



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 21, 2022
Eaglewood Resort & Spa Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca**



1. **Call to Order** – President Christian called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. on September 21, 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		Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	11:42-12:09
2 nd Vice President Andy Dina*	Warrenville	X	Active Director Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	
Secretary Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X	Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	X
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		Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
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 August 17, 2022 Executive Board meeting

- I. A motion to approve the August 17, 2022 minutes was made by Director Nord and seconded by Director Norvilas.
 - a. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (9-0) by voice vote.

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

A. Treasurer Deegan presented the Treasurer’s Report. Because there was no report at the August meeting, this report covered the period of 7/20/2022 through 9/20/2022.

- I. The Report included revenues/expenditures, the 2022 Budget status, and the income and expenses related to the Fall Symposium.
- 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 (9-0) by voice vote. The Report is enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-5](#).

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

- A. **Correspondence Received** – President Christian noted that he and Director Nord attended the retirement event for Bedford Park Chief Sean Maloy. President Christian noted that, due to the By-Laws amendment replacing retiree gift cards or plaques with free lifetime Honorary Retired Memberships, Chief Maloy is the last member receiving a gift card for retirement. A thank-you note from Chief Maloy was included in the Agenda Packet for this meeting, and is included in these minutes as [Attachment B on page 6](#).
- B. **New Member** – Help Razom. Discussion on this revealed that the organization was not seeking to become a member – they were asking the Metro Chiefs to get the word out that they were seeking firefighting equipment to send to fire departments in the Ukraine during the war with Russia.

6. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Bylaws** – Secretary Wax reported that the By-Laws amendments, as approved by the membership on September 1, 2022, were published on September 20th and will be added to the website.
- B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke indicated that there was no report.
- C. **Fundraising** – Co-Chairperson Deegan reported that the information regarding the IFCA Clay Shoot fundraiser was sent-out. He also advised that the golf outing financials have not yet been published.
- D. **IFCA/Legislation** – Chairperson Styczynski was not in attendance. In his absence, Treasurer Deegan reported that the IFCA Legislative Committee is planning for the veto session, and members should let the Committee know if there are any proposed legislative initiatives for the spring session, as the Committee is also starting to work on that session. There was discussion regarding the PFAS Foam requirements and the related Office of the State Fire Marshal’s survey. Treasurer Deegan also noted that there is discussion about the Senate developing a firefighter hiring task force to look into the hiring crisis being experienced by fire departments across the state.

- E. **Symposium** – The financials presented with the Treasurer’s Report (above) were reviewed. Co-Chairperson Wax requested that ideas for presentations for the Spring Symposium be submitted. Some ideas discussed preliminarily at the meeting included topics of Recruitment/Retention and Developing Explorer Posts.
- F. **Nominating** – Chairperson Friedl reminded the Board that the Election will be held at the November General Business meeting.
- 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-Chairpersons Friedl and Kenny provided statuses of the various elements of the Thursday, December 1, 2022 Installation Luncheon, including the invitations (completed) and the vendor letter (to be sent within the next couple of weeks). Shoppers were identified as Kuryla, Dina, Kenny (and Kris Murphy), Evans (and Robin Youngberg). Co-Chairperson Kenny will see if the shuttle bus to/from parking was used last year, and if it wasn’t, then it won’t be requested this year. There was discussion regarding whether a gift should be given to attendees – additional research will be completed before a final decision.
- I. **Sick & Welfare** – Chairperson Kenny advised that there was no report.
- J. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Chairperson Swanson advised that there was nothing to report. A question was raised on if there is a mission statement for the organization. If there is one and someone can find it, please forward it to Chairperson Swanson.

7. **Unfinished Business** – None.

8. **New Business** – The next meeting is scheduled during the IFCA Conference. President Christian will seek to schedule a meeting at the conference, accessible via Zoom to those not attending the Conference. Additionally, Treasurer Deegan noted that Valley Chemical is seeking to sponsor the February General Membership Meeting.

9. **Open Discussion** – None.


10. **Future Meetings**

- A. Executive Board: During the IFCA Conference – date, location, and Zoom access TBA
- B. Regular Membership: Thursday November 3, 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 Swanson and seconded by Director Nord.
- B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (9-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Alan Wax, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A TO 9/21/2022 METRO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Metro Chiefs Exec - August/September 2022

7/20/2022 through 9/20/2022

9/20/2022

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Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 7/19/2022				52,391.26
7/22/2022	1Tom Deegan	Reimbursement - ...	Executive Board Lu...	-287.84
8/3/2022			Luncheon Income	440.00
			Dues:Dues 2022	40.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:Ba...	-24.63
8/4/2022	1Empress Banq...	45	Luncheon Expense	-1,600.00
8/7/2022		Cash from 8/4 Me...	Luncheon Income	40.00
8/7/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]	734.40
8/7/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	150.00
			Luncheon Income	100.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:Ba...	-9.08
8/7/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]	-734.40
8/17/2022	1Tom Deegan	Reimbursement - ...	Executive Board Lu...	-357.83
8/19/2022		WS Darley - Spon...	Symposium Income	-250.00
8/21/2022		Illinois Public Risk...	Symposium Income	500.00
		Illinois Public Risk...	Luncheon Income	250.00
8/21/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]	3,064.22
8/21/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	120.00
			Symposium Income	2,065.00
		Restore Restoration	Symposium Income	500.00
		Chicago Water an...	Symposium Income	500.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:Ba...	-120.78
8/21/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]	-3,064.22
9/1/2022		50/50 Cash from ...	Miscellaneous Income	305.00
9/1/2022	1Empress Banq...	85	Symposium Expense	-2,875.00
9/1/2022	1Alan Wax	Mike Hanson	Sick & Welfare Expe...	114.75
		Gift Cards for Spe...	Symposium Expense	125.00
		Raffle Tickets	Symposium Expense	26.40
9/10/2022	1John Christian	Maloy Retirement	Sick & Welfare Expe...	-112.10
9/10/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]	1,046.38
9/10/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]	-1,046.38
9/10/2022			Symposium Income	805.00
			Dues:Dues 2022	40.00
		Valley Chemical ...	Luncheon Income	250.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:Ba...	-48.62
7/20/2022 - 9/20/2022				685.27
BALANCE 9/20/2022				53,076.53
TOTAL INFLOWS				11,216.15
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-10,530.88
NET TOTAL				685.27

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs - 2022 Budget as of 9/20/22

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	Notes:
<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues	\$ 18,680.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,075.00	111.53%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Lunches	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,030.00	50.50%
Symposium	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,130.00	135.50%
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,450.00	161.25%
Holiday Lunch	\$ 140.00	\$ 21,905.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	3.57%
Secretary Lunch	\$ 630.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,815.00	111.83%
Misc Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 862.00	
Total Income	\$ 23,995.00	\$ 41,790.00	\$ 67,200.00	\$ 45,362.00	67.50%
Expenditures:					
General:					
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 108.56	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	60.00%
Credit Card Fees	\$ 289.20	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 997.65	99.77%
Charter/Filing	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	0.00%
Lunch meetings	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 5,956.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,640.00	77.33%
Office Supplies	\$ 41.19	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%
Postage	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 127.60	127.60%
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	0.00%
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sick/Welfare	\$ 530.60	\$ 319.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 436.15	145.38%
Total	\$ 2,342.99	\$ 7,424.29	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 6,216.40	75.03%
Executive Board:					
Guest/Speakers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Lunch meetings	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,025.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,868.79	155.73%
Legislator Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 40.75	\$ -	\$ 287.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,066.05	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,155.79	29.94%
Special:					
IFCA Candidate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	50.03%
Directory					
Website	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,830.00	97.17%
Directory Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,830.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,831.00	55.94%
Special Events:					
Symposium	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,593.60	111.87%
Golf Outing	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.00%
Holiday Lunch	\$ 211.34	\$ 32,931.94	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 1,435.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,835.20	91.76%
Secretary Luncheon	\$ 58.79	\$ 6,543.25	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,745.50	110.65%
Total	\$ 1,883.13	\$ 44,530.39	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 16,674.30	36.65%
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,016.97	\$ 59,850.73	\$ 74,985.00	\$ 32,877.49	43.85%
Expenses Vs Income	\$ 12,978.03	\$ (18,060.73)	\$ (7,785.00)	\$ 12,484.51	

Symposium
7/1/2022 through 9/20/2022

9/20/2022

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Cl	Amount
INCOME						4,120.00
Symposium Income						4,120.00
8/19/2022			WS Darley - Spon...	Symposium Income		-250.00
8/21/2022	S		Illinois Public Risk...	Symposium Income		500.00
8/21/2022	S			Symposium Income		2,065.00
			Restore Restoration	Symposium Income		500.00
			Chicago Water an...	Symposium Income		500.00
9/10/2022	S			Symposium Income		805.00
EXPENSES						-2,723.60
Symposium Expense						-2,723.60
9/1/2022	1251	Empress Banq...	85	Symposium Expense		-2,875.00
9/1/2022	1252	...Alan Wax	Gift Cards for Spe...	Symposium Expense		125.00
			Raffle Tickets	Symposium Expense		26.40
OVERALL TOTAL						1,396.40

Chief John Christian
Metro Fire Chiefs -

It's been an honor to work
with you all. Thank you for your
friendship and for the
retirement gift. I miss
you all!

Sean Maloney