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EVMS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 23 October 2024

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair
Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair
Chief Eric Pelletier, Secretary
Chief John McDonald, Treasurer
Chief Philip Thorburn, Director, Canadian Division Representative
Chief Scott Souders, Director, Great Lakes Division
Chief Harold McDonald, Director, Southwestern Division Representative
Chief Ashanti Gray, Director, Western Division Representative
Chief Kevin McCaw, Director, Missouri Valley Representative

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Kevin Hardwick, Director at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Jim Wamsley, IAFC Board Advocate to EVMS
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

Call to Order

Chief Shivers chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 11:01 hours ET.

Chief Shivers welcomed all in attendance.

MOTION: 23 October 2024-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 14 August 2024 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Souders/H McDonald

Chair Report

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair

Chief Shivers reported that there have been challenges in coordinating a meeting with FAMA representatives to discuss collaborating on a supply chain guide for fire chiefs. FAMA is interested in working with the section and we expect to connect in the next several weeks.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair

Chief Rice provided a briefing on the status of Cummins X10 and X15 motor development. The new prototype engines are now pushed out to at least January 2027 for them to be available in the market. This information was provided by the apparatus manufacturers who are hearing from Cummins representatives. There is no public release information from Cummins on the status of the engine release.

Treasurer Report

Chief John McDonald

No report to submit.

Secretary Report

Chief Eric Pelletier

Chief Pelletier updated the Board on the 2024 bylaws changes.

A discussion was conducted on a suggested 2025 bylaws change to allow a member of FAMA to serve on the Board. The Board had concerns that having a board seat for a non-fire official Associate IAFC member would not be acceptable but does seek FAMA participation with the Board.

MOTION: 23 October 2024-02

Motion made and seconded to offer an Ex-Officio seat on the Board for a FAMA Board member if allowable by the IAFC. Motion carried.

J McDonald/Rice

Chief Souders requested that Kevin McGee find any IAFC rules that would preclude the implementation of the above motion and if Constitutions, Bylaws and Resolutions committee must approve this action.

Oath of Office

Presided by Chief Jim Wamsley

Chief Wamsley administered the IAFC oath of office for Chief Harold McDonald 2024-2027 term of office.

Old Business

Electric Emergency Fire Service Vehicle Videos

Chief Souders reported that the newly edited video that includes the slides is now accessible on the EVMS website. He was highly impressed with the improved quality of the video from the merged editing.

Representation to Emergency Vehicle Technician Conference

A member(s) of the Board will represent the Section at the next EVT Conference early next year. Chief Souders will check his availability. If he can't attend, Chief Shivers stated he would attend.

EPA Exemptions

Chief J McDonald addressed the previous meeting question about the fire service consideration of imported versus domestic motor rules informing the Board that EPA regulations exemptions only apply to federal and military applications. He will share an EPA notice with the Board by email.

Communications

Chief Gray still needs some Board members head shot pictures to post on the EVMS webpage. She asked each member to inform her about what contact information to post.

New Business.

The Board discussed seeking input for the 2025 educations program. Chief Shivers will draft a proposal on "The Future of Fire Apparatus" topic for FRI 2025.

Staff Liaison

Kevin McGee

Kevin McGee reported that the IAFC is providing marketing and communications resources to sections if the sections are willing. Chief Shivers appointed Chief Gray, Chief Rice, and himself to meet with IAFC Marketing and Communications staff to explore opportunities.

Good of the Order

Motion for adjournment **Souders/Rice** approved.

The meeting ended at 11:56 ET

Minutes submitted by:

Chief Jason Shivers

EVMS Chair

Chief Eric Pelletier

EVMS Secretary