



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 17, 2023
Meeting at 11:30
Aurelio's Pizza, 1455 W. Lake St., Addison IL



1. **Call to Order** – Vice-President Wax called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. on May 17, 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.....	Active Director Fred Friedl*.....	Beach Park.....	X.....
1 st Vice President Andy Dina*.....	Warrenville.....		Active Director Drew Smith*.....	Prospect Hts.....	X.....
2 nd Vice President Alan Wax*.....	Hoffman Estates.....	X.....	Active Director Tom Styczynski*.....	Alsip.....	X.....
Secretary Tom Gaertner*.....	River Forest.....	X.....	Active Director Steve Norvilas*.....	Pleasantview.....	X.....
Treasurer Tom Deegan*.....	Retired Chief.....		Retiree Director Dick Swanson*.....	Retired Chief.....	
Immed. Past Pres. John Christian*.....	Barrington.....	X.....	Active Director Paul Segalla*.....	Long Grove.....	X.....
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke.....	Retired Chief.....	X.....	Active Director Jim Walters*.....	Schaumburg.....	
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson.....	Retired Chief.....	X.....	Active Director Dave McCabe*.....	Aurora.....	
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla.....	Retired Chief.....	X.....			

Vice-President Wax declared there to be a quorum.

3. **Secretary’s Report** – Secretary Gaertner

A. Approval of meeting minutes of the April 15, 2023, Executive Board Meeting.

I. A motion to approve the April 15, 2023 minutes was made by Director Segalla and seconded by Director Norvilas

The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (8-0) by voice vote.

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

A. No Report

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

A. President arrived at the meeting at 11:40.

B. President Evans stated he has spoken with Retired Chief Kenny and that she and Administrative Assistant Kris Murphy would like to continue to stay involved with the association and continue organizing the Administrative Professionals Annual Luncheon and the Annual Installation Luncheon.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** –No report

B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke stated that the website is up to date. He removed the word “New” from the Bylaws section. Further discussion on what is needed to get Vice-President Wax trained as the back-up person for our Mail Chimp software.

C. **Fundraising** – Chairperson Swanson reported that the IFCA Foundation Golf Outing on July 12th is at capacity. He also stated they are working on putting together the annual fishing tournament.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** – Committee Chairperson Styczynski remarked that the bill referencing the changes to ambulance billing is still being discussed. The insurance companies are involved, and further discussions will be had. No other bills seem to be moving currently. Jim Grady is stepping down as Executive Director. Discussion on the current issue with IFCA President Mikel’s assignment as “Interim Police Chief”. There have been many inquiries to IFCA board members about this unprecedented move while being the sitting president. There may be future discussions about bylaw changes making the position requirements more specific. There will be no changes to the board at this time. Business as usual moving forward.

E. **Symposium** – Committee Chairperson Evans has been in contact with Ian Bennett of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and he has committed to speaking at the symposium. He stated that the presentation should be kept to the 1-1/2hr time frame. There will be no charge for his presentation. There was discussion of possibly having Attorney Ottesen as a second presenter. It was mentioned that chiefs should invite their union board members to attend as well due to the subject matter of both speakers.

F. **Nominating** – No report.

G. Programs – Chairperson Styczynski stated the new Illinois State Fire Marshal is scheduled to speak at the August General Meeting. A suggestion was made to possibly have a representative from IDOL speak at a future meeting to discuss expectations during their inspections of fire departments.

H. Annual Banquet – President Evans again stated that he spoke with Retired Chief Kenny and she and Administrative Assistant Kris Murphy have begun planning for the event.

I. Sick & Welfare –

I. Oak Brook Terrace Chief DeLuca is retiring.

II. Addison Fire Chief Scott Walker is retiring.

III. Lombard Deputy Chief Kicker is retiring.

IV. Retired Broadview Fire Chief Don Gaertner has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has surgery scheduled for May 26th.

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

7. Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business

8. New Business – There is no New Business

9. Open Discussion – Short discussion of trying to come up with ideas to get more retirees to attend the August General/Retirees' Meeting.

10. Future Meetings

A. General/Retiree Meeting: Thursday August 3, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Empress Banquets, Addison

B. Executive Board: Wednesday June 21, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Aurelio's Pizza, Addison

11. Adjournment

A. A motion to adjourn was made by 2nd Vice-President Wax and seconded by Director Styczynski.

B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (9-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gaertner, Secretary