



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 Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO on September 11, 2009. Pres. Mason called the meeting to order at 4:35 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, Vice Pres. Rob Wylie, Sec. Bruce Vanderhoof, Treas. Bill Zieres, MACAP Chair Chuck Conyers, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Dave Miller, Dir. Bill Schoffstall, Dir. Keith Martin, and Dir. Larry Jennings.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Sec. Vanderhoof said the minutes of the meeting Officers and Board of Directors held in Jefferson City, MO on June 5, 2009 had been emailed to all Officers and Directors. Pres. Mason called for any changes or corrections. Being none, Dir. Miller moved to accept the minutes, Vice Pres. Wylie 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 \$32,247.51 and total expenses of \$24,134.87 the balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$31,308.14. 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 \$5,390.71, total expenses of \$3,325.00, the balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$3,065.71.

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

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



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VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Training – Dir. Miller referred to Treas. Zieres. Treas. Zieres said the Investigator Course upcoming in Eureka is over full. A course is scheduled in November in Jefferson City.

- B. Legislative – Treas. Zieres said the only DPS legislation going forward for next session involves fixes in wording of the blasting safety statute and the boiler statute. Discussion was also held regarding the Missouri Homeland Security Council. Dir. Jennings moved to send a letter to the Governor expressing concern that there is no fire service representative on the Council. This was seconded and approved. Pres. Mason said the Fire Service Alliance is currently compiling a list of matters to propose for the legislature.

- C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of September 10, 2009, there were 70 members from 2009, 270 members for 2010, and 10 life members, for a total of 350 members of the Association. The 2008 members have been dropped from the roster.

- D. Bylaws – Dir. Schoffstall said there was no activity of this committee.

- E. MACAP – Chair. Conyers said an award was presented in May. He also said additional door hangers have been printed and are available. Insurance companies and groups have expressed great interest in maintaining funding of the program. Treas. Zieres said the first Prosecutor course was delivered and went very well. Apparently the results of the course are already being seen with additional cases being filed in several areas.

- F. Hansen Award – Treas. Zieres said he has not received any nominations to date.

- G. Audit – Pres. Mason appointed Vice Pres. Wylie, Dir. Martin, Dir. Medlin, and Dir. Miller to audit the books of the Association with the Treasurer.

- H. Nominating – Dir. Jennings said he would have names to present at the General Membership meeting.

- I. Conference – Vice Pres. Wylie said everything is set for the conference. Six vehicles were burned and ready for the field exercise on Sunday. The hotel has given us a very good rate for the breaks and lunches, which will save in the conference expense. Pres. Mason handed out a conference budget that indicated the Association would likely come out ahead. Some expenses were not included in the budget but some others were well below the estimates.



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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.

With no further business brought before the Board, Dir. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting and Dir. Jennings seconded. Pres. Mason adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

JB Vanderhoof
Secretary