



# **Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association**

## **46th Annual Meeting of the General Membership**

### **I. Call to Order.**

The 46th Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association was held October 15, 2011 at the Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, MO. Pres. Russ Mason called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

### **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, MACAP Chair Chuck Conyers, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Dave Miller, Dir. Keith Martin, Dir. Larry Jennings, Dir. DeAnna Harvey, Dir. Roger Harrison, and Dir. Chris Thompson. A quorum of the Officers and Directors was present.

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

The minutes of the 45th General Membership meeting held October 3, 2011 in Springfield, MO had been sent to each Officer and Director. Pres. Mason called for any changes, additions, or revisions. Being none, it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

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

Treas. Zieres reported beginning September 1, 2011 with a balance of \$21,902.15, there was total income of \$39,010.61, expenses of \$27,234.18, leaving a balance as of August 31, 2012 of \$33,678.58. This included \$755.19 from a Juvenile Fire-Setter grant from the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

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 August 31, 2012 was \$4,065.71.

Pres. Mason called for any questions. Being none, it was moved and seconded to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

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

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof reported the AD&D insurance policy had been renewed and asked all members to make sure the roster contains the most current member information as required by the policy.
- B.
- C. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres had nothing further to report.
- D. Vice President – Vice Pres. Wylie deferred his report to the conference committee.
- E. President – Pres. Mason reported he was not seeking reelection as President. He said his focus has been and will continue to be changing the issues facing the fire service for the good. He said he will remain active in the Association and tied to the Division of Fire Service and support both groups. He asked all members to stay the course firmly and not give up on the issues we face. He will stay involved with the legislative process and remain a voice for the fire service. Pres. Mason thanked all members for their support and hard work.



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

#### A. Standing.

1. Training – Dir. Miller reported the investigator course has been scheduled for Springfield in January 2013 and Independence in March 2013. He also report the inspector course is scheduled in Cottleville in February 2013. He also reported there are currently 1,031 certified fire investigators recorded with the Division of Fire Safety.
2. Legislative – State Fire Marshal Cole thanked the Association and its members for the continued strong support for the Division of Fire Safety and legislation issues. With the upcoming elections, he urged all members to meet their new legislators and begin to establish a rapport with them. As for new bills, there aren't any being presented yet. The rules for the Private Fire Investigator are not final. A program for Juvenile Fire Setters is available through the Division.
3. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof reported that as of October 3rd, there were 20 members from 2011, 73 members from 2012, 280 members from 2013, and 9 life members, for a total of 382 members of the Association.
4. Bylaws – Dir. Jennings said several amendments have been presented. These involve wording and some significant changes. The changes were included in the conference materials that were mailed to all members. Pres. Mason called for any discussion on the proposed amendments. Being none it was moved and seconded to approved all amendments to the bylaws. The motion passes.
5. MACAP – Dir. Conyers said no nominations for awards had been received for quite some time. He asked everyone to please take advantage of this program.
6. Hansen Award – Pres. Mason said no nominations had been received. He also explained the importance and history of the Hansen award.
7. Audit – Vice-Pres. Wylie said the books of the Association had been audited by the committee and everything was found in order.
8. Nominating – Dir. Jennings said a list of nominations for the open offices was prepared and would be presented during the elections.
9. Conference – Vice-President Wylie said the conference was held at the lake this year due to a conflict caused by MU moving to the SEC and the football schedule changing. He said the attendance was down but not as much as it could have been. The 2013 Annual Conference will be at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles from September 27 to October 2, 2013.

### **VII. Unfinished Business.**

Pres. Mason called for any unfinished business to be brought before the membership. He mentioned the raffle being held for FIREPAC and encouraged everyone to participate. He also thanked those who had already participated.



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### **VIII. New Business.**

Pres. Mason called for any other new business needing to be brought before the membership. Sec. Vanderhoof explained some of the problems the Association was having with administering the web page. He asked if there was a member or other person that may want to assist with this and, if so, to contact either him or Treas. Zieres.

### **IX. Election of Officers and Directors.**

Pres. Mason called for the election of Officers and Directors of the Association.

- A. Pres. Mason called for nominations for the office of President of the Association. The nominating committee nominated Rob Wylie. No nominations were received from the floor. Rob Wylie was elected President by acclamation. Pres. Mason relinquished his presidency to Pres. Rob Wylie.
- B. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Association. The nominating committee nominated Bruce Vanderhoof. No nominations were received from the floor. Bruce Vanderhoof was elected Secretary by acclamation.
- C. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Association. The nominating committee nominated Keith Martin. No nominations were received from the floor. Keith Martin was elected Vice President by acclamation.
- D. Pres. Wylie called for nomination for the office of Director for three year terms. The nominating committee nominated Roger Harrison, DeAnna Harvey, and Chris Thompson. No nominations were received from the floor. Roger Harrison, DeAnna Harvey, and Chris Thompson were elected Directors by acclamation.
- E. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for Director to fill the unexpired term of Vice President Martin. The nominating committee nominated Steve Russell. No nominations were received from the floor. Steve Russell was elected Director by acclamation.

After the elections were completed, Pres. Wylie thanked the membership and said he hoped to continue to advance and improve the Association. He then presented Russ Mason with a brass trumpet recognizing his years of service.

### **X. Adjournment.**

With no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Pres. Wylie adjourned the 46th Annual Meeting of the General Membership at 1:35 p.m.

 *B. Vanderhoof, CFI, CFEI*

Secretary