



Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2018

9:30AM

MINUTES

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

Present: Brian Ball, Chris Coughlin, Mark Cleveland, Greg Flynn, Bill Forbush, Dave Glotzbach, Steve McKellar, Josh Mosher, Mike O’Brian, Pat Parker, Andy Pless, Doug Pratt, Ryan Rank, Jeff Roberts, Alan Styles, Chad Tackett, Bob Walker

2. Guest Comments – N/A
3. Approval of Minutes September 12, 2018 conference call – Moved by Roberts, Second by Parker. Motion carried.
4. Communications Sent/Received – N/A
5. Approval of Financial Report – McKellar reported the following:

- a. Checking account balance as of September 30, 2018: \$12,862.58
- b. PAC account as of September 30, 2018 - \$7,815.50
- c. Membership invoices being sent out.

Motion to approve by Cleveland, supported by Roberts. Motion carried. Financial report accepted & filed.

6. Update on Legislative Activities (Mosher/Coughlin)
 - a. Fireworks – Mosher provided an update. We should start seeing a number of the fireworks issues passing. Biggest issue trying to work through is current edition of NFPA codes show 2006 & 2002. Trying to figure out how to update. Unfortunately the NFPA removed all retail sales fireworks rules, beginning with 2013 edition. PFAS is still a major issue. OPEB information & Public Assembly also mentioned. Discussion followed on 5941/Burn Bans at Extreme Level.
 - b. Lobbyist (KRKM) – Stephanie sent report electronically, as she was unable to join the call.
 - c. PAC – Parker reported that we’ve recently spent \$4250 supporting legislators. He provided details on endorsement decisions and overall process. Reminder that we should distribute PAC contribution pins. Glotzbach stated that Speaker Leonard is coming to his station tomorrow at Noon.



7. Regional Reports:

a. Northern (Pratt)– Received SAFER grant (\$122K for Recruitment/Retention). He also reported that their next meeting is Oct 25th – Front Loading Safety Knowledge held in conjunction with RAFT & Michigan Fire Service Instructors Conference. Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.

b. SE (Pless) – Oct 11th NFPA Presentation featuring Greg Cade. Nov 8th held at the Ford Piquette Plant in Detroit featuring Yellow Rose Campaign presentation & lobbyist update. Annual Holiday Party on Dec 13th in Eastpointe.

c. Western (Walker) – Oct 24th general membership meeting & election. Dec 5th holiday party & installation luncheon. Feedback from the September 21st CO Training seminar was very positive.

d. UP – N/A

8. Section Reports:

a. EMS (Flynn) – QAAP update as tax invoices were sent out. He did mention that the State is receptive to extension requests. You should see a higher Medicaid reimbursement. EMSCC legislative update – Flynn mentioned HB6110/Good Character, as we are awaiting a more definitive answer from the State though we are not inclined to support. He will send more info as it comes. SB929 / Staffing bill that impacts northern area. Sounds like this will not move forward, though he will continue to monitor.

b. Fire & Life Safety (Mosher) – Majority of last meeting was focused on Public Assemblies and the ability to charge fees. Continue to remind everyone to vote on ICC issues. O’Brian will forward a voting guide as soon as it’s available. Lengthy discussion followed on public assemblies and fee structure.

c. MABAS (Ball) – Summarized the recent meeting with state EMS office, which was very helpful in building relationships. Task Force 1 did deploy to North Carolina. They are in standby mode for Hurricane Michael. Special thanks to the efforts in last minute request putting together an engine strike team. Next meeting Nov 7th in Otsego.

d. Training (Cleveland) – Detailed report. Rules process is the biggest issue right now. Task force continues to meet during these Work sessions. Much discussion followed on requests for feedback. It was agreed that all section email blasts will be sent to the whole board.

9. Committees:

a. Yellow Rose Campaign (Flynn) – Attended and presented Yellow Rose program at VCOS conference last week. Lots of good discussion. Realized that our program may generate some interest outside of the state. Flynn will move forward with developing T-t-T in the event we get a call to present. Flynn provided report on the Peer-to-Peer support training. Yellow Rose helmet stickers have been ordered. Flynn provided an updated on the \$100K donation we received from Sheldon Yellen. He will work with Julie Secontine to formulate an action plan from a legal perspective. If you’re interested in helping, please send Flynn an email. More to come as we continue to manage the rollout of this training. Forbush provided details on a recent “Yellow Rose Alert” in his area, and the success of this program.

b. EMSCC (Pratt/Forbush)- Forbush reported that the functional committees are focused on rewriting of administrative rules. He mentioned the recent JEMS 18-pg article “Are two paramedics better than one?” EMS CC meeting coming soon, and he will provide info as it comes in.

c. Fire Fighter Training Council (Styles) – Styles said that Cleveland pretty much covered everything during his earlier report. He reiterated the importance of giving your feedback when requested.

d. Curriculum (Kramer) – Glotzbach reported that there is nothing to report as they haven’t met recently.

e. Joint Council (Kennedy) – Sent the following electronically to Glotzbach: The MJFSC had a meeting on Monday. Many committee members were double booked that day, so attendance was rather low. We finished by-law revisions, which we hope to vote on come November. One item that was asked of the MAFC was to send out a survey to members inquiring about filling career vacancies. The question being how many applicants did you have for how many open positions? (Recently for Ann Arbor, we had 22 applicants for four positions). The question would be for both SAFER and non-SAFER positions. There is a lot of anecdotal evidence of applicant shortages, but the MJFSC would like to start compiling hard numbers. I am unsure if the MAFC has a platform that we could ask this via or if other questions could be asked at the same time? I am happy to fill you in further via phone. Thank you. MK

f. Diversity (Meniffee) – Submitted his report electronically to Glotzbach. He continues to consider board members of this committee. Working towards writing a mission statement. More to come.

g. State InterOp (Carroll) - No report.

h. Safe Delivery (Rank) – Ryan Rank attended the Sept 27th meeting in Lansing. He has contacted his State Rep to express our concerns. Glotzbach asked about the overall sense or feelings of the committee. Discussion followed. Our involvement with this steering committee is imperative.

i. 9-1-1 (Barnes) – No report.

j. FirstNet (DenBleyker/Carroll) – No report.

k. CRR (Turnquist/Ridenour) – No report.

l. Past Presidents (O’Brian) – Mike continues to move forward with setting up this committee.

10. Executive Director – Linda had nothing new to report at this time.

11. Old Business – No report

12. New business – Bob Walker reported that this Thurs Evening is their annual Silent Remembrance Parade.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order – Glotzbach is moving towards getting reports from committees each month. If unable to attend the call, please submit report electronically so we may distribute. Next month’s meeting (Nov 14th) is cancelled.

Adjournment: 11:05AM