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EVMS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 22 January 2025

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair
Chief Eric Pelletier, Secretary
Chief John McDonald, Treasurer
Chief Harold McDonald, Director, Southwestern Division Representative
Chief Kevin McCaw, Director, Missouri Valley Representative
Chief Kevin Hardwick, Director at Large

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair
Chief Philip Thorburn, Director, Canadian Division Representative
Chief Ashanti Gray, Director, Western Division Representative
Chief Scott Souders, Director, Great Lakes Division

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Galganski, IAFC TED Committee Representative
Mr. Scott Beecher, FAMA
Mr. Ken LaSala, Policy and Government Relations Director
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 13:04 hours ET.

Chief Shivers welcomed all in attendance.

MOTION: 22 January 2025-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 23 October 2024 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Pelletier/McCaw

Chair Report

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair

Chief Shivers added 2025 election cycle and legislative update to agenda.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair

No Vice Chair report.

Treasurer Report

Chief John McDonald

Chief J McDonald stated that the financial report was sent by email to the Board. The finances are in a healthy position.

Secretary Report

Chief Eric Pelletier

Chief Pelletier updated the Board on the 2024 bylaws changes. The proposed by-laws revision was submitted to the IAFC Constitution, Bylaws and Resolution Committee for consideration.

Legislative Update

Mr. Ken LaSala

Mr. LaSala informed the Board that the president signed an executive order for a 30 day freeze to all federal regulatory agencies for all work on regulations. This will at least slow the OSHA regulation and EPA diesel emissions regulation processes. Mr. LaSala and his staff will monitor this issue closely to evaluate it means for the fire service.

Mr. LaSala informed the Board that the Metro Chiefs are addressing the supply chain issues and the resulting high cost increases to fire apparatus. Also, the Leagues of Cities are also expressing concern on this issue.

IAFC TED Committee Update

Chief John Galganski

Chief Galganski informed the Board that the IAFC is calling for instructors from each section for 60 minute FRI presentations. An email blast will immediately be sent to EVMS members to request instructors on topics for a February 7 deadline. FRI will be held in Orlando FL August 13-15.

Old Business

Supply Chain

A lengthy discussion occurred to address the fire apparatus supply chain issue. Mr. Beecher explained that the situation has transitioned to more of an overordering issue than a supply chain issue. He also stated that customization is a key factor in slow delivery times and that stock fire apparatus are available for sale now.

Mr. Beecher shared that FAMA is offering to collaborate on seminar conferences to include FAMA conference and FRI.

The Board is in favor to collaborate with the Metro Chiefs Association, the Leagues of Cities and FAMA to address the topic to identify actions that can be identified to mitigate the problem and to provide guides and other information to the fire service. Chief Shivers tasked Kevin McGee and Ken LaSala to proceed pledging the EVMS participation.

Web Site Update

Board member pictures, department, division representation and term on the Board was submitted to be posted on the Web site. Kevin McGee will poll the Board about their authorization to include email addresses of each Board member.

2025 Workplan

Chief Shivers intends to appoint a task group to draft a 2025 Work Plan and seeks interested Board members to participate.

New Business.

Chief Shivers announced that we are beginning the 2025 election cycle. There will be three Board seats up this election cycle, Eastern Division, New England Division and Canadian Division. Chief Shivers appointed Chief McCaw, chair, Chief J. McDonald and Chief Hardwick to serve on the 2025 Election Committee.

Staff Liaison

Kevin McGee

No Report.

Good of the Order

Motion for adjournment approved.

The meeting ended at 14:09 ET

Minutes submitted by:

Chief Jason Shivers

EVMS Chair

Chief Eric Pelletier

EVMS Secretary