

Great Lakes Division-IAFC

Minutes

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting, November 13, 2012

1. **Call to Order** by President Peterson at 2:03 PM (EST) November 13, 2012.
2. **Present** were J. Peterson, Baus (2:40 PM), Kluck, Schuldt, Skeldon, Sink, Zikmund, and Holland.
3. **Motion** by Skeldon second by Sink to **approve and file minutes** of October 5, 2012 Board of Directors Special Meeting. Passed unanimously.
4. **Secretary-Treasurer Report**, Holland, 1) Balance Sheet now reflects the Investment Portfolio value. The Total Liabilities & Equity report incorporates the value of the Investment Portfolio, copies of current Balance Sheet dated as of October 31, 2012 were provided to board members. 2) Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report dated January through October 2012 was provided to board members. 3) Checking account balance as of November 13, 2012 is \$22,954.63. Account balance as of October 31, 2011 was \$17,300.89. 3) Membership report as of November 13, 2012 is 1,938, July 2012 was 1,977 members and October 2012 was 1,944. 4) Negotiations are currently underway with a fire equipment vendor for a three or six year sponsorship for the annual membership luncheon, advertising, and detailed equipment information related to the 2013 SCBA Standards. It is anticipated the agreement may be concluded prior to December 31, 2012. Any agreement will be provided to the Board of Directors prior to implementation for authorization.
5. **Director's Report**, Zikmund, 1) Terry Monroe, IAFC Staff, reported to the IAFC Board of Directors that multiple strategies have been created to increase overall membership in the IAFC. Pilot packages will be submitted to the IAFC board for authorization. Once IAFC board authorization is obtained new member test packages will be sent to specific division within the IAFC. The Great Lakes Division may be considered for increasing membership within the new members program. 2) A report from Ken LaSalla concerning impact of the presidential election impact on programs and funding will be released to the IAFC general membership in the near future.
6. **President's Report**, J. Peterson, 1) A new member packet is being sent to new Great Lakes Division members that includes a welcome letter from the president, a Great Lakes Division informational brochure, a challenge coin, a collectable chip, VIP card and brochures provided by the IAFC with information concerning various Section membership, and brochures from the Western Fire Chiefs Association providing information about the GPO and Bookstore programs. 2) the Company Leadership Committee has not provided an action taken report, 3) Arrears Reports are provided to all board members monthly and board members are asked to contact all members within their respective states shown on the report to discuss membership renewal, 4) Previous discussion had taken place regarding the member states returning GPO share back funds to the Great Lakes Division and President Peterson recommended that the states not be asked to return funds. States wishing to return GPO share back funds to the Great Lakes Division will be assisting with division financial stability. Funds received will be dedicated to the service recognition evening for Chief Clemmenson, 5) written articles are being requested for the

ETrumpet to be published at the end of January 2013, 6) the Sheraton Chicago will be headquarters hotel at FRI 2013 for the Great Lakes Division, 7) the IAFC Board of Directors will be conducting a strategic planning meeting January 18-19, 2012 and is requesting information on situations/circumstances occurring in the states, all board members are requested to submit information by January 1, 2012 to President Peterson, 8) a Great Lakes Division Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Motorola World Headquarters, Schaumburg, IL, January 31-February 1, 2013 for further information contact Secretary-Treasurer Dean Holland, 9) Kluck asked if Exhibitor Passes will be provided for FRI 2013, Zikmund thought passes would be available.

7. **Illinois Report, Schuldt**, 1) State Fire Legislation Summit was just concluded with the discussions being centered on controlling fire department consolidations, management and the local union must agree upon consolidating services/departments prior to implementing consolidation efforts, both parties must agree.
8. **Wisconsin Report**, Kluck, no report.
9. **Ohio Report**, Skeldon, 1) Naylor Publishing will not be assuming publication responsibilities for publishing the Ohio Fire Chief's Association various publications, a publisher is still being sought.
10. **Indiana Report**, Sink, 1) Indiana Fire Chiefs Association met with candidates for the office of Governor prior to the gubernatorial election to make candidates aware of fire service issues/concerns, 2) legislation is being worked on under the Mobile Support Law to fund back-fill for personnel deployed into a disaster area.
11. **Michigan Report**, J. Peterson for D. Peterson, 1) the State of Michigan has reported to the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association that approximately \$1 million dollars have been collected for fire service training through the fireworks act recently enacted.
12. **Vice President Report**, Baus, no report.
13. **Old Business**, 1) discussion about the Executive Director position will continue at the January 2013 board of director's meeting in Schaumburg, IL, which will still allow mailing the Request for Proposal by February 2013 as originally planned, 2) no further information is available regarding the VCOS grant application, 3) additional information is being obtained regarding on-line Quickbooks reporting and will be available for board meeting in January 2013.
14. **New Business**, 1) Congressional Fire Service Initiative 2013 annual conference is to be held May 8-9, 2013 and it is necessary to make hotel reservations and scheduling transportation, 2) the Near Miss Reporting Program has developed a gap funding program until a financial resource can be identified for permanent funding, the gap plan was adopted by the IAFC Board of Directors, the Near Miss grant application was denied based on not having a back-up alternative plan, additional efforts to raise funding to support the complete Near Miss Reporting Program are underway. 3) Jeff Dill is being requested to meet with the Board of Directors in January to review plans for the Presidential celebration for Hank Clemmenson at FRI Chicago 2013, 4) the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association has requested to make a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding adoption of the Illinois Accreditation Plan as an adjunct to the national standard for the fire service, the presentation will be made to the board in January 2013 at the board meeting.
15. **Meeting Adjourned** 3:07 PM November 13, 2012.