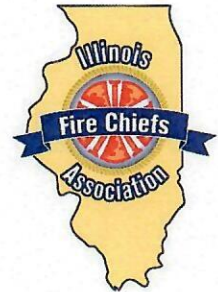




**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 6, – 11:30 am
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL**



1. Call to Order – President Wax called the meeting to order at 11:56 am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – President Wax led the attendees in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
3. Roll Call – (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP for a quorum) –
 - a. President Wax verified with Treasurer Deegan and declared that a quorum was present.
4. Introduction of Sponsor & Guests - None
5. Secretary’s Report –
 - a. A motion was made to approve August 7, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
 - b. Motion: Broadview FD Second: Orland Park FPD Voice Vote: Unanimous
 - c. Discussion only held on 10/02/25 due to no quorum, thus no minutes from that meeting.
6. Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Deegan presented the financial report from 9/17/2025 through 11/18/2025.
 - a. A motion was made to approve the Financials as presented.
 - b. Motion: River Forest FD Second: Winfield FPD Voice Vote: Unanimous
7. Reading of Communications – None
8. President’s Report – Distribution of Operation North Pole information.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws – President Wax advised that there was no report.
 - b. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon – Co-Chairperson Kenny stated that April 2, 2026 will be the date of the luncheon.
 - c. Directory/Website – Director Deicke reported that there was nothing to report.
 - d. Fundraising – Jeff Swanson - The skeet shooting event will be November 14 in Frankfort. Also, next year we will have four fundraising opportunities: the annual golf outing, clay shooting event, fishing tournament, and continued blood drives. The committee is also looking into the sale of a 9-11 Anniversary challenge coin.
 - e. IFCA/Legislation – IFCA Executive Director Buckley gave an update. It appears that the veto session just ended and no legislation that affects the fire service was presented. There will most likely be discussions in the spring session dealing with MABAS funding.
 - f. Home Day – Co-Chairperson Deegan stated the event will be held on June 4, 2026 at NIPSTA.
 - g. Symposium – The Metro Spring Symposium will be held on March 5, 2026. Details for the event are still be worked on.

- h. Nominating – Chairperson Friedl presented the Slate of 2026 Officers:
President – Tom Gaertner (River Forest) 1st VP- Paul Segalla (Long Grove) 2nd
VP – Steve Norvilas (North Palos) Secretary – Kevin Doyle (Orland Park)
Motion to adopt the slate: Winfield FPD Second: Schaumburg FD
Vote: Unanimous

- i. Programs – None
j. Installation/Holiday Luncheon – Co-Chairperson Friedl stated the event will be held at the Empress on December 4, 2025.
k. Sick & Welfare – Retired Chief Kuryla – No report
l. Metro Chiefs History – No report
m. Association Updates – (IFCA/MABAS) IFCA 75th Anniversary Celebration will be held on August 15, 2026 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. More information will be made public after the first of the year.

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. New Business – None

12. Open Discussion - None

13. Future Meetings –

- a. President Wax noted the following upcoming meetings:
- i. December 4, 2025 Installation Luncheon/Annual Banquet – Empress Banquets 11:30
 - ii. No meeting in January
 - iii. February 5, 2026 – Regular Membership Meeting – Empress Banquets 11:30

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Alsip FD Second: West Chicago FPD Voice Vote: Unanimous
b. Adjournment Time: 12:15 p.m.

Program Presentation

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal – State Fire Marshal Michele Pankow gave an update on the office as well as future plans and projects.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chief Thomas Gaertner, 1st Vice -President