



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 7, 2023
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL



THIS WAS THE BUSINESS MEETING PRIOR TO THE 2023 FALL SYMPOSIUM

1. **Call to Order.** President Steve Evans called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on September 7, 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 thanked IPRF, Railside Citrus, CWF Restoration, NPPFA, and Unique Apparel Solutions for hosting the Fall Symposium. He also welcomed and thanked the union executive board members that were able to attend.
5. **Secretary Report.** No report
6. **Treasurers Report.** No report
7. **2024 Election of Officers.** Director Friedl presented the slate of 2024 officers; For President Dina, 1st Vice President Wax, 2nd Vice President Gaertner, and Secretary Segalla. Director Friedl declared three calls for nominations, there were no additional names submitted. The nominations were closed by a motion from the Barrington Fire Department and seconded by the Hoffman Estates Fire Department. The motion to close the nominations was unanimously approved by voice vote.
8. **New Business.** No new business
9. **Open Discussion.** No discussion
10. **Future Meetings.** President Evans advised that the next scheduled General Meeting would be held November 2, 2023 and reminded attendees that the Installation/Holiday Event would be held December 7, 2023.
11. **Adjournment.** The Alsip Fire Department made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded by the Hoffman Estates Fire Department and was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Following the business meeting, the Fall Symposium was conducted and included the following:

- Retired Fire Chief Ian Bennett of the Harrisonburg, VA Fire Department who currently serves as the National Team Coordinator for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). Chief Bennett presented on the programs and assistance that the NFFF provides to the families and departments that experience a line of duty death.
- Chief David McCabe of the Aurora IL Fire Department and Retired Fire Chief Ryan Lambert who currently serves as EMS/Fire Science Program Manager at the College of DuPage. Both discussed the new provisions in the Illinois State Statutes regarding firefighter apprenticeship programs and the newly developed apprenticeship program at the College of DuPage.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Dina".

Andrew Dina
1st Vice President