



Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association

41st Annual Meeting of the General Membership

I. Call to Order.

The 41st Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association was held September 15, 2008 at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield, MO. Pres. Russ Mason called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of the Officers 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, MACAP Chair Chuck Conyers, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Bill Schoffstall, Dir. Tom Jaryno, Dir. Keith Martin, and Dir. Mark Fechtig.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the 40th General Membership meeting held September 17, 2007 were sent to each Officer and Director. Pres. Mason reported the minutes had been approved by the Board at a previous meeting.

IV. Financial Report.

Treas. Zieres reported beginning September 1, 2007 with a balance of \$18,002.25, there was total income of \$38,381.88, expenses of \$32,688.63, leaving a balance as of August 31, 2008 of \$23,693.25. This included a certificate of deposit for \$10,000.00 and \$1,233.47 from a Juvenile Fire-Setter grant from the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

Treas. Zieres also reported the Arson Reward Fund beginning January 30, 2006 with a balance of \$1,000.00, having a total income of \$4,852.19, total expenses of \$2,487.00, the balance as of August 31, 2008 was \$2,365.19.

There were no questions presented on the financial report. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report and the motion passed.

V. Reports of the Officers.

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof reported the AD&D insurance policy is in effect. It is essential that each member closely review the renewal form for accurate information. This is required by the insurance company in the event of a claim.
- B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres had nothing further to report.
- C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie was absent.



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D. President – Pres. Mason had no report at this time.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Training – Sec. Zieres said the Investigator course was scheduled for November 2008 at the Division headquarters in Jefferson City. A class will be scheduled in the spring of 2009 in the Kansas City area. NFPA 1033 has been revised and issued. The small changes to the standard will be added into the course where needed and no bridge course will be added.
- B. Legislative – Pres. Mason said not much of the past session passed. The Fire Alliance is to meet soon to discuss upcoming issues. State Fire Marshall Cole said the funding for private fire investigator licensing will be submitted as will the statute of limitations issue. Open burning bans by the Governor, fire-safe cigarettes, and the blasting bill language will be looked at. The training course for prosecutors is almost ready for delivery. Door hangers are available for arson cases. The Division has been working on establishing juvenile fire-setter groups around the state.
- C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said that as of September 12, 2008, there were 10 life members, 72 member who have not renewed, and 260 active members. The total membership of the Association is 342.
- D. Bylaws – Pres. Mason said there had been no activity by the committee.
- E. MACAP – Dir. Conyers said two awards have been presented and a third will be presented at the conclusion of the litigation. Another donation was received for structures not covered by the FAIR plan. These are in rural areas of the state. The training course for prosecutors is almost ready. It will be delivered up to nine times around the state. State Farm Insurance has paid the cost of 5,000 door hangers to be used in neighbors around arson fire sites. These are available through the Division office.
- F. Hansen Award – Pres. Mason said no nominations had been received for the Hansen Award. Treas. Zieres gave a brief history of the Hansen Award and said that any member could submit a member for this award at any time. The first Prosecutor of the Year award will be given at lunch tomorrow.
- G. Audit – Dir. Jaryno said the books had been audited by the Audit Committee and found in order.
- H. Nominating – Dir. Schoffstall said the committee had names to be placed in nomination during the elections.



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- I. Conference – Dir. Medlin said there were 77 attendees at session I and 73 attendees at session II. The burn scenes went very well. He asked everyone to complete the evaluations as we get our course materials from these. Pres. Mason said the Board had approved to check into moving the 2009 conference to the Jefferson City/Columbia area. This will be researched and all members will be notified on the web page. He also said Firefighter's day at the capital was scheduled for April 8, 2009. He asked everyone to partake in the opportunity to meet the legislators. A memorial ceremony will be held for the four firefighters that have lost their lives this year.

VII. Unfinished Business.

Pres. Mason called for any unfinished business to be brought before the membership. There was none from the Board or the membership.

VIII. New Business

- A. Pres. Mason turned the chair over the Immed. Past Pres. Zieres, who called for nominations for the office of President. Russ Mason was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received. It was moved and seconded to elect by acclamation. The motion passed.
- A. Secretary – Pres. Mason called for nominations for the office of Secretary. The nominating committee offered Bruce Vanderhoof. No other nominations were received. It was moved and seconded to elect by acclamation and the motion passed.
- B. Directors – Pres. Mason called for nominations for two offices of Director for three years each. The nominations committee offered Keith Martin, Danny Rigdon and Tom Green. Larry Jennings was also placed in nomination from the floor. Ballots were passed out and the membership was instructed to vote for only two. The two top vote getters would be elected. The ballots were counted and the elected Directors were Keith Martin and Larry Jennings.

It was moved and seconded to destroy the ballots and the motion passed.

Pres. Mason called for any new business needing to be brought before the membership. There was none from the Board or the membership.

X. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Pres. Mason adjourned the 40th Annual Meeting of the General Membership at 2:15 p.m.



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XI. Approval.

- A. Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on February 6, 2009.

JB Vanderhoof

Secretary

- B. Minutes approved by the General Membership on September , 2009.

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