



# **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 Executive Center in Columbia, MO on February 4, 2011. Pres. Mason called the meeting to order at 12:18 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, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole, Dir. Bill Schoffstall, Dir. Keith Martin, Dir. Larry Jennings, Dir. DeAnna Harvey, and Dir. Roger Harrison.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes.**

- A. Pres. Mason called for approval of the minutes of the meeting Officers and Board of Directors held in St. Charles, MO on October 1, 2010. Pres. Mason called for any changes or corrections. Being none, Dir. Schoffstall moved to approve the minutes, Vice Pres. Wylie seconded, and the motion passed.
- B. Pres. Mason called for the approval of the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Membership meeting in St. Charles, MO on October 4, 2010. Pres. Mason called for any changes or corrections. Being none, Dir. Martin moved to approve the minutes, Vice Pres. Wylie seconded, and the motion passed.

### **IV. Financial Report.**

Treas. Zieres reported that beginning September 1, 2010 with a balance of \$35,102.14, having total income of \$15,945.04, and total expenses of \$29,191.19, the balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$21,855.99. The balance includes \$1,176.82 from a NASFM Juvenile Fire-Setters Grant and a \$10,465.35.00 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 \$6,890.71, total expenses of \$3,825.00, the balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$4,065.71.

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

### **V. Reports of the Officers.**

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof had nothing to report.
- B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres had nothing to report.
- C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie had nothing to report.
- D. President – Pres. Mason said a new association had been created. It is an association of presidents. They are working on funding for the Division of Fire Safety and training. Pres. Mason handed out petitions and a resolution to be presented to legislators. This new association and all others want to express the importance of funding for training and the public safety certifications held by fire personnel throughout the state. He said we need to educate the new members of the legislature on the importance of these issues.

### **VI. Committee Reports.**

- A. Training – Dep. Chief Kim Becker said all investigator classes for the remaining fiscal year were full. Courses for next fiscal year have yet to be scheduled. There are 933 certified fire investigators in the state. All courses will be held in Jefferson City.



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- B. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Randy Cole said there were several bills before the legislature. Residential sprinklers in one and two family dwellings, blasting regulations, changes in long term residential care facilities sprinkler systems, adding a \$2.00 fee to state issued traffic citation fee for training, PI licensing and fire investigator licensing, and adoption of MO state codes with local adoption are some of the issues before the legislature.
- C. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of February 1, 2010, there were 35 members from 2009, 65 members for 2010, 305 members for 2011, and 9 life members, for a total of 414 members of the Association. After discussion, all members listed with the last contact in 2009 are to be removed from the membership roster.
- D. Bylaws – No report was presented.
- E. MACAP – No report was presented.
- F. Hansen Award – Pres. Mason said he has received on nominations.
- G. Audit – Pres. Mason did not appoint this committee.
- H. Nominating – Pres. Mason appointed Dir. Schoffstall, Dir. Harvey, and Dir. Harrison to serve as the nominating committee.
- I. Conference – Pres. Mason handed out the final conference report for 2010. The three year rotation appears to be working. Attendance numbers were up at all and the 2010 conference was the best in several years. The conference lost money but it was not as bad as projected. The 2011 conference will be in Springfield at the Oasis Hotel from September 30 to October 5, 2011. Ideas for presentations are needed.

Firefighter Day at the Capital is April 19, 2011 and the Firefighter Memorial in Kingdom City is May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sec. Vanderhoof asked about supplies for the store. It was decided to restock the wind shirts in a different color, to check into lanyards, and check into baseball caps.

#### **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, Vice Pres. Wylie moved to adjourn the meeting and Pres. Mason adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

*JB Vanderhoof*  
Secretary