



Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association

Meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors

I. Call to Order.

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association was held June 6, 2008 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO. Pres. Mason called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

II. Roll call of the Officer and Board of Directors.

Sec. Vanderhoof called the roll of the officers and board of directors. Present were Pres. Russ Mason, Sec. Bruce Vanderhoof, Treas. Bill Zieres, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole, Dir. Dave Miller, Dir. Kevin Fightmaster, and Dir. Mark Fechtig.

Also attending was Dep. Chief Kim Becker of the Division of Fire Safety.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Pres. Mason called for any changes, corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors held February 2, 2008 in Columbia, MO. Being none, Dir. Miller moved to approve the minutes, Dir. Fightmaster seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Financial Report.

Treas. Zieres reported that beginning August 31, 2007 with a balance of \$18,002.25, having total income of \$26,422.69, and total expenses of \$36,040.22, which included putting \$10,000.00 into a 60-day CD, the balance as of May 31, 2008 was \$18,384.72. The balance includes \$1,459.15 from a NASFM Juvenile Firesetters Grant.

Treas. Zieres also reported the Arson Reward Fund beginning January 30, 2006 with a balance of \$1,000.00, having a total income of \$4,851.89, total expenses of \$2,487.00, the balance as of May 31, 2008 was \$2,364.89.

Dir. Cole moved to approve the financial report, Dir. Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

V. Reports of the Officers.

A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof said the AD&D insurance policy has been renewed and a copy received and is on file with him. The membership number supplied was 300.

B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres said the dues renewals had been sent out. Approximately 360 renewals were mailed.

C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie was not present.



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D. President – Pres. Mason had nothing to report.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Training – Dir. Miller said the Investigator Course was scheduled for August in St. Louis. Dep. Chief Becker said a class was being put together for November in Jefferson City. Two more courses will be scheduled later. There are currently 882 certified fire investigators in the state.
- B. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Cole said of all the fire related legislation before the session this past year, nothing really passed. The only thing that did pass was the over-time pay bill. Many bills are already in the works for refiling next year.
- C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of June 1, 2008, there are 307 members from 2008, four members for 2009, and ten life members, for a total of 321 members of the Association.
- D. Bylaws – There was nothing to report.
- E. MACAP – There were several awards given over the past year. Dir. Cole said Dir. Conyers has worked very hard in getting this program reenergized. Dir. Cole also mentioned the large banner of the bumper sticker being used at the scene of the Kansas City Firefighter death scene.
- F. Hansen Award – Treas. Zieres said no nominations have been received. A nomination for the Prosecutor award had been received from a member. The nomination was passed out and reviewed and discussed. The Board approved Treas. Zieres to make the necessary arrangements to present the award.
- G. Audit – Pres. Mason will appoint a committee at the next Board meeting in Springfield.
- H. Nominating – Pres. Mason appointed Dir. Schoffstall, Dir. Jaryno, and Dir. Medlin to the committee. The Secretary is to notify each of the appointment.
- I. Conference – Pres. Mason said the conference is in the works. We still need to fill the Saturday session. The weekday session is all set. The mailing needs to be sent out by July 1st so any suggestions are needed now. The fees for the conference will remain the same as last year. With the logo being in the wrong position, the Board agreed that they needed to be sent back and the logo placed in the correct position.



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VII. Unfinished Business.

Pres. Mason called for any old business needing to be addresses. There was none from the Board.

VIII. New Business.

Pres. Mason called for any new business. Dir. Cole suggested presenting the Prosecutors award to the recipient at the Annual Prosecuting Attorneys conference and again at the Association conference. This would give the award and the Association more recognition. The Board agreed and will find out when that conference is to be held.

IX. Adjournment.

Being no further business brought before the Board, Dir. Miller called for the meeting to adjourn and Vice Pres. Wylie seconded. Pres. Mason adjourned the meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors at 1:30 pm.

X. Approval.

A. Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on September 12, 2008.

JB Vanderhoof

Secretary