



Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2018

9:30AM

Conference Call Only

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President O’Brian called today’s meeting to order at 9:35AM.

Present: O’Brian, Glotzbach, Pratt, Tackett, Mosher, Walker, Hogrebe, Yon, Stone

2. Guest Comments / IAFC Presidential Election – O’Brian updated this board on the current election situation for IAFC President. He gave information on the issues surrounding this election and the reason for today’s invitation to join our call extended to these candidates.

IAFC Presidential Candidates – Gary Curmode & Dan Eggelston each provided details on their background, platform and other information surrounding the upcoming IAFC election. After they left the call, the Board discussed each candidate and their requests for our endorsement. Josh Mosher made a motion that the Michigan Fire Chiefs endorse Chief Dan Eggelston for IAFC president. Bob Walker supported the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chief O’Brian will notify the candidates immediately following the call.

3. Approval of Minutes January 10, 2018 meeting in Saginaw – Bob Walker made a motion to approve, supported by Dave Glotzbach. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Financial Report – O’Brian provided the following information, as Chief McKellar was unable to join the call.
 - Checking account balance as of January 31, 2018: \$40,105.42. Glotzbach made motion to accept this report, supported by Pratt. Motion carried. Financial report was accepted and filed.
5. MI Safer Grant – O’Brian reported that he & Glotzbach met with IAFC staff on a possible statewide grant for recruitment & retention. He gave details surrounding the process and how this could benefit Michigan. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should move forward with securing a campaign / SAFER grant by working with Cary Thompson.
6. Update on Legislative Activities – O’Brian provided the following report:
 - a. QAAP – EMS section has been working diligently with MAAS, Union, and other agencies. Discussion followed on the winners and losers of this legislation. Looking for support from this board to move forward with our support. Glotzbach commended Chief Flynn on their work up to this point. Glotzbach pointed out that we must be cautious on how we word our support, as our motion to include the verbiage that this is not the ideal situation. This board agreed that the verbiage should be similar to: We do not oppose the QAAP tax schedule, but encourage the departments in our EMS section to continually work towards a better means outside of the tax and come up with some language. Glotzbach made a motion that we support moving forward with the payment schedule as presented without opposition. Supported by Walker. Motion carried.



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- b. KRKM / Lobbyist – Glotzbach reported:
 1. SB 400 (911 Surcharge formula) – details provided on the sunset clause and surrounding issues. This issue does impact all of us in one way or another, so we should support this, as this is an important vital piece of 911 funding across the state.
 2. HB 5460 & 5461 (required training for administration of Narcan) – this legislation in its current form is not supported, and we have opposed these bills.
 3. Upcoming election cycle and related endorsements – PAC donations and endorsements for individuals are two different things. Glotzbach asked this board if we wanted to endorse candidates. O’Brian suggested that we accept the recommendations from KRKM on how to strategize.
7. Winter Workshop Update – Linda reported on the following
 - a. Winter Workshop – currently 30 attendees. Please continue to promote the event, and to register ASAP. Let Linda know if you need a hotel room.
 - b. Joint Chiefs – Meeting held Monday, April 9th 2PM at Suburban Collection Showplace. O’Brian reminded the committees to submit their agenda items. Linda will keep the board aware of the event agendas.
 - c. Stone Contract – O’Brian reminded the Board that the renewal of the Executive Director contract will need to be approved by the Joint Chiefs.
8. CFSI – O’Brian, Glotzbach & McKellar will be attending. Rooms reserved at the Churchill hotel. Please purchase airfare.
9. Round Table / Good of the Order – Chad Tackett attended Training Council meeting yesterday and reported that the Work Rules are in the process. He will keep us posted, as they are looking at one-year timeline.
10. Adjournment – 10:40AM.

Upcoming Events:

- MAFC Winter Workshop & SE Expo - Novi MI – April 10-11, 2018 at Suburban Collection Showplace. *Joint Chiefs - Monday, April 9th at 2PM.*
- Western Meeting – March 28, 2018 – Boulder Creek. “Media Relations” featuring Barb Roethler.
- Northern Meeting – March 14, 2018 – Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant. “Xbox to the Box Alarm” featuring Tiger Schmittendorf.

