

# Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
9:30AM  
Conference Call Only

## MINUTES:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Glotzbach called today’s meeting to order at 9:33AM

Present: Ball, Barnes, Carroll, Cleveland, Flynn, Forbush, Ginebaugh, Glotzbach, Hagen, Johnson, Lelito, McKellar, Meier, Mosher, O’Brian, Parker, Pless, Roberts, Styles, Tackett, Turnquist

2. Guest Comments - None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2019 conference call. Moved by Roberts, support by Forbush. Motion carried.

4. Communications Sent/Received – None at this time.

5. Approval of Financial Report – McKellar reported Account balances as of January 31, 2020:

- a. Checking account - \$53,822.27
- b. PAC account - \$4,798.45
- c. Yellow Rose Checking account - \$15,505.83

Financial report. Moved by Cleveland, support by Flynn. Motion carried. Report accepted and filed.

6. Update on Legislative Activities

- a. Lobbyist (KJL) – Glotzbach reported on the following: Recent name change from KRKM to KJL. Governor’s budget has been released. Cancer presumption line item (\$4,000,000) & MiTF1 (\$0), so these will need our attention and continued efforts. Glotzbach & O’Brian provided further details on recent meeting with VFIS & KJL, looking at providing benefits & options related to coverage, whether part or full time. We’ll continue to monitor this issue. Glotzbach asked for everyone’s feedback. It was agreed on today’s call that we should move forward with supporting both FT & PT equally. We will provide that direction back to our legislative committee. Cancer presumption dovetails into recruitment and retention.

Coalition - Coughlin is current chair of the coalition and reported back to Glotzbach some of the frustrations he’s dealing with regarding lack of communications. Josh Mosher & Gregg Ginebaugh provided further info on this issue, and recent coalition meeting as it appears the Chiefs are out of the loop in many instances. O’Brian provided detailed historical background, as the issues surrounding the coalition are recurring. Glotzbach & Stephanie Johnson also provided insight. Brian Ball provided insight as to the Task Force budget cut, and discussions that occurred at the coalition meeting. Upcoming Statewide exercise is scheduled, but some players didn’t invite MiTF1, so Ball reached out to and solidified the invite. Johnson urged everyone to continue advocating for the Task Force and do a better job of explaining this valuable resource to legislators. After much discussion, incoming president Jeff Roberts agreed to be in Lansing once a week in an effort to make our lobbying more effective. Johnson said that we must continue our close relationships with locals. She provided some of her strategic plan to help us move forward in a way that is beneficial. Stephanie said we are still waiting for Public Assembly bill. She reiterated the

importance of cancer presumption and maintaining relationships. She explained the completed budget timeline and submit by July 1.

Memorial Highway legislation – Johnson provided details on request for memorial highway naming from Clio. Much discussion followed. Motion by Roberts to support memorial highway naming to be limited to LODD's only, Styles supported. Motion carried.

Mandatory Transfer Issue – Forbush provided background information on this statewide issue. Forbush said that we have solid support from several legislators in an effort to change the wording and definitions affiliated with this bill. This is a very serious issue for the 140+ life support agencies who have hospitals in their district. There is a meeting with Stamas tomorrow in Alpena, hoping to further the process. Stephanie has done an excellent job with gaining momentum on the importance of this. Stephanie confirmed that legislation is currently be drafted, to be sent over soon.

b. PAC – Parker provided a brief report. As this is an election year, we need donations. Stephanie confirmed that PAC activity will ramp up in March, as this is when fundraisers start occurring.

#### 7. Regional & Great Lakes Division Reports:

a. Great Lakes Division – Parker introduced Danny Hagen as the new GLD rep. Parker reported that only President Mavrogeorge will attend CFSI in DC, and not the full GLD board. There will be a Legislative 101 seminar at the Holiday Inn Capitol on Tues, April 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a summit of the GLD board members early-June in Illinois. FRI will be held in Phoenix mid-August. Hagen did mention that GLD has been asked to support a VCOS/hospitality event in Minneapolis. The GLD board is discussing. Roberts provided update on the status of the GPO and entering into a new relationship with SourceWell. More to come. Lastly, Pless provided an update on the Constitution & ByLaws committee and what they're working on at this week's meeting at IAFC headquarters in Chantilly.

b. Northern – Mosher reported on their next meeting (March 19<sup>th</sup> in East Tawas). "Front Loading the ISO" which is a condensed version of Reading Smoke. \$20pp. Exec Board meeting is this Thursday with special guest Sen Stamas. Forbush mentioned recent passing of Chief Martin (ret, Roscommon), will send flowers.

c. SE – Lelito reported that Chris Stoecklein is the incoming Sergeant at Arms, to be sworn in May. Pless reported that next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at DNR Outdoor Adventure Center.

d. Western – Ginebaugh reported that the next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> at Boulder Creek, featuring Leadership presentation by Marinucci. Recruitment continues to be a challenge.

e. UP – No report.

#### 8. Section Reports:

a. EMS – Forbush reported the hot issues earlier. Many changes happening within the Bureau to watch out for, in education as well. Be mindful. More to come.

b. Fire & Life Safety – Mosher reported they continue to work on the Public Assembly, which Stephanie mentioned earlier. Meeting of the minds is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to look at how to move forward.

c. MABAS –Task Force issues already mentioned earlier. Attending IL-MABAS conference next week, specifically to attend the first quad-state MABAS meeting. Focusing on MAMA-C legislation, federal funding and NMAS. As mentioned earlier, Task Force will participate in the Rising Waters / Northern Exposure

exercise in April. He provided some background as to why the invitation to participate came so late to the TF.

d. Training – Cleveland provided a report. Please review all documents that were distributed electronically. Please provide feedback ASAP. Credits have been approved for the conference and will be posted on the conference site. They continue to move forward with the Rules process and noted how slowly the process is going.

#### 9. Committees:

a. Yellow Rose Campaign – Ginebaugh reported on the recent Yellow Rose symposium. The facilitator will provide her report soon with the top four priorities from that meeting. Hagen & Ginebaugh also mentioned the conversation with KJL communications team re: offering their services to promote the YR campaign. It was agreed that the YR doesn't need this service at this time. Glotzbach reported that three names (Ginebaugh, Flynn & Hagen) were submitted to the State Suicide Prevention Commission. From those three names, they'll select one.

b. EMSCC – Nothing new to report at this time as already covered under EMS.

c. Training Council – Glotzbach reported that Tackett advised they gave out \$165K in grants. Looking to clean up the process, as issues with NFIRS compliance. Position paper was drafted on behalf of the fire chiefs was distributed for your feedback. Please provide your comments back to Glotzbach, as we continue to work through this Rules process. Ginebaugh made a motion to accept the position paper as written, supported by Roberts. Discussion. Motion carried. O'Brian asked about status of Company Officer certification in relationship to the ongoing rules process. Much discussion followed on the current standards and lack of clear requirements. Much confusion, even though this is a work in progress. It was agreed that the Bureau could roll out the new fire officer program and the fire instructor program on March 1<sup>st</sup>, as they both are complete. More to come. We will stay on top of this issue.

d. Curriculum – No report.

e. Joint Council – no report.

f. Diversity – No report.

g. State InterOp – Adam Carroll provided brief report, as AT&T appears to be online but FirstNet still has issues with communicating with stakeholders. He mentioned current issues they are dealing with. More to come. Still continues to be movement on 800 paging, which is quite expensive. In-building coverage issues. State MCC is looking for updated MOU's, if you're on the state system. Ginebaugh reported that Eaton County has been online for about a week and working through some issues.

h. Safe Delivery – No report.

i. 9-1-1 - Barnes reported 1:37:00 Ms. Joni Harvey new State EMS director. 911 system went down for approximately 3 hrs back in January. Details provided on the issue. Barnes has been assigned as the chairman of the 911 Training subcommittee.

j. FirstNet – Nothing more report.

k. CRR - Turnquist reported that the 2019 FEMA grant is officially closed. He provided statistics on smoke alarms and CO detectors that were distributed and/or installed. Sparky costume is available. Continue to

work on securing more funding. There is a BFS app available, which makes it easier to do your fatal fire reporting.

I. MPSFAC (Cribley) – No report.

10. Executive Director – Stone reported on the following

a. MAFC Annual Conference – April 6-8, 2020, held in conjunction with the Midwest Fire Rescue Expo. Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. As of today, there are 38 general attendees & 65 displaying vendors. Board members are offered \$100 discount, to use or pay forward.

b. CFSI in Washington, DC (April 28-May 1) – hotel and flights confirmed.

11. Old Business

a. Annual Elections for President & Vice President – Director Josh Meier (Canton FD) received the majority of votes for MAFC's VP position. Jeff Roberts will be sworn in as President & Josh Meier will be sworn in as VP. Banquet starts 6:30PM on Tues, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Novi.

12. New business – None.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order – Barnes thanked everyone for their efforts.

Adjournment – 11:20AM.