



Fire and Life Safety Section

FLSS Board Meeting

February 10, 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

Present/Absent

Meeting called to order at 1300 hours

1. January Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve previous minutes made by Dan Finnegan and 2nd by George Michehl.

2. Report from the Chair

- a. Chief Curmode is running for VP of the International Board. He requests FLSS endorsement. Chief O'Brian recommends inviting both candidate's to call into a meeting for an opportunity for them to speak to the Board. Chandler to contact the candidate's and arrange for their participation if they so desire. Howard advised there may be a policy that dictates if we do, or do not give endorsements for such positions. Will be further researched before the next Board meeting.
- b. WHAT Report" was sent to the International Board, many thanks to the Team for providing information on the Sections activities.
- c. Kevin Scott contract has been negotiated and is awaiting final signature by Executive Director Mark Light.
- d. Group A voting guide is out and will be sent to the Board members. It is also being posted on the IAFC/FLSS webpage.
- e. Our Liaison (Chandler) is allocated 240 hours each year to work on FLSS projects and assignments. This last year he had to go over those hours and as such there may be a cost to this from our reserve funds. More to follow.
- f. Thanks to all who participated on gathering the Fire Safety Tips for the AARP article. This is a great opportunity to get out our fire safety messages.
- g. Chief O'Brian spoke to other sections reference last year's bylaw change that eliminated those not working directly for a fire department from holding an elected position on the IAFC Board. The Chief sent out a letter on behalf of the FLSS Board to the International Board requesting a reversal of this change. The letter provided suggesting language to remedy this situation.

- h. Dates are out for this year's FRI (August 17-20), however, we do not have the date for our annual meeting yet. Once that is set, it will be forwarded to the Board. It would be a good idea to discuss what we will cover at the FRI, at next month's meeting.
- i. VICOS and us are working with Kidde to get more volunteers in the fire service

3. Report from the Vice Chair

- a. No Report

4. Report from International Director

Chief Zubia reported that he has finished orientation and has better insight of the Organization. The International Board will be meeting in March in Reno. He is not sure what will come out of the meeting, but we should know that governance will be a major topic.

5. Report from Secretary/Treasurer

Copy of the 2016 budget was sent out to Board. That version was cleaned up to just our line items. Chief Rogers asked that all Board members be sure to fill out your travel expense forms (with receipts) and send your electronic copy to both him and Chandler.

6. Old Business

- a. HFSC Cong (Peg Paul): We had a great experience at the 2016 International Builders' Show last week. Our 1,500 sq. ft. booth was in a prime location in the Central Hall. We were near the door where traffic passed to go between the Central and South Halls. Our "Built for Life" interactive game, hosted by Tom Clark did draw people into the booth, builders waited in line to play the game. Matt Klaus did a great job as instructor of our in-booth educational forums. A special thanks to Tom Lia who provided an NFPA 13D riser display (on wheels). Matt was able to roll the display in front of the class and use it as an educational tool. It also helped answer many questions from builders between classes. We did see an increase in builders stopping for more information. It was great to have Matt in the booth to answer their questions. There were over 110,000 attendees at this conference.
- b. Update on Vision 20/20 (March 10-12 in Fairfax): Chief Stephen Hrustich reported that he and Derrick chosen to go to the event. He also discussed fatalities in his jurisdiction. Meri-K Appy added that open registration is now available through Vision 20/20 website. Both Hrustich and Sawyer are presenters. One of Chief O'Brian's staff will be presenting as well. Chief Rogers asked how many sections actually fulfilled their request to participate. Appy stated under 10 states did not cooperate. Peg Carson was so thankful for all the help from O'Brian and FLSS. Appy advised Commission Derrick Sawyer has been very active.
- c. Update from Kevin Scott: The guide has gone out, committee meeting notes will be out in about six weeks. The voting process seems to be working out much easier now. Problem with things not going out to all involved parties. For example we were advised that the "second webinar will be..." But, we were never notified about the first webinar. The voting problem at the previous meeting was not their fault. The way it is being handled now and other things have improved. The voting now is easy, but you must your pin number in order for the vote to count.

- i. Kevin and Dan discussed (for the group) about what happened on EB80 sprinklers. Dan brought up position on EB80, sprinkler systems. Some items that were supported with public comment, revisions were submitted. But final vote is on what was originally published. But, hopefully this will not be pass and topic can be revisited.
- d. Update on Cooktop Safety
 - i. Information on appliance industry will be discussed at that meeting. Meeting scheduled later this month on February 24 at 1500 hours EST, if interested, the call in number is 1-866-809-4014 and the access code is 2730601.
 - ii. Question was asked on the video proposed and budgeted for last year. Those funds can go back and no funds are necessary at this time. Will revisit that potential in the future.
- e. Update on the CCSC
 - i. No update
- f. Chief O'Brian suggested that he will see if Chief Hrustich can take on the task of finding authors for the monthly OnScene articles.

7. New Business

- a. HPBA wants us to help educate the public. Peg Paul to craft and make it a FLSS message. Chandler to forward original email to Peg Paul. Chandler assigned to get back with the folks at HPBA to get statistics, if any on related burn injuries.
- b. Chair asked if any members were able to contact Chief Connie Forster on the proposed NFPA 1300 document. Chief Hrustich and others had made comments directly to Chief Forster.

8. Staff Report:

- a. Voting guide was forwarded to the webmaster for posting on the FLSS pages
- b. Thanks to the assistance of Dan Finnegan, we were able to find out that the NEMA invoice for 2014 was paid on time and the invoice for 2015, if not paid already will be done shortly.
- c. Known funding is NEMA (\$5K), Kidde (\$5K), Honeywell (5K) and Fire Marshal Support Services, LLC (Tidwell) (varies, based on Royalties).
 - i. Dan will provide the contact for Honeywell. , need to know if considered a donation.
 - ii. Kidde contract under negotiation with Leslie now.
- d. Need to look at Webpages for FLSS and let me know what else needs corrections, many eyes much better than my own corrected eyesight.
 - i. Request that Board members take a look at those pages and send in recommended changes
 - ii. A list of all Board members was sent to the group, if there are any changes please let Chandler know so he can correct before posting on the web.
- e. Need a write up for the awards given at last year's FRI. If someone has notes, I will be glad to take a stab at getting it written. Also would like some photos, mine are from an older cell and not that great.
- f. If you are using Outlook, you may be getting FLSS meeting cancelations soon. Need to clean out Outlook. I will send out a new announcement for Future meetings on Outlook.

- g. Received request today for support of "Inspection Reports Online.net. There was some discussions and concerns that there are three companies known that provide same service, not sure we want to get into a competition situation.

9. Roundtable:

- a. There was a question about how many will be at Vision 20/20. Total looks like 5 or 6 are committed to go at this time
- b. Adolf mentioned how glad we are that Angie is back.

10. Next Meeting date:

- a. March 9, 2016 at 1300 hours EST

11. Motion to adjourn

- a. Moved and seconded to adjourn meeting at 1350 hours.