

**FEDERATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL
PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS**

Minutes of the meeting held in Chicago, Illinois

Drake Hotel

September 25-26-27, 2003

Guests:

Harold Schaitberger, IAFF General President

Thomas Miller, IAFF 8th District VP

Margaret Blackshere, Illinois State AFL-CIO President

Kevin O'Conner, Assistant to the General President

David Billy, Director of Political Action

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

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Officers stand up and introduce themselves.

Chairman McCarthy introduced David Foreman, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Illinois who welcomed everyone to Illinois. PFFI President Foreman introduced Illinois AFL-CIO State President Margaret Blackshere. President Blackshere welcomed everyone to Illinois and thanked the PFFI for their support of AFL-CIO issues.

Chairman McCarthy introduced IAFF 8th District Vice President Thomas Miller. Brother Miller welcomed everyone to the Eight District and gave a brief overview of events occurring in the Eighth District.

Chairman McCarthy called on Secretary-Treasurer Chesney to give his report. Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Spring 2003 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 Assistance Grants.

Chairman McCarthy spoke about the PFFM involvement with the Kerry

campaign.

Chairman McCarthy called on several representatives to give their reports.

A motion was made and supported to support Mike Mohler in his bid to be re-elected as President of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters.

Chairman McCarthy announced that bids would be accepted for hosts of the Fall 2005 meeting. It was moved and supported that the Fall 2005 FSPPFF meeting be held in Key West, Florida. The motion carried unanimously. The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin expressed interest in hosting the Spring 2006 meeting.

Chairman McCarthy called on several representatives to give their reports.

Chairman McCarthy reported that DNC Chairman McAuliffe had been invited to attend this meeting but he didn't respond to the request.

Chairman McCarthy called upon PFFI President Dave Foreman who introduced representatives from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The representatives thanked everyone for their support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Chairman McCarthy called on several individuals to give their Association reports prior to calling for a recess of the meeting until 8:30 am on Friday. The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26, 2003

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

Chairman McCarthy called on several representatives to give their reports.

Chairman McCarthy introduced IAFF General President Schaitberger. General President Schaitberger gave a detailed report on several items that the IAFF is working on. Included in this report were: the increase in services provided to local affiliates by the IAFF, including GIS, Financial Analysis, and Technical Assistance. He also spoke about the improvements made to the IAFF publications. Other topics he spoke about included the PEP program, the ALTS conference, the Redmond Symposium, and the Fire OPS module for elected officials. General President Schaitberger gave a detailed update on the legislative activities that the IAFF has been involved with. He then presented a very detailed explanation of the IAFF endorsement of Senator John Kerry for President and the subsequent involvement in the campaign by many IAFF local affiliates and State Associations.

General President Schaitberger answered questions about access to the IAFF Website and IAFF efforts to coordinate meetings between Democratic State

Party leadership and IAFF State Leadership. Many members continue to feel that the Democratic Governors were not doing everything they could to help labor.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Dan Daly of Sound Security Systems, Inc who gave a demonstration of a product named Big Ears & Lil' Ears which are parabolic listening devices that could be used for finding firefighters at fire scenes or building collapses.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Kevin O'Conner, Assistant to the General President and David Billy who spoke about the IAFF Fire PAC Check-off Program and the IAFF's involvement with the Kerry campaign.

Chairman McCarthy called on several individuals to give their Association reports prior to calling for a recess of the meeting until 8:30 am on Saturday. The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 27, 2003

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

Chairman McCarthy asked if anyone had any items for discussion under old business.

A discussion took place about the pros and cons of moving the meeting dates to Wednesday -Thursday-Friday or Friday-Saturday-Sunday. No official decision was made to change the meeting days.

A brief discussion took place regarding a resolution to require IAFF locals to be affiliated with their State or Provincial Association.

A discussion took place regarding the problems with organizing 3 man locals and the pros and cons of raising the minimum size for organization by the IAFF.

Chairman McCarthy asked if anyone had any items for discussion under new business.

A motion was made and supported to donate \$500 to the campaign of Gary Moore who is running for State Representative in Tennessee. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy called on several representatives to give their reports.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Oklahoma indicated they are interested in hosting the Spring or Fall meeting in 2006.

Chairman McCarthy reminded everyone to bring ideas for IAFF resolutions to the

spring meeting.

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.