



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 15, 2023
Aurelio's Pizza, 1455 W. Lake St., Addison**



1. **Call to Order** – President Steve Evans called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on March 15, 2023.

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 Steve Evans *	Winfield	X	Affiliate Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	X
1 st Vice President Andrew Dina*	Warrenville	X	Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	
2 nd Vice President Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X	Active Director Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	X
Secretary Tom Gaertner*	River Forest		Active Director Tom Styczynski*	Alsip	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief		Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	X
Immed. Past Presid. John Christian*	Barrington	X	Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief		Active Director Dave McCabe*	Aurora	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief	X			

President Evans declared there to be a quorum.

3. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Gaertner - No Report

- A. Approval of meeting minutes of February 15, 2023
 - a. Approval advanced to next meeting

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Deegan – No Report

- A. Sergeant at Arms Kuryla reported that he and Director Swanson completed the Audit Report and will present their findings at a later date.
- B. Discussion regarding swag took place. 2nd Vice President Wax stated that he gave Secretary Gaertner several challenge coins. Past President John Christian stated that mugs were needed.
 - i. A motion was made by Past President Christian and seconded by 2nd Vice President Wax to allocate up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of branded coffee mugs. The motion to approve passed unanimously 9-0

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

- A. Discussion regarding a donation for the retirement party for Director and Past President Kenny. It was decided that each member would provide a donation to Kris Murphy if they wish.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **By Laws** – No Report

- i. Discussion regarding the replacement of Director Tracy Kenny took place. Director Segalla stated that he would make an effort to recruit a North Cook County Fire Chief to fill the vacancy.

B. **Directory/Website** – No Report

C. **Fundraising** - Director Styczynski reported that The Illinois Fire Chiefs golf outing will be held July 12, 2023 and the Illinois Fire Chiefs fishing trip is scheduled for June 3, 2023.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** – Director Styczynski noted that there was a good turnout of fire chiefs at the 23rd annual Legislative Day in Springfield. He stated that there were 6700 bills introduced of which 228 were for fire with 39 of those making the short list. Some of the highlights were **Body Cameras for EMS** that looks like it may be stalled in legislation. **Fireworks** which looks like may have enough votes to pass despite opposition from Illinois Fire Chiefs. He also stated that Iowa passed similar fireworks legislation in the past and a 10 year old was killed by fireworks shortly after it passed. 2nd Vice President Wax suggested that legislators should be invited to burn camp. **Lights and Siren** legislation seems like it will be stalled. President Evans asked about the **EMS Balance Billing** legislation, and Director Styczynski stated that legislation appears to be stalled as well. Lastly, Director Styczynski suggested inviting Chief John Buckley to the May General Meeting to talk about legislation.

E. **Symposium** – President Evans stated that we had 120 attendees at our March 2, 2023 Symposium. 2nd Vice President Wax asked that everyone consider bringing forward ideas for presenters to speak at upcoming symposiums. Past President Christian inquired about sponsors. President Evans stated that he would talk to Treasurer Deegan about updating and sending out our sponsor letter.

F. **Nominating** – Director Friedl provided the new slate for the upcoming Executive Board Installation. 1st Vice President Dina to President, 2nd Vice President Wax to 1st Vice President, Secretary Gaertner to 2nd Vice President, President Evans to Immediate Past President, and Director Segalla to Secretary.

G. **Programs** – Director Styczynski recommended speakers for upcoming programs. Chief John Buckley, Illinois State Fire Marshal, and possibly a member from Illinois Department of Public Health.

- H. **Annual Banquet** – President Evans stated that Director Kenny and Kris Murphy are still willing to assist with the annual banquet.
 - I. **Sick and Welfare** – Father In Law of Secretary Gaertner passed away, Past President Christian stated that Bill Glade retired Deputy Chief of Wauconda is battling pancreatic cancer.
 - J. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – No Report
7. **Unfinished Business** – 2nd Vice President Wax brought up Home Day. Director Styczynski stated that Underwriters Laboratory would be a good venue. President Evans will reach out to Paul Darley to discuss. Director Styczynski asked about Operation North Pole and 2nd Vice President Wax talked about all that Operation North Pole provides to families in need. Director Styczynski made a motion to donate \$250.00 to sponsor a hole at the Operation North Pole golf outing, it was seconded by President Evans. Motion passed unanimously 9-0.
8. **New Business** - None
9. **Open Discussion** – None
10. **Future Meetings**
- A. **Next Executive Board Meeting** – April 19, 2023 – Aurelio’s Pizza, Addison
 - B. **Administrative Professionals Luncheon** – April 6, 2023 – Medinah Shrine Center, Addison
 - C. **Next General Meeting** – May 4, 2023 – Empress, Addison
11. **Adjournment**
- A. A motion to adjourn was made by Director Styczynski, seconded by 2nd Vice President Wax
 - B. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously 9-0

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Dina, 1st Vice President

