

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting

December 12, 2018

9:30AM

Conference Call Only

1. Call to Order – President Glotzbach called today’s meeting to order at 9:38AM

Present: Carroll, Cleveland, Coughlin, Flynn, Forbush, Glotzbach, McKellar, Mosher (tardy), O’Brian, Parker, Roberts, Styles, Turnquist, Walker. Lobbyist: Stephanie Johnson (KRKM)
2. Guest Comments – N/A
3. Approval of Minutes October 10, 2018 conference call – approved.
4. Communications Sent/Received
 - a. Thank you note received by Christine Greig re: our PAC fund donation.
 - b. Letter received stating the MAFC request for grant funding was declined. The letter asked if we were interested in applying again next year. Discussion followed. It was agreed that Glotzbach would move forward with next year’s application to resubmit.
5. Approval of Financial Report – McKellar reported on the following:
 - a. Checking account balance as of November 30, 2018: \$28,382.06
 - b. PAC account as of November 30, 2018 - \$3,405.50Report accepted & filed.
6. Update on Legislative Activities
 - a. Lobbyist (KRKM) – Stephanie provided a report. Updates included the Fireworks Bills (expected to make it to governor’s desk). Building codes back into practice re: subcommittees, which is expected to move through the whole process. Healthcare Bills seem to be stagnant at this time. Union recertification bill. Stephanie mentioned the Baby Box bills. Discussion followed on the issues surrounding this issue. More to come. Stephanie answered several questions surrounding this week’s Lane Duck session.
 - b. PAC - Parker reported that we should start pushing PAC donations in 2019, as our account is low.
7. Regional Reports:
 - a. Northern – Chief Forbush provided a brief report.
 - b. SE – Linda reported that their upcoming meetings are all set.
 - c. Western – Chief Walker reported that they just installed their 2019 Officers to the Executive Board at last week’s meeting.
 - d. UP – No report.

8. Section Reports:

a. EMS – Chief Greg Flynn reported. Reminder for QAAP tax, Cost reporting & IAFC position. Three alternate names have been submitted for EMSCC (Forbush, Flynn & Pratt will continue to attend these meetings). Fatigue study and related concerns. Bill Forbush provided further information related to this fatigue study. Significant issue re: Remounts on Ambulances and approved facilities.

b. Fire & Life Safety – Chief Adam Carroll provided update on the Public Assembly Inspection legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously.

c. MABAS – Chief Carroll provided report. An IL-MABAS division has been sued recently, so we are monitoring. MutualAidNet status. Chief Mike O’Brian stated that he saw a demo on MANet last week from the IAFC. Reminder to send Year End reports to Trent Atkins. MABAS will have tracks at the July conference.

d. Training – Chief Mark Cleveland sent report electronically from yesterday’s Training Council meeting. Lengthy discussion followed on Rules Making process, as Styles provided update. Glotzbach reminded everyone to continue to provide input & feedback. He mentioned the fact that RAFT currently meets the NFPA standard for Pro Board certifications: Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Fire Officer 1 & 2, and Fire Instructor 1 & 2. Discussion followed as to the State’s process at possibly reinventing the wheel. Everyone agreed that a meeting with the key players would be beneficial to move forward with these certifications.

58:00 Motion by Cleveland, Supported by McKellar. Discussion. Chris Coughlin suggested that we encompass this motion to affect anything related to the NFPA compliant curriculum. Motion carried unanimously.

1:00 Glotzbach mentioned the Moratorium on running Fire Instructor 2 – There are currently only two people authorized to teach per the recent motion. Lengthy discussion followed on the impact. 1:15:00 Motion made to send a letter to the chair of the Training Council for reconsideration of this moratorium. Forbush made the motion, supported by Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Committees:

a. Yellow Rose Campaign – Chief Greg Flynn reported that he & Adam Carroll attended the VCOS Yellow Ribbon training event in Virginia. The AccuMed Group is sending a check as our first official donation to the Yellow Rose Campaign. He provided details on the Belfor \$100K donation that was mentioned during the July 2018 conference. Belfor has provided some stipulations to their donation, and we are still trying to meet those expectations.

10:58 Met with the IAFF, and we are trying to get all our chiefs on board. We have done a few rollouts, with more to come. We are running out of challenge coins. Discussion followed on the current design and allowing other entities to use the Yellow Rose.

b. EMSCC (Pratt) – Nothing to report at this time.

c. Training (Styles) – already discussed.

d. Curriculum (Erskine, Kramer) – awaiting rules, so no movement.

e. Joint Council (Kennedy) – We received Mike’s report electronically:

1. We have had an issue with obtaining a quorum for the last two meetings.
2. Kennedy is been serving as interim secretary. Official elections in January.
3. Joint Council has been reviewing by-laws to eliminate mention of dues along with treasurer position. Joint Council has no funds. Changes also include clarifying delegate expectations of attendance and annual number of meetings.
4. There is work on surveying departments across state to show correlation between drop in state shared revenue and total personnel.
5. Significant discussion on PFAS foam. The BFS survey only had a 66% response rate. Thus far, there is 33,000 gallons of PFAS foam across the State of Michigan with another 15,000 gallons at the airports. BFS is working on potential funding for disposal. FDs are advised to store PFAS foam for time being.
6. MML is working on fire / police grant proposal \$20,000,000 annually for five years. This will come from expiring tax credits. 63 communities would be eligible, which are unable to increase mileages. This funding is not meant to be in-lieu of increases to revenue sharing.

f. Diversity (Meniffee) – No report.

g. State InterOp – Chief Adam Carroll provided report on Tower Upgrades, and firmware updates have occurred. Still work being done on development of micro sites. Fire Paging update. Industry continues to provide insight, and helpful feedback. In Building continues to have issues, as there is more to come.

h. Safe Delivery – Glotzbach provided report on activities, as Chief Ryan Rank has reported to him.

i. 9-1-1 (Barnes) – N/A

j. FirstNet (DenBleyker/Carroll) – Already mentioned earlier.

k. CRR – Byron Turnquist reported that there is a meeting this afternoon, so he’ll have more to report later. The task force appears to be very well organized. He will forward a synopsis after today’s meeting.

10. Executive Director

a. Winter Workshop / Expo – April 16-17, 2019 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Remember: Joint Chiefs Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2019 – Novi

b. July 9-10, 2019 – Summer conference in Boyne. Mon, July 8th is Joint Chiefs Meeting.

c. Glotzbach encouraged possible legislative participation during the conferences. Mosher agreed on the benefits, and Walker provided background. Linda will move forward with scheduling this event.

11. Old Business - None

12. New business – Glotzbach reported that there may be a request for new fire marshal candidates. Chief Walker made a motion that we send a letter in support of current Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier, supported by Mike O’Brian. Unanimous approval followed.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order – None.