



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 Madison's Cafe in Jefferson City, MO on June 5, 2009. Vice Pres. Wylie called the meeting to order at 12:10 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 Vice Pres. Rob Wylie, Sec. Bruce Vanderhoof, Treas. Bill Zieres, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole, MACAP Chair Chuck Conyers, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Dave Miller, Dir. Bill Schoffstall, Dir. Keith Martin, and Dir. Larry Jennings. Also in attendance was Kim Becker of the Division of Fire Safety.

Vice Pres. Wylie said Pres. Mason had received a letter from Dir. Tom Jaryno resigning from the Board. The status of Dir. Fechtig was also questioned with State Fire Marshal Cole. State Fire Marshal Cole will check into this and report back to the Board.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Sec. Vanderhoof said the minutes of the meeting Officers and Board of Directors held in Columbia, MO on February 6, 2009 had been emailed to all Officers and Directors. Vice Pres. Wylie called for any changes or corrections. Being none, Dir. Martin moved to accept the minutes, Dir. Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Financial Report.

Treas. Zieres reported that beginning September 1, 2008 with a balance of \$23,195.50, having total income of \$19,830.11, and total expenses of \$18,295.44, the balance as of May 31, 2009 was \$24,730.17. 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 \$5,352.71, total expenses of \$3,300.00, the balance as of May 31, 2009 was \$3,065.71.

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

V. Reports of the Officers.

A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof deferred his report.

B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres said the renewals would be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie said Dir. Jaryno had resigned due to retirement and health reasons.



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D. President – Pres. Mason was absent.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Training – Ms. Becker said 98 students went through the Investigator course in fiscal 2008-2009. There are currently 962 certified investigators in the state. Courses scheduled for 2009-2010 include one in Eureka, Independence, and two in Jefferson City.

B. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Cole said legislation on increasing the statute of limitations on arson to five years, the safe cigarette bill, wording to the state wide mutual aid legislation, and the Line of Duty death benefit of \$25,000 all passed and are awaiting the Governor's signature.

C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of June 5, 2009, there were 47 members from 2008, 311 members from 2009, 9 members from 2010, 10 life members, for a total of 377 members of the Association. The 2008 members will be dropped from the roster.

D. Bylaws – There was no known activity of this committee.

E. MACAP – State Fire Marshal Cole said there were 15 signed up for the new Prosecutors training course to be given soon. MACAP Chair Conyers said he has received requests for more of the door hangers and that State Farm Insurance has agreed to fund an additional printing. He also said a reward was given last week in an arson case.

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.

H. Nominating – The committee was appointed by Vice Pres. Wylie. Sec. Vanderhoof had received a request from Jesse Sproat to be placed in nomination for Director. This was forwarded to Pres. Mason via email.

I. Conference – Vice Pres. Wylie said the 2009 conference will be September 11 to 16, 2009. The conference will be at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO. The room rate will be about \$80.00 per night. We still need to cover speakers for all day Saturday and half day Wednesday.

State Fire Marshal Cole said that due to the loss of \$100,000 in training funds, the Division will not be funding any seminars or conferences in fiscal 2009-2010. This may also extend into 2010-011. The investigator course will be funded by contract. With this, Dir. Schoffstall moved to increase the



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conference fees by \$15 per session or \$25 for the entire conference. Discussion stated the conference fees had not been increased in at least six years. Dir. Medlin seconded, and the motion passed.

VII. Unfinished Business.

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

VIII. New Business.

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

IX. Adjournment.

Vice Pres. Wylie said the next meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors would be September 11, 2009 in Columbia, MO. Dir. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting and Dir. Schoffstall seconded. Vice Pres. Wylie adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

JB Vanderhoof

Secretary