



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 19, 2023
Meeting at 11:30
Aurelio's Pizza, 1455 W. Lake St., Addison IL



1. **Call to Order** – President Evans called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. on July 19, 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	X	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*	Lagrange	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	X	Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Immed. Past Pres. John Christian*	Barrington	X	Active Director Paul Segalla*	Long Grove	
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			

President Evans declared there to be a quorum.

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

A. Approval of meeting minutes of the June 21, 2023, Executive Board Meeting.

I. A motion to approve the June 21, 2023 minutes was made by Director Styczynski and seconded by Retiree Director Swanson.

II. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote.

B. Acceptance of “Thank You” letter from a Mr. Jacob Schroeder for receipt of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Scholarship from the IFCA Education and Research Foundation.

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

A. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report covering June 20, 2023, through July 18, 2023

I. The Report included a list of starting and ending balances, revenues/expenditures, and the 2023 Budget status.

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

a. The motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote. The Report and current 2023 budget are enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-4](#).

B. Treasurer Deegan submitted a list of past members who no longer are participating in the association and have not paid dues after multiple contacts and follow-ups. He has attempted to reach out via email to the individuals on the list but did not receive any responses. He recommended that these individuals be removed from the Membership Directory so they could clean-up the membership data base. This was unanimously agreed upon by the board.

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

A. Received a thank you from Mr. Greg Meindle of Romexterra Restoration for being accepted into the membership. They would like to sponsor a future meeting of the association.

B. President Evans spoke to Kris Murphy and Retired Chief Kenny at the IFCA Golf Outing for an update on the Installation Luncheon for this year. They stated they are beginning the process of getting started on organizing the event and will keep him posted on their progress.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** –No report

B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke stated that he will work with Treasurer Deegan on cleaning up the membership data base. He also will be sending out the reminder for the August 3rd General Meeting in the next few days.

- C. Fundraising** – Chairperson Swanson reported that the IFCA Foundation Golf Outing went well considering the horrible weather. Many attendees left before dinner was served due to the weather. He also stated the annual fishing tournament was completed and the annual skeet shooting event is scheduled for some time in November in Orland Park. More information to follow on that event.
- D. IFCA/Legislation** – Committee Chairperson Styczynski remarked that the next legislative session will be starting up in about a month or so. Jim Grady has stepped down as the IFCA Executive Director. Chief John Buckley is filling in as Interim while they accept applications for the position. Four applications have been submitted so far. They are hoping to fill the position before the IFCA Symposium in October. They still have one opening on the Hiring and Retention Task Force that is being put into place. They are still waiting on some direction from the Governor’s Office.
- E. Symposium** – Committee Co-Chairpersons Evans and Wax stated that Speaker Ian Bennett of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is lined up for the September Symposium and will work with the 1-1/2hr time frame. It was mentioned that chiefs should invite their union board members to attend as well due to the subject matter. There was further discussion that Ryan Lambert from the College of DuPage will speak on the new Apprentice Program. Breakfast will be included during the symposium There was further discussion on changing the pricing format for the symposium to different prices for members vs. non-members. Chairperson Wax motioned to charge association members \$35.00 and non-association members \$45.00 for the September Symposium. The motion was seconded by Director Friedl. The motion passed by a 11-0 verbal vote.
- F. Nominating** – Chairperson Friedl passed out the draft Installation Luncheon Program which includes the slate for next year’s Officers and Board of Directors. There were a couple typos, but the slate looks good. The slate will be read at the September Symposium during the General Meeting and read again at the General Meeting in November. They are still working on who will give the oath and the invocation at the Installation Luncheon.
- G. Programs** – Chairperson Styczynski gave a summary of the programs for the remainder of 2023. They are:
August-State Fire Marshal Update, September-Symposium, October-No Meeting, November-IFCA New President update and December-Installation Luncheon. There was some discussion on adding a General Meeting in October, but it was decided that there would not be a meeting in October.
- H. Annual Banquet** – No report.
- I. Sick & Welfare** –
 - I.** Elburn Fire Chief Joe Cluchey is retiring.
 - II.** Elmhurst FD and Oak Brook Terrace FPD are still working with Interim Chiefs.
- 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** – Director Styczynski mentioned that the 100 Club of Illinois will be holding their golf outing and are looking for hole sponsors. Hole sponsors are \$500.00. Immediate Past President Christian made a motion to sponsor one hole at the outing. Secretary Gaertner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 11-0 verbal vote. President Evans discussed whether we want table gifts at this year’s Installation Luncheon. The board went back and forth on this decision. It was decided to wait and have Retired Chief Kenny make a decision on whether we should have them or not and if so what type of gift.

10. Future Meetings

- A.** General/Retiree Meeting: Thursday August 3, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Empress Banquets, Addison
- B.** Executive Board: Wednesday August 16, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Aurelio’s Pizza, Addison

11. Adjournment

- A.** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Styczynski and seconded by Retiree Director Swanson.
- B.** The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (11-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Gaertner

Thomas Gaertner, Secretary