club of Eaglewood through September/October, then will look at returning to Aurelio’s Pizza, 1455 West Lake, Addison through the winter months.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** – Chairperson Kuryla reported that the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Executive Board, were posted on the Metro Chiefs website, and will be up for an approval vote at the general membership meeting prior to the Fall Symposium on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke reported that as directory updates are received they appear on the website within a couple of weeks. Thank you to Secretary Wax and Board Members that continue to provide updates. He also noted that, for the Fall Symposium scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022, one notice has already been e-mailed out with two additional notices forthcoming.

C. **Fundraising** – Treasurer Deegan and Chairperson Swanson reported that the IFCA Foundation golf outing figures were not yet released. Treasurer Deegan will follow-up with Maureen Griseto. The Committee is working on dates for this fall’s Clay Pigeon Shoot at the Gun Club located in the Frankfort/Monee area. Dates/times and additional information will be available shortly.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** –Chairperson Styczynski was not in attendance. As a reminder, the IFCA Annual Conference is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. October 16<sup>th</sup> is the Tired Traveler evening which is a wonderful opportunity to unwind, meet with fellow officers along with Sponsors and Vendors.

E. **Symposium** – Co-Chairperson Evans reported that the 9/1/2022 Symposium’s three presenters have been all contacted. The presenters include Elgin Fire Chief Cagann / Battalion Chief Jim Ryan reviewing a mass shooting incident, a presentation on Resiliency by Fire Chief Terry Vavra and Chaplain Tim Perry, and DuPage County Emergency Management Coordinator John Nebl providing an overview of interoperable communications and advising on resources available (including an equipment display in the parking lot). The Empress has been notified of the early breakfast and two (2) breaks; there will be four (4) sponsors (Darley, Restore Restoration, IPRF and

Chicago Fire & Water Restoration). Following the breakfast, there will be a very brief business meeting to present the slate of candidates for 2023 officers and approval of the recommended By-Laws. Currently there are 52 paid / registered members.

**F. Nominating** – Chairperson Friedl presented the 2023 Slate of Officers for consideration of the Board. President – Chief Steve Evans, Winfield FPD , 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Chief Andrew Dina, Warrenville FPD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Chief Alan Wax, Hoffman Estates FD, Secretary- Chief Thomas D. Gaertner, River Forest FD, Past President – Chief John Christian, Barrington FD. Following discussion on a motion by Director Walters, seconded by Director Norvilas it was moved to approve and recommend the 2023 Slate of Officers to the General Membership at the General Meeting on September 1, 2022. The motion to approve passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

**G. Programs** –Chairperson Styczynski was not in attendance. Chairperson Styczynski has scheduled either Fire Chief Richard Mikel or himself to provide an IFCA update at the November 2022 General Business Meeting.

**H. Annual Banquet** – Co-Chairperson Friedl provided the Board Members present with a DRAFT Program for the Thursday, December 1, 2022 Installation Luncheon. Chief Evans was requested to provide information on who will be giving the “Oath of Office” to the 2023 Officers and who he would like to give an Invocation prior to lunch. Also President Christian and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents were asked to review the 2023 Tentative Meeting schedule and advise Co-Chairperson Friedl of any revisions. Treasurer Deegan will review his files and make contact with the Palm and Card Readers. Co-Chairperson Friedl also indicated that he met with the Empress to confirm the date and that the Board wished to have the same Table Layout as last year. During the discussion, it was noted that there were 434 present at the 2021 Installation Luncheon. With the Empress providing wine at the tables and appetizers our cost was approximately \$53.00 per person while the Association is only charging \$35.00 per person. Following further discussion on a motion by Director Gaertner, seconded by Director Segalla to increase the Member charge to \$40.00 per person and Non-Member charge to \$50.00 per person. The motion to approve passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

**I. Sick & Welfare** – Secretary Wax attended the Walk Out Ceremony for Fire Chief Michael Hansen, Lincolnwood Fire Department.

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

**7. Unfinished Business** – General discussion regarding the August General Meeting (Retiree Meeting). It was noted that more retired members attended than Active or Affiliate members so there was not a quorum present to approve the revised By-Laws. Committee Chairperson Deicke again reviewed the process of Meeting and Symposium member notification along with a discussion on a membership flyer that he had developed during his term as President. President Christian asked that he forward that document to him for revision and use. It was also suggested that Board members reach out to their neighboring departments and invite them to attend a General meeting.

**8. New Business** – September 1, 2022 General Meeting Agenda will include the 2023 Slate of Officers, approval of the revised By-Laws, and request of attending members to reach out to a neighboring Department to attend the November 2022 General Meeting.

**9. Open Discussion**

A. None

**10. Future Meetings**

A. Executive Board: Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Eaglewood Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd in Itasca

B. Regular Membership: Thursday September 1, 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 Director Thomas Gaertner and seconded by Director Swanson.

B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Fred N. Friedl III