



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 Cafe in Jefferson City, MO on June 8, 2012. Pres. Mason 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 Pres. Russ Mason, Vice Pres. Rob Wylie, Sec. Bruce Vanderhoof, Treas. Bill Zieres, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Larry Jennings, Dir. Roger Harrison, and Dir. Chris Thompson. Also in attendance was Deputy Chief Kim Becker of the Division of Fire Safety.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Pres. Mason called for approval of the minutes of the meeting Officers and Board of Directors held on February 10, 2012 in Columbia, MO. Vice Pres. Wylie moved to accept the minutes, Dir. Harrison seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Financial Report.

Treas. Zieres reported that beginning September 1, 2011 with a balance of \$21,902.15, having total income of \$26,372.92, and total expenses of \$21,857.45, the balance as of May 31, 2012, was \$26,417.62. The balance includes \$755.19 from a NASFM Juvenile Fire-Setters Grant.

Treas. Zieres also reported the Arson Reward Fund beginning January 30, 2006 with a balance of \$1,000.00, having a total income of \$7,890.71, total expenses of \$3,825.00, the balance as of May 31, 2012 was \$4,065.71.

V. Reports of the Officers.

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof reported membership of 391 was reported to the insurance company for the upcoming year. The new policy has not been received but is expected soon. Sec. Vanderhoof said numerous additional attempts have been made to contact Peg Nusbaum about web page updates. All attempts have been fruitless. Sec. Vanderhoof said new T-shirts were ordered and received. The twill shirts are no longer available from our supplier and others are running about \$50.00 our cost. Decals are also more costly to make. Sec. Vanderhoof was told to order 50 from the supplier he has had conversations with.
- B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres said the membership renewals had been sent out. They were a little late this year.
- C. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie deferred his comments until the conference committee report.
- D. President – Pres. Mason Said he has spent much time working on legislation and additional funding for training. He will still work in these areas.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Standing.
 - 1. Training – Dep. Chief Kim Becker said there were four upcoming courses being considered for around the state, one in the St. Louis area, one in the Springfield area, one in the Kansas City area, and one in the Jefferson City area. The last course scheduled in Jefferson City is



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full. This course was offered only for private fire investigators but was opened for all qualified. She said there are currently 970 CFIs in the state.

2. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Cole said the bill to add fees to certification testing and placing the fees into a training fund did not pass. This will probably be reintroduced and still need to be pursued. Legislation that prevents fire protection districts from enforcing one- and two-family residential codes in cities and counties that have codes did pass the legislature. Fire protection districts can serve in an advisory role. Fire Marshal Cole said not many bills passed the legislature this past session. Pres. Mason asked the Board for approval to send a letter to the Governor requesting the continuation of funding for fire service training that is in the current budget. Vice Pres. Wylie moved to approve the letter, Dir. Jennings seconded and the motion passed.
3. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof said as of June 8, 2012, there are 49 members from 2011, 328 members from 2012, 8 members from 2013, 9 life members, for a total of 394 members of the Association.
4. Bylaws – Dir. Jennings said he had received several proposals to the bylaws. Most were of wording only. There were some that address items that need to be clarified and added to the bylaws. These proposals were sent to the Board and Dir. Jennings asked each Director to review them. Pres. Mason requested the proposals be added to the conference flyer.
5. MACAP – Sec. Vanderhoof said he did not receive a report from Dir. Conyers.
6. Hansen Award – Pres. Mason said there have been no nominations received.
7. Audit – This committee has not been appointed.
8. Nominating – Pres. Mason asked about this committee. He also reported to the Board that he would not be seeking reelection at the conference. He said he has served for 12 years and that was long enough. He will continue the Association and work for all it stands for.
9. Conference – Vice Pres. Wylie said the hotel has been confirmed and is ready. There will be sessions on deposition and trial preparation that should be interesting. The Lake Ozark Fire Protection District has agreed to build burn cells at their training facility. All speakers have been lined up and others were discussed for scheduling. Vice Pres. Wylie and Pres. Mason asked everyone to try to come up with give-aways for the conference.

B. Special.

There are no special committees seated.

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 needing to be brought before the Board. Vice Pres. Wylie wanted to discuss the web site and issues being encountered. PFFIA owns the domain name and it was discussed how to obtain an access and other needed resources. After the discussion, it was decided to continue to obtain information and look for someone who can manage and be available to update the web page on a regular basis.



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IX. Adjournment.

With no further business brought before the Board, Dir. Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting. Pres. Mason adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

JB Vanderhoof
Secretary