

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
9:30AM
Minutes

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Glotzbach called today’s meeting to order at 9:34 AM

Present: Ball, Carroll, Cleveland, Coughlin, Flynn, Forbush, Ginebaugh, Glotzbach, Johnson, Malone, Mosher, Parker, Pless, Roberts, Styles, Tackett

2. Guest Comments
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020 conference call. Roberts made motion to approve, support by Parker. Motion carried.
4. Communications Sent/Received – Glotzbach reported that we released a few documents regarding training council rules process, and technical details on each section. Also, we received a request for life member status for retiring chief John Podgorski.
5. Approval of Financial Report – (McKellar) Account balances as of February 29, 2020:
 - a. Account Balances:
 - Checking account - \$65,799.88
 - PAC account - \$4,848.45
 - Yellow Rose Checking account - \$16,449.33
 - b. Audit – Review of FY19 transactions – Complete
 - c. FY19 Tax preparation being handled

Motion to approve by J. Roberts, support by Flynn. Motion carried. Report was accepted & filed.

6. Update on Legislative Activities
 - a. Lobbyist (KRKM) – Stephanie reported on the following: budget is moving very slowly. Continue to work with the governor’s office. Legislative spring break begins first two weeks in April. Corona virus (now two cases in Michigan). Governor expected to come out today with a response, as things are really starting to ramp up. She provided further insight as to the anticipated process. Another item within the budget that is gaining traction is PTSD & first responders. Stephanie provided the breakdown of the \$2.5Mil allocated funding. Discussion followed on the 211 call, and other programs such as Backing the badge program. Glotzbach asked that we defer all things in this area to the MAFC’s Yellow Rose taskforce, and Chief Flynn. Flynn clarified the purpose of Yellow Rose, and our task of “on-the-ground” support that’s really necessary. Flynn & Ginebaugh will work with Stephanie and move towards providing a proposal. Flynn reiterated that he feels that we are missing the clinician side of the necessary approach. More to come. Flynn mentioned HB’s 5419, 17 & 18 – all related to DNR (Do Not Resuscitate Orders) on a minor. He briefly reviewed the intent behind these bills and stated that we are not in opposition. Currently going through a rewrite, as we support the intent. They are just poorly written. More to come. National Fire Sprinkler association is very close to having a bill introduced related to commercial properties only.

Coughlin reported on his recent meeting with legislators. Task Force Funding update, and recruitment & retention issues, as legislators are willing to work with us. Looking at tax breaks, Medicaid coverage, retirement perks, etc. Cancer presumption proposal for all firefighters. Legislators were open to all these ideas, and we planted some seeds. We'll follow-up in a month.

b. PAC - Parker reminded everyone of the account balances. We will need to really start pushing for chiefs to make their personal donations to this fund.

7. Regional & Great Lakes Division Reports:

a. Great Lakes Division - Parker reported that they are gearing up for FRI (Aug 2020 in PHX). Strategic Planning session June 5-6 in IL. Roberts reported on the new GPO process, and that Michigan will continue to be part of it.

b. Northern – Forbush reported that their next meeting is “Front Loading your Incident Safety Knowledge & Skills”. March 19th in East Tawas at 6PM. All are encouraged to attend. Mosher provided details on the Summer Symposium (July 30-31) at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. He reviewed the agenda and related presenters.

c. SE – Pless reported next meeting is tomorrow (March 12) at the DNR Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit. Expo (April 8th) featuring 105+ vendors.

d. Western – Ginebaugh reported that their next meeting is Wed March 25th 11AM. Leadership topic feat. Marinucci.

e. UP – Malone mentioned that he's glad to see that the MAFC is continuing to engage with legislators re: recruitment & retention.

8. Section Reports:

a. EMS - Flynn reminded everyone of the next EMSCC meeting (next Friday). He mentioned issues related to a recent state inspection, purchase order, and audit that he's experiencing at his department. Roberts said Wixom is experiencing similar issues. It's important for us to advocate for other chiefs. Discussion followed. Forbush provided an update on the Emergency STAT transfer issue, and possible misinterpretation of the law. The state is currently quiet on this issue. More to come, as it should get very interesting. It's happening across the state. Forbush reiterated the importance that chiefs must continue to advocate for other chiefs. Ball asked about ambulance guidance & administrative rules. Forbush clarified the standard and related laws re: remounts.

b. Fire & Life Safety - Mosher reported that they continue to work on Public Assembly issues. They have drafted a white paper (between chiefs & inspector) to introduce a bill. He provided details surrounding the proposal, and related definitions. Currently under the 2015 building code. Provided detailed information surrounding the delegation of the authority to inspect. Stephanie will work with Sen. MacGregor to move it forward, as time is getting tight. Pless mentioned a recent email / letter from Lee Schwartz, and discussion followed on a HB 5354. Stephanie will find out more info and work with Mosher.

c. MABAS - Ball reported that he attended the IL MABAS conference last week. Quad State meeting, and the similar issues with funding. They will be drafting a letter to federal legislators in the near future to address the issue. MAMA-C legislation update. More to come. MABAS Board meeting happening today.

d. Training – Cleveland provided details on the analysis comparison data, and direction. Drafted a solid document, and our position on the different areas. Cleveland provided a detail review of the most recent work session, and the intense process. Discussion followed on terminology related to reciprocity. We must continue to maintain our presence at every single one of these meetings, and throughout the whole process. Mosher agreed that we must remain involved. We are awaiting the current draft for review. Styles reported that the MML is in agreement with our stance. He mentioned his recent discussion with the SFM related to reciprocity issues. Chief Januk did request the position paper & analysis document be adopted to the session. Flynn stated that the Oakway Mutual Aid group has drafted a paper that mirrored the MAFC's talking points. They are calling for a response from the SFM. Flynn will share the document. Discussion followed on the fact that the language will not survive JCAR. It is imperative that the Chiefs stay on top of this and maintain accountability. Much discussion followed.

9. Committees:

a. Yellow Rose Campaign – Flynn provided a review of the Jan 8th Summit, hosted at the Kelly Cawthorne facility in Lansing. Excellent attendance. He discussed on participation and will share the final document / executive summary during the board meeting in April. Continue to move forward. MAAS has adopted the Yellow Rose campaign, as the first EMS agency to adopt the YR campaign. This is great thing for all first responders. Flynn has put in a request to Belfor for a second installment of \$25K. Ginebaugh said the summit was a great thing to be part of.

b. EMSCC (Pratt) – No report.

c. Training Council – Tackett rejoined the call and provided further perspective on the Rules process. He feels that the last few topics to be clarified will take a lot of time to work through and negotiate. The position paper sent by the MAFC was acknowledged during the process and everyone moved on. He provided an update from the recent meeting, as they started at the beginning. Reciprocity language is going to be a major issue to continue to work through. More to come as further discussions with the SFM will continue. Glotzbach reminded us that the goal is to provide quality training that's been verified to meet the standards, so that we have personnel with excellent training. The more available we can make this training, the more opportunities we make for our personnel. Much discussion continued on the rules and issues surrounding the process. Glotzbach thanked Tackett for his work as the chair and appreciates his efforts. Tackett stated that he received an email from one of the colleges regarding training council and Covid-19 related training and test dates.

d. Curriculum (Kramer/Erskine) – Glotzbach reminded Roberts to review the reps on this committee. Linda confirmed that Erskine is a current Associate member.

e. Joint Council (Kennedy)

f. Diversity (Meniffee)

g. State InterOp - Carroll had nothing more to report. Interoperability Conference. In-building coverage. State looking at encryption. More to come, as it's not out yet. T-band discussion.

h. Safe Delivery (Rank) – Had nothing to report. Info has been updated on the Safe Delivery website.

i. 9-1-1 (Barnes) – Carroll had no report.

j. FirstNet (DenBleyker/Carroll) – Carroll provided a brief report on the collection of data.

k. CRR (Turnquist/Ridenour)

l. MPSFAC (Cribley)

10. Executive Director

a. MAFC Annual Conference – April 6-8, 2020, held in conjunction with the Midwest Fire Rescue Expo. Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

- Sun, April 5th 5:30PM – Dinner at Marinucci Home – Board, Committees, presenters, staff, etc.
- Mon, April 6th 6:00PM – Dinner at Bar Louie in Novi – Board, Committees, presenters, staff, etc.
- Tues, April 7th 6:30PM Presidential Dinner Banquet (Apps & networking start at 5:00PM in Expo Hall)

b. CFSI in Washington, DC (April 28-May 1) – Hotels have been reserved and flights have been purchased. Glotzbach mentioned Covid-19 and how it could affect CFSI. Discussion followed. We will monitor closely and keep everyone posted.

11. Old Business

12. New business – Podgorski Retirement – request for lifetime membership. Roberts made the motion to approve this request, support by Forbush Motion carried. MIOSHA administers MiWishGrants (up to \$5K matching grant) for anything related to safety. Find out more on the MIOSHA website.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order

Adjournment 11:15AM