



Fire and Life Safety Section

FLSS Board Meeting

January 13, 2016

Board Members Present:

Chief Michael O'Brian, Chair
Chief Andy King, Vice Chair
Chief Adolf Zubia, International Director
Chief Greg Rogers, Secretary Treasurer
Chief Joe Pierce, Past Chair
Daniel Finnegan, At-Large Board Member
Angie Wiese, At-Large Board Member
Commissioner Derrick Sawyer, At-Large Board Member

Laura Blaul, At-Large Board Member
Ray Reynolds, At-Large Board Member
Stephen Hrustich, At-Large Board Member
George Michehl, Public Safety Specialty Rep.
Vickie Pritchett, Ex Officio Board Member
Meri-K Appy, Specialty Rep. Education
Howard Hopper, Industry Rep
Peg Paul, Ex Officio Board Member

Staff: Russ Chandler
Kevin Scott

Present Absent

Meeting called to order at 1300 hours

1. December Board Meeting

- a. Motion to approve and seconded to accept the Decembers minutes. Motion passed

2. Report from the Chair

- a. We have been invited to look at any potential bylaw changes for our section (and the Association). Howard to look at them for us. We need to look at the specific bylaw change that occurred last year that limited leadership to fire department related positions.
- b. There is a new Kidde initiative with VCOS: they are working on recruiting volunteer firefighters. Chair cannot attend, but will ask Laura if she can attend for the Chair.
- c. FCAC has been quite busy with calls and meetings. The team did an extreme amount of work.
- d. Angie had her baby, both are doing well, please keep them in our prayers.
- e. Thanks to Ray and Stephen for the classes they have been teaching.

3. Report from the Vice Chair

- a. Attended NFPA hosted event on 13R systems, good mix in the group from fire, building, sprinkler contractors, etc. This was prompted by Edgewater NJ fire. Enough high profile events have occurred to push the agenda to sell 13R systems. Consensus at the meeting:
 - i. Dry pipe systems are not the answer
 - ii. Let owners make decisions on what systems they want to use
 - iii. Fire sprinkler contractors are not necessarily excited about putting in dry pipe systems because of maintenance, cost and potential for failure.
- b. Proposal made for code change to support provisions that are alternatives.

4. Report from International Director

- a. Attending initial orientation for Directors of the International Board at this time.
- b. Need the “WHAT” report for this year which is due by February 5th.
- c. Next meeting of International Directors is early March in Reno

5. Report from Secretary/Treasurer

- a. Waiting for official budget.
 - b. Make sure we fill out our travel forms and send copy to Greg and Russ.

6. Old Business

- a. Update on Vision 20/20:
 - i. Expecting 250 folks to attend and will have 10 to 15 presenters on best practice
 - ii. Exhibits: Energizer Battery will be one vendor. They discussed that the IAFC message on batteries is not as germane as it should. Their future agenda is to work with IAFC to update that campaign to bring battery message in alignment with current technology.
 - iii. Chair brought up getting attendees from states, but still several who have not sent in representatives. Hope to have one representative from each state to take the 20/20 message back to their state.
- b. Update from Kevin Scott:
 - i. Voters’ Guide: Group A is about last year’s code cycle. Still no notification on the revote. Still expected to start January 18, but have not gotten info on what will be voted on.
 - ii. Draft has gone out.
 - iii. Three voting guides, one next week and the following week then one for the hearing.
 - iv. If you were at Beach and have a voting card, you should be able to vote on the 18th. If system does not allow, it means your vote was counted.
 - v. All further actions on Group A will be on line, no further meetings
 - vi. Group B; there are 60 individual items, maybe a dozen more. Almost all the code will be covered at that time.
- c. Update on Cooktop Safety
 - i. The next meeting will be Monday, January 25th at 1430 hours. Call in number is 866-809-4014 and the code is 2730601
 - ii. Information on appliance industry will be discussed at that meeting
- d. Update on the CCSC
 - i. Code service organizations reported on what is going on. Lots of states having problems with adoption and with sprinkler issues. But, looks like a lot of good is still going on. No action items at this meeting.
 - ii.
- e. Contract Fire Marshal Support Services (Tidwell)
 - i. They are still providing funds as per contract with \$153.62 recently, making a total of \$570.62. Not sure if it went to FLSS budget or to FLSS, Russ is researching. We need to fix the IFSTA web link with them on our front page carousel. We are getting a new web host and will be able to fix such things much easier in the future.
- f. Stephen reported that Aging Summit hosted by NFPA.
 - i. Looking at challenges to fire departments, code enforcement, engineers, etc., will be handling these issues in the future.
 - ii. He also mentioned he appreciated the opportunity to do recent training
 - iii. Working with SE conference of the IAFC. Working to focusing on risk reduction plans and implementation.
- g. Ray also reported on teaching and appreciated opportunity.

- i. Did have a great reception from the attendees. One Chief from Johnson County wants all his staff to get this training opportunity on risk reduction. Great that there was that much interest
- ii. He has been accepted as a reviewer on the AFG.

7. New Business

- a. It's time to gather your IAFC Strategic Direction update items for the What's Happening at the IAFC report to the IAFC Board of Directors. The report is a record of milestones achieved and captures work directly relevant the IAFC strategic direction. Please send your items to Russ by Monday, February 1st for a report that is due on Friday, February. 5th. The time frame to cover is August 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016. The finished report will be presented to the International Board at the March board meeting in Reno.

8. Staff Report:

- a. Invoice was sent October 2014 (\$5,000) and has not been paid. Need contact name and number for anyone at NEMA so Fiscal can call. Will check with Fiscal to get them to also send a 2015 invoice.
- b. Need list of authors for OnScene who will commit to assigned deadlines. The March newsletter is due this Friday, January 15th.
- c. If you have any invoices or expenses for 2015, please forward to Russ right away, Fiscal needs to close the 2015 books in the next 30 days.

9. Roundtable:

- a. Peg is heading to Las Vegas for the International Home Builders Show. NFPA will conduct booth forums where building folks can get credit for attending. If you know any builders, please have them stop by the booth

10. Next Meeting date:

- a. February 10, 2016 at 1300 hours EST

11. Motion to adjourn

- a. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 1405 hours