



Executive Fire Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - FRI THURSDAY, August 25, 2022 @ 10:30 am CST

Meeting called to order by Chair: 10:37 AM CST

Roll Call of the Board Members:

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Chair	Jo-Ann Lorber	X		
Vice-Chair	William Hyde	X		
Secretary/ Treasurer	Gregory Barton	X		
Past President	Pat Kelly		X	
Director of Eastern	Chad Deardorff	X		
Director of Great Lakes	Joe Pulvermacher	X		
Director of Missouri Valley	David Daley			X
Director of New England	Anthony Stowers	X		
Director of Southeastern	Trey Mayo	X		
Director of Southwestern	Chad Roberson	X		
Outgoing Director of Western	Bruce Kroon	X		
Incoming Director of Western	Robert Jarvis	X		
Canadian Division	Ken Uzeloc	X		
IAFC Liaison	Jim Wamsley	X		
NFA Liaison	Trisha Wolford	X		
IAFC Staff Liaison	Kaitlin Lutz	X		

Update from First Net, Gary McCarraher

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

First Chief Joe Pulvermacher/Second Chief Chad Roberson - Approved

Report of the Chair – Chief Lorber

- Shared thank you note from incoming vice president Chief Josh Waldo
- Attended IAFC Strategic Planning: Lead, Educate, Serve and Belonging, Board has approved a draft, will share draft with board and the section members

Report of the Vice Chair – Chief Hyde

- Update on Lands End EFO section store, project is done

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer- Chief Lorber for Chief Barton

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- Members – 1546
- Assets – \$249,606 (from end of June)
- Hours- 3 hours in July, 218.5 hours remain

First Chief Joe Pulvermacher/Second Chief Trey Mayo - Approved

Report from Staff Liaison – Kaitlin Lutz

- No report

Old Business:

Committee Reports

1. EFO/NFA Committee (Chief Mayo)
 - a. NFA committed to making sure the EFO Symposium continues. The EFO Symposium will be April 14-15, 2023 and you do not have to be an EFO Program graduate to attend. Low cost to attend aside from the meal ticket. Please consider sending someone from your department. The Symposium Planning Committee now consists of six people: Lt. Aisha Krieger, Chief Rudy Ruiz, Firefighter James Rychard, Chief Kimberly Stewart, Retired Fire Chief George Thomas IV, and Chief Curvin Wolfgang.
2. GFOA (Chief Pulvermacher)
 - a. Having a meeting directly following the EFO annual meeting. The project is about increasing financial literacy among fire officers. Hoping to have some
3. Director's reports
 - a. Southeastern (Chief Mayo)
 - i. South Atlantic Fire Expo in Raleigh, Southeastern Conference will be in Wilmington, NC on June 13-15, 2023, NC Midwinter Conference week of January 24 in Concord
 - b. Great Lakes (Chief Pulvermacher)
 - i. Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin have already had their annual conferences. Minnesota conference is coming up soon.
 - ii. Trying to present quarterly webinars about culture and leadership.
 - iii. Been working with Tim Chalbot to identify some things that are needed in our division that are happening at the international level and want to make sure we are getting in front of executive level leadership curriculum development.
 - c. Southwestern (Chief Roberson)
 - i. Attended the strategic planning
 - ii. September 22-24 Southwestern conference
 - iii. Baton Rouge, LA June
 - iv. LA Fire Chiefs in coordination with state training trying to develop a Louisiana executive fire chiefs program
 - d. New England (Chief Stowers)
 - i. Annual meeting was in June, Secretary/Treasurer John Wood retired
 - ii. March is the MA professional development training
 - e. Eastern (Chief Deardorff)
 - i. Annual conference was in May in Rehoboth, conference for next year will be in Ocean City, MD on April 21-22
 - f. Canadian Division (Chief Uzeloc)

- i. Most of the provincial associations have had their conferences
 - ii. September 11-14 CA Association of Fire Chiefs meeting in Ottawa
 - iii. Provinces have been dealing with heat wave issues
 - g. IAFC Board Liaison (Chief Wamsley)
 - i. No report
 - h. Western (Chief Jarvis)
 - i. Just completed annual conference within the last few weeks.

Welcome and swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members

- Great Lakes Director – Joe Pulvermacher
- Western Director – Robert Jarvis

New Business:

- Establishment of By-Laws Committee
 - Volunteers to join the by-laws committee: Chief Gregory Barton, Chief Anthony Stowers, John Rukavina, Daniel Manning
- Update on new EFO Program – Superintendent of the National Fire Academy Eriks
 - Increasing the number of classes on campus
 - Moved to CDC guidelines to allow people back on campus
 - EFO Program
 - Running two programs in a parallel manner
 - EFO legacy program (4-year model) is in the final stretch and will finish up in September 2022 and will have a virtual graduation
 - The new EFO Program is moving forward well and have the new group starting their journey on campus. Host a virtual monthly Zoom meeting for everyone in the EFO program. Working through LMS glitches. Bolstering the instructor cadre with a lot of EFO alum.
 - Criticism on watering down the writing element, but there is more writing in the new EFO Program than the old program.
 - Had a meeting with Mount St. Mary's University to see if we can plug our students into their writing lab
 - Getting ready for the next group of people who want to enroll in November/December and opening the application in January with the group starting in the Spring. Would like to get feedback on application criteria.
 - Board of Visitors was on campus last week visiting. Their report will come out in September/October.
- NFA/EFO Discussions (Chair and Christine Spangler)
 - Chief Lorber teaching a 6-day class at the end of January.
 - Christine would like the feedback by October 1 on program application. Looking for help from the whole section.
 - Chief Daniel Manning and Chief Allen Lewis interested in assisting
 - Will have a website that lists all EFO graduates by name and graduation year.
 - Starting a EFO Quarterly Newsletter and would like to give the section a space in the newsletter to contribute.
 - Creating a community of practice online space for graduates to share information or to use for mentoring purposes.
 - Need at least one current Chief or someone who has been a Chief within the past 5 years

Other:

- This is the last year Chief Lorber will serve as Chair of the EFO Section.
- Chief Trisha Wolford will be running for 2nd Vice President at FRI 2023.
- Have started meeting with all the Section Chairs the last Wednesday of every month. SHS will be hosting the meeting in September.

Adjourn: 11:35 PM CST

Next meeting: [September 14, 2022 @ 2 pm EST](#)