



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 6, 2025
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL



MARCH 2025 BUSINESS MEETING

1. **Call to Order.** President Alan Wax called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m. on February 6, 2025.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Wax led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP). Based on the attendance roster, President Wax confirmed the presence of a quorum, as defined in the By-Laws.
4. **Introduction of Sponsors & Guests.** President Wax thanked Serv-Pro and ATI Restoration for hosting the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois Regular Business meeting. He also welcomed John McCabe and Brittany Baumer from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.
5. **Secretary Report.** No report
6. **Treasurers Report.** Treasurer Deegan presented the monthly Financial Report and 2025 proposed Budget. The Alsip Fire Department made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by the Schaumburg Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. The Elk Grove Fire Department made a motion to approve the 2025 proposed budget. The motion was seconded by the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
7. **Presidents Report.** President Wax offered condolences to Diane Berg, co-owner of Eagle Engraving on the death of founder Bob Langguth. Diane Berg invited all to the memorial service on February 14, 2025 at the Eagle Engraving facility from 11:00 until 3:00 pm.
8. **Committee Reports.**
 - **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** - President Wax reminded all that the Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon would be April 3, at 11:30.
 - **Audit** – Director Swanson mentioned that the annual audit would be completed by the next regular meeting.
 - **Fundraising** – Treasurer Deegan reported the following fundraising dates and events
 - **April 3** – Bourbon and Bocce at Pinstripes of Oakbrook
 - **July 16** – Golf outing
 - Watch for the IFCA blood drive, this year there will be a QR code that will allow the IFCA to get credit for blood donations given outside of the fire station blood drive events.
 - **Home Day** – Treasurer Deegan reported that Home Day will be held June 5th at NIPSTA
 - **IFCA/Legislation** – Director Styczynski reported that the IFCA is currently monitoring approximately 30 House Bills.
 - **Symposium** – President Wax reminded all that the Spring Symposium is March 6, 2025. Registration is upcoming.
 - **Association Updates** – Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Executive Director Phil Zaleski let everyone know that bed shaker smoke alarms are now available as part of the existing smoke alarm installation program.

9. New Business. John McCabe from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and representing the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, provided a presentation on the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP). The Chicago Wilderness Alliance was asking for the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois to support the CWPP. Following the presentation, a motion was made by the Palatine Fire Department to support the CWPP. The motion was seconded by the Elk Grove Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

10. Future Meetings. President Wax reviewed the future meeting schedule.

- March 6, 2025 – Spring Symposium
- April 3, 2025 – Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon
- May 1, 2025 – Retiree Meeting
- June 5, 2025 – Fire Service Home Day

11. Adjournment. The Schaumburg Fire Department made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded by the Alsip Fire Department and was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dina', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Dina
Immediate Past President