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## Federal & Military Fire Services Section Board Telecon Meeting 17 October 2024

### Participants:

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Present:*

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair  
Chief Shane Crutcher, Federal Wildland Service (NPS)  
Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA  
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp  
Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force  
Chief Matthew Goldstein, Coast Guard

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Julian Crolet, Army  
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair

#### *IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

### Call to Order

Chief Canale chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 13:04 hrs ET.

### Approval of 14 August 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

#### **MOTION: 17 October 2024-01**

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

**Goldstein/Kerchief**

### Request for Revisions to the Agenda

Chief Todd Canale

#### **MOTION: 17 October 2024-02**

**Motion made and seconded to add Fire Rescue Med Conference to the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Goldstein/Kerchief**

### **Oath of Office**

Administered by Chief Todd Canale

Chief Matthew Goldstein took the IAFC Oath of Office for his position as Coast Guard Director on the Board.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chief Justin Deemer

No report. The Treasurer's report was sent via email to the Board of Directors.

### **Chair Report**

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale reported that although he was unable arrange a meeting with Chief Crutcher to discuss partnerships and supporter opportunities. However, Chief Crutcher will facilitate a discussion on the topic later in the agenda.

### **Vice Chair Report**

No Vice Chair Report

### **Committee Reports**

Chief Crutcher informed the Board that the National Parks Service is supporting hurricane response and recovery efforts. NPS hired regional Fire Marshal's. He also informed the Board that the agency audit did not meet standards. A Firefighter I and II certification program is near completion.

Chief Davis reported that NASA approved the purchase of two engines and one ladder truck and that ESO is a new Record Management System being deployed throughout the agency. He informed the Board that the Fire Department may be assuming dispatching responsibility due to problems being experienced.

Chief Goldstein reported that the Coast Guard is in the process of purchasing replacement fire apparatus.

Chief Kerchief reported that Marine Corp fire department staffing increase relief is in progress.

Chief Canale shared actions that have been adopted for trade time.

## Business Agenda

### Old Business

Chief Crutcher reported that he had a discussion with IAFC staff regarding establishing partnerships and sponsorships with interested businesses that can aid in leveraging our ability to serve our members. The Board will define initiatives we want to initiate that necessitates sponsors and partners, identify action steps, and determine how to obtain input from members. Chief Canale will appoint a Partnership and Sponsorship Development Committee.

Chief Canale presented a proposal to revise the bylaws in the 2025 election cycle that allows for an alternate from the Air Force to fill the Space Force Director position in the even there are no Space Force candidates. Chief Crutcher recommended to change "Bureau of Land Management" to "Land Management Agencies (Department of the Interior and US Forest Service)".

#### **MOTION: 17 October 2024-03**

**Motion made and seconded to submit the following revision for consideration in the 2025 election cycle (strike throughs being deletions and underline in red font being additions);**

"The Board of Directors currently consists of the Chair, and representatives from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Defense Logistics Agency, Space Force, one representative from the ~~Bureau of Land Management~~ agencies (BLM) (Department of the Interior and US Forestry Service), and one at-large member from any Federal Fire Service Agency. Each service representative shall serve a two-year term. The at-large member, Army, Air Force, Space Force, and BLM will be elected in odd years. Chair, Navy, Coast Guard, Defense Logistics Agency, and the Marine Corps will be elected in even years. In the event that there are no candidates for the Space Force representation, the Board of Directors may select an Airforce member to serve as the Space Force representative for the remaining term of office."

**Motion carried.**

**Goldstein/Kerchief**

## New Business

Chief Canale informed the Board that he will be a presenter at Fire-Rescue Med Conference in Las Vegas May 2025 on Stress Ready Firefighters. He also stated that he is in conversations with the EMS Section Chief to find collaboration opportunities between our two sections.

## Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held on 16 January 2025, 13:00 hrs ET. Chief Crutcher suggested that the Board meet more frequently to gain momentum on the initiative under consideration. Chief Canale will consider Chief Crutcher's suggestion.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

**Motion carried.**

**Goldstein/Davis**

Meeting adjourned at 14:06 hours ET.