

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – President Cleveland called today’s meeting to order at 11:18AM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President – Cleveland

Vice President – Peterson

1 Year Trustee - Erskine

2 Year Trustee – Witherell – N/A

3 Year Trustee – Pelton

Past President – Keefe

Secretary/Treasurer - McKellar

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

TREASURER’S REPORT – McKellar reported the following:

MiChiefs Account Balances as of November 28, 2023:

Checking \$77,548.48

PAC \$8,466.10

Yellow Rose \$17,334.52

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Mojzuk, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

In an effort to shorten today’s business meeting, due to the Installation of Officers & Holiday Luncheon, President Cleveland called for a motion to shorten today’s agenda by requesting that we receive only the BFS committee report from State Fire Marshal Sehlmeier.

Motion to forgo all business except the BFS report by Keefe, second by Pelton. Carried.

1. President Cleveland recognized outgoing secretary/treasurer Chief Steve McKellar for his years of service on this Board.
2. State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier provided today’s BFS update. He reported on several topics, such as
 - fire fatalities and related statistics
 - Dashboard Access and ESRI benefits
 - Smoke alarm stats, included another \$1Mil budget line item for smoke detectors
 - Fireworks Funds
 - Staffing updates
 - Reciprocity & Pro Board
3. Lifetime Membership – Chief Mike Weidemann will be retiring in two weeks. Chief Keefe made a motion to present Weidemann with a lifetime membership. Second by Chief Janik. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Installation of 2024 Officers – SFM Sehlmeier handled today’s Oath of Office

President Sam Peterson	2 nd Year Trustee David Pelton
Vice President Martin Erskine	3 rd Year Trustee Kyle Svoboda
Treasurer Thea Dornbush	

UPCOMING WMAFC MEETINGS

- WED, Mar 27, 2024 – Guest Speaker Mike Gagliano (to be confirmed)
- MON, May 20, 2024 – Golf Outing & MiChiefs Awards Banquet in conjunction w/Expo
- FRI, Aug 2 – Legislative Luncheon at LMCU Ballpark
- FRI, Sept 20 – Full day training session - Curt Isakkson (to be confirmed)
- WED, Oct 23 – Guest speaker Greg Flynn
- WED, Dec 4 – Installation of Board & Holiday Luncheon

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 12:02PM