



# **Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association**

**49th Annual Meeting of the General Membership**

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

The 49th Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association was held September 15, 2015 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, Missouri. President Rob Wylie called the meeting to order at 12:35 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. Rob Wylie, Sec. Bruce Vanderhoof, Treas. Bill Zieres, MACAP Chair Chuck Conyers, Dir. Tim Medlin, Dir. Dave Miller, Dir. Larry Jennings, Dir. DeAnna Zeisset, Dir. Chris Thompson, and Dir. Kim Becker.

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

Pres. Wylie called for the approval of the minutes of the 48th General Membership meeting held October 28, 2014 at the Ramada Plaza, Springfield, MO. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

## **IV. Financial Report.**

Treas. Zieres reported beginning September 1, 2014 with a balance of \$22,614.22, there was total income of \$50,133.14, expenses of \$31,445.80, leaving a balance as of August 31, 2015 of \$41,301.56. This includes \$755.19 from the NASFM Juvenile Firesetters Grant. Pres. Wylie called for the approval of the Treasurers report. It was moved and seconded to approve the report and the motion passed.

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

- A. Secretary – Sec. Vanderhoof said the Association AD&D insurance policy is in effect for each member. It is very important that each member make sure all recorded information is on file for the coverage to be in effect. Several members are missing DOBs, SSNs, and beneficiaries.
- B. Treasurer – Treas. Zieres had nothing further to report
- C. Vice Pres. – There was no Vice President report as Vice Pres. Martin had resigned earlier in the year.
- D. President – Pres. Wylie thanked everyone for helping with the conference and those who are attending the conference. He reported the attendance numbers were up from recent years. He asked all members to go after new members and increase social networking to get our message out. He ask all to be active in the support of the Association.

## **VI. Committee Reports.**

- A. Standing.
  - 1. Training – Dir. Miller reported the investigator course has been scheduled for November in Jefferson City. He said IFSAC will be conducting a site inspection in December. Three additional courses will be scheduled after the first of next year. There are currently 1,058 CFI's registered with the Division of Fire Safety.
  - 2. Legislative – Pres. Wylie asked all members to stay in touch with their legislators and keep them aware of our support of the Division of Fire Safety. He said there was nothing happening right now, but asked everyone to stay up on any new issues in their areas.



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3. Membership – Sec. Vanderhoof reported that, after a review of all records of the Treasurer and the Secretary, there are 36 members from 2014, 76 members from 2015, 234 members for 2016, and 8 life members, for a total of 354 members of the Association.
4. Bylaws – Sec. Vanderhoof presented an amendment to change the name of the “Prosecutor of the Year” award to “The Honorable E. Mitchell Hough Prosecutor of the Year” award and make all pertinent changes to the bylaws. The secretary read the proposed changes to the sections of the bylaws. Pres. Wylie called for the approval of the recommended changes to the bylaws. It was moved and seconded to amend the bylaws and the motion passed.
5. MACAP – Dir. Conyers said no nominations had been received for over a year. The nominations come from investigators and asked all to keep this in mind. If there continues to be no awards given, the funding may be lost.
6. Awards – Dir. Thompson said an award for Prosecutor of the Year will be given this year. Pres. Wylie then presented the Prosecutor of the Year award to Stoddard County Prosecuting Attorney Russell Oliver. Pres. Wylie then described the cases and specific case history and why this award was presented.
7. Hansen Award – Treas. Zieres said no nominations had been received. He gave a background of this award and its significance to be field.
8. Audit – Dir. Zeisset said the audit was held and everything was found in order.
9. Nominating – Dir. Jennings said a list of nominations for the open offices was prepared and would be presented during the elections.
10. Conference – Dir. Medlin thanked everyone for attending the conference. He said the Board always needs ideas and assistance in putting together these conferences. He asked everyone to complete the evaluations and include any ideas or information that can be used. He said the attendance was 61 for Session I and 72 for Session II. These number are significantly up from past years. He said the 2016 conference is a big deal for the Association as it will be the 50<sup>th</sup>. The dates are set for September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Charles, MO.

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

Pres. Wylie called for any unfinished business needing brought before the membership. None was presented.

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

Pres. Wylie called for any new business needing brought before the membership. None was presented.

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

- A. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for the office of Director for three year terms. There are three positions open for election. The nominating committee nominated Chris Thompson, Rob Williams, and Kevin Dunkin. No other nominations were received. It was moved and seconded to elect by acclamation and the motion passed.



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- B. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Association. The nominating committee nominated Bill Zieres. No further nominations were received. It was moved and seconded to elect by acclamation and the motion passed.
- C. Pres. Wylie called for nominations for the office of Vice President. The nominating committee nominated DeAnna Zeisset. No further nominations were received. It was moved and seconded to elect by acclamation and the motion passed.

### **X. Adjournment.**

With no further business brought before the General Membership, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Membership meeting. Pres. Wylie adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

*Bruce Vanderhoof*

Secretary