

FSPFFF
Minutes of the meeting held on
October 4-5-6, 2001
Holiday Inn Minneapolis West
Minneapolis, MN

Guests:

IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger
IAFF 5th District VP Joseph Conway
IAFF 8th District VP Thomas Miller

Note: The list of members and organizations that were represented at this meeting is found on the last page of these minutes.

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. A moment of silence was observed for brother and sister firefighters who passed away since the last meeting, including Francis Kennedy-Hawaii Fire Fighters Association and everyone affected by the 9-1-1 Incidents.

Vice Chairman Reagan introduced Mike Stockstead, President of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters. Brother Stockstead welcomed everyone to Minneapolis and also introduced John Wallace, Secretary-Treasurer of the MPFF. Joseph Conway, IAFF 5th District Vice President also welcomed everyone to the 5th District.

Chairman McCarthy recognized and welcomed all the newly elected State and Provincial officers that were in attendance.

Chairman McCarthy requested permission to suspend the regular order of business so that IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger could address the group.

General President Harold Schaitberger Schaitberger, speaking with passion and emotion, gave a detailed report about the IAFF involvement in New York City and in Washington DC immediately after the 9-1-1 incidents and period of time between then and today, October 4, 2001. (The specific details regarding the IAFF involvement have been well documented in many forums and publications).

General President Harold Schaitberger also emphasized that the IAFF Leadership Team has remained focused on IAFF business. Much effort is being expended on legislative issues that involve the membership of the IAFF.

General President Harold Schaitberger closed by stating that he is very proud of every member of the IAFF Executive Board and everyone else on the IAFF team for their dedication during these difficult time.

Chairman McCarthy thanked General President Harold Schaitberger for attending the meeting and for the great leadership he has displayed since being elected to office and most importantly since September 11th.

Don Killian of the New York Professional Fire Fighters also gave a report on the 9-11 incident and thanked everyone for their prayers and assistance. He reported that the New Jersey Professional Fire Fighters provided an enormous amount of support and assistance and still is to this date.

Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Spring 2001 meeting. It was moved and supported to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Chesney presented the financial statement for review. It was moved and supported to accept the financial statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Chesney stated that Wyoming has applied for Financial Assistance to attend the next FSPPFF meeting. It was moved and supported to approve the request for financial assistance. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy reported that General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon sends his regrets for not being able to attend this meeting.

Chairman McCarthy asked if there were any States or Provinces that desired to host the Fall 2003 meeting. Chris Medrea, President of the Arizona Professional Fire stated that Arizona would like to host the meeting if no other States or Provinces were interested. Since there were no other requests to host the Fall 2003 meeting, Chairman McCarthy declared that Arizona would be the host for that meeting.

Chairman McCarthy stated that he would like to request the IAFF's assistance in securing a block of rooms. (100 rooms) in the IAFF Headquarter hotel for FSPPFF members that attend the Memorial Service for the New York City Fire Fighters when it is scheduled. It was moved and supported to send the request to the IAFF. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Boyle, Director of Program Development for the Muscular Dystrophy Association thanked those in attendance and requested that they in turn thank all of their members for the support given to MDA by fire fighters across the country. Mr. Boyle expressed sincere sympathy for everyone involved in the 9-11 tragedy and stated that all MDA employees participated in the effort to provide financial assistance to those directly affected by the event. Also in attendance were Glen Reynolds, Associate Director of Field Services/Midwest, and the members of the Olsen family.

Chairman McCarthy called on several states to give their reports.

Chairman McCarthy requested a moment of personal privilege to announce that he was retiring from the fire service.

Chairman McCarthy announced that the meeting will recess for the day and will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Friday, October 5, 2001

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting back to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman McCarthy asked if any members had items to bring up under New Business. There was a long discussion on how members could assist in New York City. It was stated by Brother Killian that they need fire fighters to attend the funeral services. It was suggested that maybe nearby states could designate a day of the week to provide members to attend. Chairman McCarthy stated that he would share any information about the memorial service as soon as it becomes available. Terry Chesney reported that he has put together a basis website for the FSPPFF. The address is www.fsppff.org . Members also discussed the possibility of changing the dates of future meetings to Friday-Saturday-Sunday. There was a long discussion about the International Fire Code and the ramifications that it could have on fire fighter safety.

All remaining States gave their reports on legislation and other significant events taking place within their States.

Chairman McCarthy thanked the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters for their hospitality.

Chairman McCarthy announced Sid Snyder, Director of Sales for American Equity Life Insurance was scheduled to be on the agenda on Saturday, October 6th but since all other business has been completed, he would adjourn the meeting today and invite Mr. Snyder to attend the next meeting. It was moved and supported to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.