

FSPFFF
Minutes of the meeting held on
October 3-4-5, 2002
Tropicana on the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Guests:

IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger
IAFF General Secretary Vincent Bollon
IAFF 1st District VP Kevin Gallagher
Tom Canzanella, President, New Jersey Professional Fire Fighters
Several members of the New Jersey Professional Fire Fighters
Jim Morgan, President of the Atlantic City Local
Several members of IAFF Local 198 - Atlantic City
Charles Wowkanech, President - New Jersey AFL-CIO
Kevin O'Conner, Assistant to the General President
Eric Lamar, Assistant to the General President
Governor James E. McGreevey
Labor Commissioner Albert Kroll
Sid Snyder, Director of Sales - American Equity Life Insurance
Bob Myers, Sales Director - TCN Broadcasting

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

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A moment of silence was observed for brother and sister firefighters who passed away since the last meeting.

Chairman McCarthy requested that all new State Association Officers stand up and introduce themselves.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Tom Canzanella, President of the New Jersey Professional Fire Fighters.

Brother Canzanella welcomed everyone to New Jersey and introduced Jim Morgan and several officers and members of the Atlantic City Local. Brother Morgan welcomed everyone to Atlantic City and made a special presentation to IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger.

Kevin Gallagher, IAFF 1st District Vice President also welcomed everyone to the District.

Brother Canzanella introduced Charles Wowkanech, President of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. President Wowkanech gave an overview of the NJ AFL-CIO involvement statewide elections and he reported that 40% of all state appointments came from organized labor. He also stated that there are 51 rank/file members on the November ballot.

Chairman McCarthy called on Secretary-Treasurer Chesney to give his report. Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Spring 2002 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 reported that there were no new applications for Financial Assistant Grants.

Chairman McCarthy announced that nominations for FSPPFF Officers would be taken at the end of the meeting today. He also stated that bids would be accepted for hosts of the FSPPFF meetings in the Fall of 2003 and the Fall of 2004.

Chairman McCarthy introduced IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. President Schaitberger gave a detailed report about the activities of the IAFF since the last FSPPFF meeting, including a recap of the IAFF Convention, the memorial ceremony in Colorado, the IAFF Legislative Program, the upcoming congressional elections, a clarification of a letter stating the IAFF position regarding part-time fire fighters, and the upcoming Memorial Service in New York City. (The specific details regarding all of GP Schaitbergers comments have been well documented in many forums and publications since this meeting occurred).

General President Harold Schaitberger answered questions on several topics including access to the IAFF Website, District Field Service Representatives, and an explanation of the procedure for IAFF Endorsements, the IAFF Financial Corporation and the Redmond and EMS seminar dates and locations.

Chairman McCarthy invited General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon to address the attendees. General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon explained that the IAFF will continue to operate under the 2001-2002 budget for now and the 2002-2003 budget will be presented at the December Board meeting. The delay was necessary because there wasn't sufficient time for preparation of the budget due to all the work being done by everyone on the convention, the New York Memorial, etc.

General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon gave an update on the re-affiliation of the Edmonton Fire Fighters. He also reviewed the major highlights of the Convention, spoke about the IAFF Insurance program, membership cards, and the IAFF website. He stated that the IAFF would be hiring some additional staff members and that the positions would be posted in the IAFF Magazine.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Eric Lamar, Assistant to General President Harold Schaitberger who gave an overview of the new IAFF PEP program. He also spoke about the upcoming ALTS seminar in Miami Beach, Weapons of Mass Destruction Training, Haz-Mat Training and the IAFF Website.

Chairman McCarthy called on Brother Canzanella to introduce Albert G. Kroll, the New Jersey Labor Commissioner and Governor James E. McGreevey. Both individuals lauded the efforts of the New Jersey Professional Fire Fighters and President Canzanella and they both encouraged everyone to remain politically active in their own States.

Chairman McCarthy appointed David Lang Election Chairman. Brother Lang conducted the nomination process for two year terms for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer. Robert McCarthy was nominated for the position of Chairman and elected by acclamation. Pete Reagan was nominated and elected by acclamation for the position of Vice Chairman, and Terrence Chesney was nominated and elected by acclamation for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman McCarthy stated that he would now take nominations for hosts for the Fall 2003 and Fall 2004 FSPPFF meetings. There is an opening for the Fall 2003 meeting because Arizona withdrew their bid after it was awarded at the last meeting.

Illinois was awarded the bid to host the Fall 2003 meeting and South Dakota was awarded the bid to host the Fall 2004 meeting.

Chairman McCarthy reported that the Spring 2004 meeting would be held in Boston.

Chairman McCarthy called on Brother Doan to give an update on the plans for the 2003 Spring meeting which is being held in Idaho. Brother Doan recommended that everyone fly into Spokane. He stated that it is a thirty minute drive from the airport.

Kevin Gallagher, IAFF 1st District VP gave an update of the plans for the upcoming Memorial Service in New York.

Chairman McCarthy called on several individuals to give their reports prior to calling for a recess of the meeting until 8:30 am on Friday. The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m.

Friday, October 4, 2002

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

Kevin O'Conner, Assistant to the General President gave an update and overview of the IAFF Legislative Program as well as the status of various pieces of legislation that are of interest to IAFF members. He also discussed the IAFF endorsement process and the IAFF involvement in the upcoming elections.

Bob Myers of TCN Broadcasting gave a presentation and demonstration of the information distribution system that he is marketing. He reported that it is a valuable tool to contact voters in elections. Attendees were urged to contact Bob to set up individual meetings and demonstrations.

Chairman McCarthy called upon Brother Medrea, President of the Arizona Fire Fighters. Brother Medrea introduced Steve Springborn, President of the United Maricopa County Fire Fighters Association - Local 3878. Brother Springborn gave an update on the situation in Scottsdale and the attempts to drive Rural Metro out of the area.

Sid Snyder of American Equity Life Insurance talked about a program that may be of benefit to our members. Attendees were urged to contact Sid to arrange for meetings in each State.

Chairman McCarthy called on the remaining States and Provinces to give their reports.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to donate \$500 to the campaigns of Steve Dirksen and Bruce Roberts.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to donate \$500 to the Scottsdale Fire Fighters to assist them in their efforts to defeat Rural Metro.

Chairman McCarthy stated that due to the fact that all business has been concluded and that it would not be necessary to meet on Saturday. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.