



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 6, 2023
Medinah Shriners Banquet Hall – 550 Shriners Dr., Addison, IL



THIS WAS THE BUSINESS MEETING PRIOR TO THE
2023 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

President Steve Evans opened the meeting and thanked all of those in attendance, especially the administrative professionals in the room.

1. **Call to Order.** President Evans called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m. on April 6, 2023.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Evans led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP). Based on the attendance roster, President Evans confirmed the presence of a quorum, as defined in the By-Laws.
4. **Introduction of Sponsors & Guests.** President Evans again thanked the administrative professionals and noted the important roles they play in making all our member organizations so successful. He also recognized the organization members and gave a special thank-you to the Associate Members – those vendors who are active and remain so supportive of the Metro Chiefs Association mission and initiatives. President Evans was joined in applauding the extra efforts and success of Broadview Chief Tracy Kenny and Administrative Assistant Kris Murphy for putting together the day's Luncheon.
5. **IFCA Legislation Update.** Chief John Buckley of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association gave an update on current legislation that is in the works down in Springfield. He stated there are a number of issues going on but they are working through them. The Lights & Siren bill is being addressed and will most likely go through with some language changes. The Hiring and Staffing bill for volunteer fire departments is moving forward. IFCA is also working on putting together a Task Force to address the hiring and staffing issues across the state. Five fireworks bills are also being addressed. He stated he believed one of these bills is getting traction and will most likely make it through. IFCA is working on the language in the Lift Assist bill and many other bills that are out there that they are keeping their eyes on.
6. **Dispensing of the Regular Order of Business.**
 - a. Chief John Christian (Barrington FD, Metro Chiefs Immediate Past President) moved to dispense with the regular order of business to facilitate enjoyment of the luncheon and honoring the administrative professionals. This served as the adjournment of the business meeting.
 - b. Chief Alan Wax (Hoffman Estates FD, Metro Chiefs 2nd Vice-President) seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. **Announcements.** Chief Evans reminded attendees of the raffle for a nice purse, with proceeds from the raffle going to the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals Scholarship Fund. He again expressed appreciation to the administrative professionals. He also expressed appreciation to the staff at the banquet hall. He then described how the room was set-up and the different food stations.

Following the announcements, the raffle prize was awarded.