

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
9:30AM
Conference Call Only

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Glotzbach called today’s meeting to order at 9:05AM

Present: Ball, Carroll, Cleveland, Coughlin, Glotzbach, Johnson, Kennedy, Malone, McKellar, Pless, Roberts

2. Guest Comments - None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019 conference call. Moved by Roberts, support by Malone. Motion carried.

4. Communications Sent/Received – None.

5. Approval of Financial Report – McKellar reported on the following account balances as of December 31, 2019:

- a. Checking account - \$26,964.36
- b. PAC account - \$4,748.45
- c. Yellow Rose Checking account - \$16,241.83

6. Update on Legislative Activities

- a. Lobbyist (KRKM) – Stephanie provided a status report on the State’s budget, and funding for the Task Force has been secured at \$600,000 at this point. Large gaming package has been signed, which is a resource for the cancer presumption fund. Yellow Rose Mental Health Awareness summit happening today in Lansing. Supplemental budget info provided, as revised budget will come out early Feb. Stephanie provided details on the budget process and anticipated activities between Feb thru June.

Coughlin provided update on the Coalition and expected legislation process. He provided some potential legislation that could help with recruitment & retention issues in the State. More to come.

Glotzbach mentioned possible support from VFIS re: Cancer Presumption on Jan 16th. That will then be followed up with a meeting with KRKM’s communications director to help with Yellow Rose initiative. More to come on both of these.

- b. PAC (Parker sent his report electronically). The search is still on for a new Executive Director of the IAFC. Hope to have wrapped up soon. The Fire Rescue GPO thru Western Chiefs is going away. A replacement program is forthcoming through a company called Sourcewell. Chief Jeff Roberts could explain more. Our own Andy Pless reappointed to IAFC Constitution, ByLaws & Resolutions Committee. FRI will be in Phoenix this year. There will be a small charge for the lunch. Linda will look for sponsors. The GLD will not attend CFSI this year as a whole body, Chief Mavrogeorge will represent the Division. Instead, we will hold a GLD Summit at IFSI in Champaign in June. All State reps and State Presidents to attend this strategic planning session.

7. Regional & Great Lakes Division Reports:

- a. Great Lakes Division – Glotzbach opened discussion, and reminded the board that we must appoint a person to fill this vacancy. Letters of interest received from Forbush (Alpena), Hagen (Hamtramck) and Smith (Dexter Area). Lengthy discussion followed on the three candidates. Motion by Pless to nominate Hagen to the position of GLD Director. Support by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously. We will

b. Northern – Linda reported on their successful townhall meeting in Traverse City back in December. Add future dates of events HERE!!

c. SE – Pless reported on upcoming events: Jan 9 meeting in Madison Heights, featuring SFM Sehlmeier. No meeting in Feb. March 12th meeting will be held in Detroit at DNR Outdoor Adventure.

d. Western – Styles reported on future meetings & events (at Boulder Creek unless noted): March 25, May 27, Aug 14 (Legislative Luncheon at 5/3 Ballpark, Sept 18th full day Tactical Thermal Imaging

e. UP – Malone will continue to serve as President of the UP Chiefs. Spalding is holding a training class on March 7-8, 2020. Recruitment & Retention is a serious problem in the UP. Spring meeting will be held in April.

8. Section Reports:

a. EMS (Flynn) – No report

b. Fire & Life Safety (Mosher) – No report.

c. MABAS - Ball reported that we are a solid line item in LARA for \$600,000. We will work with SFM Sehlmeier to figure out how to move forward with the State to access the funding. More to come. Had a budget meeting last month to make necessary budget cuts, mostly in administrative. Issues related to the inspectors with State EMS, and we've requested a meeting with Wahl to work this out related to signed mutual aid agreements. We will continue to be very tenacious in getting this issue cleared up.

d. Training – Cleveland reported that he's working on submitting application for CEU's with the State for April's conference.

9. Committees:

a. Yellow Rose Campaign – Nothing to report as all key players are hosting a summit in Lansing. More to report during next meeting.

b. EMSCC (Pratt) – No report.

c. Training Council - Styles reported that they continue to work on the Rules. They met in Traverse City during the Instructors' Conference. Came to an agreement that all scores will be 70%. Reciprocity section is a slow process, as this is a culture change. SFM hopes to have process completed by June. Styles feels it may be more like Fall. More to come. Met last week to approve the grant process, and Styles explained the format and requirements (GovDelivery for details).

d. Curriculum – Kramer sent report electronically. Curriculum committee will meet on Jan 14th to review the Instructor 1 exam. This is the only task so far. FF 1 & 2 exams are complete, as well as the practicals.

e. Joint Council - Kennedy reported that the ByLaws should be approved this month. Mental health seems to be a major focus. Looking at ways to coordinate training activities with other organizations. Kennedy reported that AA is hosting 2nd presidential debate this fall. Tripling on-duty force that day, and expecting chaos. Looking at possible MABAS activation.

f. Diversity (Menifee) – No report.

g. State InterOp – Carroll had nothing new to report.

- h. Safe Delivery (Rank) – No report.
- i. 9-1-1 (Barnes) – No report.
- j. FirstNet (DenBleyker/Carroll) – No report.
- k. CRR (Turnquist/Ridenour) – No report.
- l. 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. Working with Cleveland to apply for CEU's. Linda reviewed logistics surrounding the conference & expo.
- b. CFSI in Washington, DC (April 28-May 1) – several reps from MAFC will be attending. The GLD is hosting their annual Legislative 101 class.

11. Old Business

- a. Annual Elections for President & Vice President – One Candidate for President: Jeff Roberts (Wixom). Two Candidates for Vice President: Mark Cleveland (Egelston Twp) and Josh Meier (Canton) for Vice Pres. Online voting period for the VP position will be two weeks long: Feb 1 thru Feb 14th. Linda will provide each candidate with a list of MAFC members (names, org, email address) if they want to campaign for themselves.
- b. Great Lakes Director Position – Letters of Interest received from Bill Forbush (Alpena), Danny Hagen (Hamtramck) and Robert Smith (Dexter Area). Already discussed earlier in the call.

12. New business – None.

13. Round Table / Good of the Order – None.

Adjournment – 10:20AM.