

Great Lakes Division-IAFC

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, Teleconference, June 13, 2012

1. Call to Order for the Great Lakes Division (GLD) Board of Directors by President Peterson at 3:04 PM June 13, 2012, present were Zikmund, Baus, D. Peterson, Kluck, Esbensen, Schuldt, Skeldon, Schabbel and Holland.
2. **Approval of Minutes** previous meeting: Motion D. Peterson to accept and file, Second by Skeldon, passed unanimously.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer Report**, Holland, A) Checking account balance as of 6/13/2012 \$11,269.87. As of 6/13/12 investment holdings were valued at \$53,306.75. An investment holdings portfolio snapshot report was provided to each board member depicting asset name along with a beginning value plus investment and benchmark information. Investment activity remains with KeyStone Financial Group, Inc. B) In accordance with previous meeting board direction \$10,000.00 has been taken from investment holdings and deposited in CHASE checking account. This action reduced holdings value to \$43,306.75. C) An agreement has been reached with ISI-Avon, SCBA manufacturer, to sponsor the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon at FRI in Denver, CO, in the amount of \$4,000, D) Motion by Baus second by Kluck to accept financial report, motion passed unanimously.
4. **President's Report**, J. Peterson, A) Congratulations to Chief Scott Skeldon for his four year gubernatorial appointment to the Ohio State Fire Commission, B) Board members were reminded the state support payments were due in response to invoicing, C) Two hospitality rooms at FRI are being sponsored by Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc. (Plymovent) and Air One Equipment, Inc./MSA, D) Chief Stephen Dean has announced he is running for IAFC Second Vice President in 2013 and has requested time to speak at the GLD Annual Meeting and Luncheon at FRI 2012, Denver, CO, E) The importance of contacting members on the arrears list to obtain membership renewal was stressed, F) VCOS is requesting a member representative from each GLD state rather than a single member representing the GLD board. A reviewer response on the SAFER grant application will be approximately 4-6 weeks, G) It was reiterated that Esbensen, Kluck, and Skeldon were to look into reducing conference expense for CFSI in 2013.
5. **Director's Report**, Zikmund, A) The IAFC Fire Rescue International Site Selection Committee has issued a Request for Proposal for future additional sites. Proposals will be reviewed for criteria compliance and benefit and recommendations will be submitted the IAFC Board of Directors, B) Overall IAFC membership is increasing with continuing efforts by IAFC staff and personal contact for renewals, C) The IAFC is continuing the Connection Program with meetings among selected fire chiefs and vendor/suppliers to the fire service. Meetings are designed to allow communication about manufacturing and design of products for the fire service, D) A replacement selection has been made and will be announced at FRI 2012 for the Deputy Executive Director position for the IAFC, E) DISCUSSION: members discussed concerns about IAFC policy to not be forthcoming regarding matters under review/consideration by the IAFC

board. It was stressed that the IAFC is a member supported and operated organization and that the GLD board should take a position recognizing this concern with the IAFC board.

6. **Vice President Report**, Baus, no report.
7. **Indiana State Director's Report**, Schabbel, A) Fireworks legislation issues continue and State Fire Marshal is handling issues encountered in the field, B) Indiana is using Ohio Model for developing a MABAS operational plan and mutual aid organization, C) Chief Schabbel announced he will be stepping down as Indiana Representative to the Great Lakes Board and that Chief Danny Sink will be the next appointed representative from Indiana.
8. **Illinois State Director's Report**, Schuldt, A) Illinois Chiefs hosting Home Day Activities designed to meet with Legislators and provide fire service information and demonstrate equipment and apparatus.
9. **Minnesota State Director's Report**, Esbensen, A) Volunteer personnel have petitioned to form a union which could mean that unionized staffing could occur within the ranks of paid-on-call personnel.
10. **Ohio State Director's Report**, Skeldon, A) The current Ohio Fire/EMS Director is moving to the State Fire Marshal's Office, B) The UASI Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio in May 2012, C) Chief Skeldon attended the Ohio Professional Fire Fighters Association annual conference representing the Great Lakes Division. The Ohio State Fire Firefighters Association annual conference is August 3-5 2012, D) The Ohio Fire Chiefs Annual Conference will be held in Sharonville, Ohio July 14-18, 2012.
11. **Michigan State Director's Report**, D. Peterson, A) Michigan Annual Summer Fire Chiefs Conference will be held at Boyne Mountain, MI August 24-25, 2012, B) Michigan MABAS is officially operating with active divisions, C) The Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs has expressed a position to not donate funds to any organization if funds are used to purchase alcoholic beverages, D) Issues continue to develop regarding fireworks legislation implementation and operation.
12. **Wisconsin State Director's Report**, Kluck, A) Wisconsin Annual Fire Chief's Meeting will be June 21-24, 2012 at Kalahari Resort, The Dells, WI, B) State Gubernatorial recall effort has failed with minimal repercussion.
13. **Old Business**, A) DISCUSSION: Chip give away item sponsored by Alexis Fire Equipment, Alexis, IL at FRI 2012 will provide 1,810 chips and have vendor identification on the chip edge. A second give away chip order was placed by the GLD and will appear without vendor advertising. B) Continuing to work with Cathie Larocca IAFC to finalize eTrumpet publication by the IAFC for the GLD, C) President Peterson is recommending the GLD consider providing years-of-service pins for membership, program criteria is to be developed, D) Directors Esbensen and Schuldt are to be sworn in at FRI 2012, E) Travel expense policy was reiterated by President Petersen that vehicle travel for GLD conferences is reimbursed at the cost of a flight and one nights lodging, F) DISCUSSION: The board is to prepare a position letter to Chief Hank Clemenson requesting GLD board position expressing concern for ICMA on-going verbal attacks against the nation's fire service at regional conferences be presented to the IAFC Board of Directors. The letter is to request IAFC action in contacting the ICMA to take a position that the verbal presentation attacks against the fire service cease.

14. **New Business**, A) Motion by Kluck Second by Esbensen to reappoint Chief Derek Bergsten as GLD IAFC Elections Committee Representative to a three year term, expiring 2015. B) Discussion and approval to provide luncheon at no cost to GLD members. President Petersen to create a GLD VIP member identification card to be used in lieu a meal ticket.
15. **Meeting was adjourned** by J. Peterson at 4:10 PM 6/13/2012.