

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
9:30AM
Conference Call Only

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Dave Glotzbach called today’s meeting to order at 9:44AM

Present: Ball, Cleveland, Coughlin, Flynn, Forbush, Glotzbach, Johnson, McKellar, Mosher, Parker, Pless, Rank, Roberts, Styles, Turnquist
2. Guest Comments - None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019 meeting in Boyne. Pless made a motion to approve, Flynn seconded. Motion carried.
4. Communications Sent/Received – Glotzbach received a request to submit names for State Fire Safety Board representation, as well as Fireworks ad hoc committee rep.
5. Approval of Financial Report – McKellar reported Account balances as of September 6, 2019:
 - a. Checking account - \$22,864.83
 - b. PAC account - \$4,700.20
 - c. Yellow Rose Checking account - \$27,700.00Motion by Parker, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried.
6. Update on Legislative Activities
 - a. Lobbyist (KRKM) – Stephanie Johnson reported on the following legislative issues:
 - Senate Bill 460 (required reporting). Detailed explanation followed on last week’s committee hearings & testimonies, and this legislation. More to come as there is a lot of activity happening with budgets. Much discussion followed, as Pless provided insight based on conversations with legislators afterwards.
 - House bill 4689 (emergency lockdowns for schools). Working on new draft.
 - Budget update – PFAS, Fireworks, LARA, MI-MABAS / Task Force 1 funding confirmation will be official this Thursday, most likely moved under LARA.
 - Tom Leonard (former speaker) appointed by Trump to be Michigan District Attorney. Requesting a letter of support from the Michigan Chiefs.
 - b. Coalition Update – Makeup of the Coalition was clarified. Next meeting is September 23rd but Andy Pless is unable to attend. Coughlin & Mosher will be attending that meeting. The Chiefs may hold the chair position if there is a position change. Discussion followed on the bylaws and organization of this group.

c. PAC Update – Parker reminded everyone to donate to the PAC fund. Consider payroll deduction. Will send out an updated donation request letter. Lobbyist suggested that we increase the account balance to \$10,000.

d. 9/11 Memorial Ceremonies in Lansing – Pless and Roberts provided feedback on last week's ceremony.

7. Regional & Great Lakes Division Reports:

a. Great Lakes Division – Parker reported on the recent GLD Board Meeting and networking reception held in Atlanta during FRI. This board will probably meet sometime in the spring, possibly during CFSI in DC. More to come. Parker is now the VP of the GLD, and will become president in two years. This created a vacant director position. For discussion: MAFC's GLD representative position vacancy due to Parker's move to GLD VP. Pless reminded Parker that his position on the ByLaws committee expired, so he requires a letter of support to be sent to IAFC. Parker will follow up with GLD President Mavrogeorge.

b. Northern – Josh Mosher reported that the next meeting (Th, Dec 5) is being held in conjunction with the Instructors in Traverse City. Board meets this week, so they will clarify the presentation (possibly social media or town hall with SFM).

c. SE – Andy Pless reported that the next meeting is held at Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit on Oct. 10th.

d. Western – McKellar reported that they are hosting Company Officer focused training classes with Dodson: Friday is Reading Buildings and Saturday is Reading Smoke. Muskegon is hosting Dodson on Sunday, Sept 22. Next general membership meeting in Oct. Then Installation of officers in December.

e. UP – No report. Malone unable to join call.

8. Section Reports:

a. EMS – Greg Flynn reported that there is some confusion on state inspections. If you have any issues, please let Flynn know. EMS CC meeting is coming up next week in Marquette. Bill Forbush did mention that there is a new equipment list. There is also a new inspector in the Metro Detroit area. Infant warming mattresses have been recalled and need to be removed from vehicles immediately. Discussion followed.

b. Fire & Life Safety – Mosher reported on the following:

- Fireworks ad hoc committee – After reviewing list of possible reps, they will ask Jason Olszewski (FHFD) to represent.
- FLS met earlier this month to discuss public assembly legislation. Will work with KRKM to continuing moving forward.

c. MABAS – Brian Ball reported that Task Force 1 was sent to Florida and North Carolina. Thanked all the chiefs who spoke during last week's testimony. Speaking at MEMA conference next month, and continue to work towards maintaining relationship. Payroll has been suspended for now until funding is confirmed. First ever tri-state executive board meeting occurred last week. Continue to move forward with this beneficial tri-state collaboration.

d. Training – Mark Cleveland reported on the following:

- Rules Work Sessions update. There was excellent turnout at last meeting. Process has slowed.

- Styles expressed his gratitude to everyone's support and showing up at these meetings. That's very helpful in changing the atmosphere in the room. Glotzbach reiterated the importance of our presence at these meetings.

9. Committees:

- a. Yellow Rose Campaign – Flynn provided an update on the recent conference in Denver, as the Yellow Rose was able to fund four attendees (Flynn, Ginebaugh, Hagen & Heavener). Task Force continues to work towards working with local organizations, offering support services. New Mexico will be adopting the Yellow Rose campaign next month. Roberts mentioned that several legislators were interested in learning more about the Yellow Rose campaign, as they wore their lapel pins at last week's committee hearings.
- b. EMSCC – Glotzbach mentioned that the two positions are open for re-appointment. Forbush & Flynn will remain.
- c. Training Council (Styles) – nothing more to report.
- d. Curriculum (Erskine, Kramer) – nothing to report.
- e. Joint Council (Kennedy) – They met last week during the Inspectors' conference. Looking towards coordinating training amongst other organizations.
- f. Diversity (Meniffee) – No report.
- g. State InterOp (Carroll) – No report.
- h. Safe Delivery – Ryan Rank reported next meeting is Sept 26th. Bills are still in committee.
- i. 9-1-1 (Barnes)
- j. FirstNet (DenBleyker/Carroll)
- k. CRR – Byron Turnquist reported that they currently have 80 people involved. Recently worked with the Fire Inspectors Society foundation, accepting donations. Purchased 21K smoke detectors, 6K CO detectors. Training opportunities announced.

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. Discussion followed on possibly setting up a round table discussion amongst the other organizations (inspectors, instructors, etc.) to be held prior to the conference start time.
- b. Regional Trainings – continue to work with each region for their meetings and trainings.
- c. Membership renewals – reminders for 2020 renewals being sent in the next 30 days.

11. Old Business

- a. Annual Elections for President & Vice President – Two letters of intent received for the April 2020 election: Jeff Roberts (Wixom) for President, and Josh Meier (Canton) for Vice President. Deadline to submit Letters of Interest is December 31, 2019. Linda will send out a reminder to the full membership to submit their letters.

12. New business

a. Great Lakes Director Position – Letters of Interest received from Chief Jeff Roberts (Wixom) and Chief Robert Smith (Dexter Area). Glotzbach provided background on the current vacancy. Jeff Roberts explained the importance of this position. Parker provided details on the position itself. Lengthy discussion followed on the candidate requirements. More to come.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order –

- Glotzbach approved a purchase of a wreath to be presented at this weekend's Michigan State Firemen's Memorial.
- All EMS licensed agencies must get their medications from a hospital pharmacy. No retail Narcan is allowed.

Adjournment – 11:15AM