

FEDERATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

Minutes of the meeting held in Key West, Florida

Hilton Hotel & Resort

September, 29-30, October 1, 2005

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

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Chairman Robert McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A moment of silence was observed for all Brothers and Sisters who passed away since the last meeting. Chairman McCarthy led the pledge of allegiance.

Bob Carver, President of the Florida Professional Fire Fighters, welcomed everyone to Key West. Brother Carver introduced Ed Hooper, a member of the FPF Executive Board. Ed is a candidate for the House of Representatives in Florida.

IAFF 12th District VP, Dominick Barbera thanked everyone for their support and assistance to members in the 12th District that were impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Stacey Birdwell gave an in-depth report on the assistance given by the IAFF to those affected by the hurricanes. He also thanked everyone who offered support or made donations to help fire fighters affected by the storms.

A motion was made and seconded to give \$1000 to the IAFF Disaster Relief Fund and \$500 to the Campaign to Elect Ed Hooper. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Spring 2005 meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Chesney presented the financial statement for the period from April 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005. It was moved and seconded to receive and place on file the financial statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy announced that IAFF GST Bollon would not be able to attend this meeting.

John Gee, a member of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin provided information about the Spring 2006 FSPPFF meeting which is going to be held in Green Bay. He urged everyone to make their reservations early and to register in advance for the activities that they are planning for everyone.

Chairman McCarthy spoke about the frustrations his members faced regarding deployment to the hurricane damaged areas because of mix-ups between FEMA and the State Emergency Management system.

Several Associations gave updates on recent activities in their States.

Chairman McCarthy stated the meeting would recess for a short break. Chairman McCarthy called the meeting back to order.

IAFF Director of Political Action made a presentation about the IAFF Fire Pac program and the Political Training Academy. Chairman McCarthy stated that it appears several large locals are experiencing problems with Democratic Mayors, who appear to be "anti-union". David Billy said he would relay this information to Kevin O'Conner.

Several Associations gave updates on recent activities in their States.

Chairman McCarthy called for a recess of the meeting until 8:30 am on Friday. The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30, 2005

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman McCarthy welcomed IAFF GP Harold Schaitberger. General President Schaitberger reported that the IAFF continues to grow. We currently have more than 270,000 members and that thanks to internal and external organizing activities; we have the highest percentage of organized members in all of the trade unions. General President Schaitberger also reported on the DFSR program, the IAFF Legal Department, the IAFF Financial Corporation, changes in the IAFF IT department, improvements in the GIS program, and the creation of a pension and health insurance database. He also spoke about the IAFF Legislative Program, the IAFF's involvement with Hurricane Rita/Katrina relief efforts, and California Propositions 75 & 76. He stated that these issues are not just California issues, but issues that will spread across the country if they are not defeated in California. General President Schaitberger also gave an update on the changes taking place within the AFL-CIO. He stated that the IAFF is not actively pursuing members from the SEIU or Teamsters at this time but this will be reviewed again in the near future. GP Schaitberger announced that the site of the 2008 Convention has been changed from San Diego to Las Vegas due to uncertainty surrounding the completion date of the hotel construction. GP Schaitberger answered several questions on a variety of subjects from the membership.

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The members heard a detailed report from Lou Paulson, President of the California Professional Firefighters about the ballot Propositions in California. He distributed some of the campaign materials that have been developed to help defeat these issues.

A motion was made and supported to donate \$1000 to the California Professional Firefighters to assist with their efforts to defeat Proposition 75 and 76. The motion carried unanimously.

Several Associations gave updates on recent activities in their States. Arizona announced that Rural Metro was no longer in Scottsdale.

A motion was made and supported to reconsider the meeting site of the Spring 2007 meeting which was to be held in Connecticut. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to hold the 2007 Spring meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman McCarthy asked if anyone else had any business prior to adjournment. A request was made to ask the IAFF to do a presentation about the GASB changes sometime in the near future.

On behalf of the membership, Chairman McCarthy thanked the Florida Professional Firefighters for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.