



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 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, MO on February 6, 2009. Pres. Mason called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

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. Dave Miller, Dir. Keith Martin, and Dir. Larry Jennings.

After the roll call, Pres. Mason asked Dir. Martin about the status of Dir. Tom Jaryno. Dir. Martin said he was told by Dir. Jaryno that he would not seek reelection at the next annual conference as he was going to be retiring from the fire service. The status of Dir. Fechtig was also questioned with State Fire Marshal Cole. Dir. Fechtig has transferred to the Inspection Division and will most likely be very busy. State Fire Marshal Cole will check into this and report back to the Board.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

- A. Sec. Vanderhoof said the minutes of the meeting Officers and Board of Directors held in Springfield, MO on September 12, 2008 had been emailed to the Directors. Pres. Mason called for any changes and, being none, Dir Miller moved to accept the minutes, Dir. Martin seconded, and the motion passed.
- B. Sec. Vanderhoof said the minutes of the General Membership meeting held in Springfield, MO on September 15, 2008 had been emailed to the Directors. Pres. Mason called for any changes and, being none, Treas. Zieres moved to approve the minutes, Dir. Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Financial Report.

Treas. Zieres reported that beginning September 1, 2008 with a balance of \$23,695.50, having total income of \$15,628.63, and total expenses of \$10,683.79, the balance as of January 31, 2009 was \$28,640.34. The balance includes \$1,233.47 from a NASFM Juvenile Fire-Setters Grant and a \$10,000.00 Certificate of Deposit.

Treas. Zieres also reported the Arson Reward Fund beginning January 30, 2006 with a balance of \$1,000.00, having a total income of \$4,852.68, total expenses of \$3,000.00, the balance as of January 31, 2009 was \$1,852.68.

Dir. Miller moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Dir. Martin seconded, and the motion passed.



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V. Reports of the Officers.

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof had nothing to report.
- B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres had nothing further to report.
- C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie was absent and did not forward a report.
- D. President – Pres. Mason deferred comments until a later time.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Training – Dir. Miller said the Investigators course later this month in Independence, MO is full. The course in Sikeston, MO in May is also full.
- B. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Cole said legislation on the Private Fire Investigator funding is lacking a sponsor. The statute of limitations bill will most likely be attached as an amendment to an omnibus crime bill.

Pres. Mason said the Fire Service Alliance make-up is being changed in the leadership. This will be floated among its major member agencies. He also said he will send all legislative updates to the Board. He asked for the Association to again donate to the Firefighters Day at the Capital event. It is April 8, 2009. The memorial is at 10:00 and the luncheon is at 12:00 on the capital lawn. The Board approved a donation to assist with cost of the luncheon.

- C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of this date, there were 61 members from 2008, 291 active members, and 10 life members, for a total membership of 362. Treas. Zieres said second notices had been mailed including some from the 2007 list.
- D. Bylaws – There was no known activity of this committee.
- E. MACAP – MACAP Chair Conyers said the \$5,000.00 annual funding from the FAIR Plan has been discontinued. He received a check from the Missouri Association of Mutual Insurance Companies for \$1,500.00 toward the reward fund. He is also working with the Missouri Insurance Coalition and they begin donating to the fund.
- F. Hansen Award – Treas. Zieres said he has not received any nominations to date.
- G. Audit – The committee will be appointed at a later meeting.



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H. Nominating – The committee will be appointed at a later meeting.

I. Conference – Pres. Mason handed out the report for the 2008 conference. Attendance was the highest in several years. The conference made a profit for the first time in several years.

Pres. Mason said the conference in the Columbia/Jefferson City area on the dates we usually shot for is not looking good. With the football season going, all facilities are booked. If we are still considering these locations, the dates of the conference will have to be changed. This will be researched. Several venues have been eliminated from consideration due to costs. Ideas for speakers are urgently needed.

VII. Unfinished Business.

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

VIII. New Business.

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

IX. Adjournment.

Being no further business brought before the Board, Dir. Miller called for the meeting to adjourn and the motion was seconded. Pres. Mason adjourned the meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors at 1:20 pm.

JB Vanderhoof
Secretary