

FSPPPF
Minutes of the meeting held on
April 25-26-27, 2002
Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel
Virginia Beach, VA

Guests:

IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger
IAFF General Secretary Vincent Bollon
IAFF 4th District VP William Taylor
IAFF 8th District VP Thomas Miller
IAFF Eastern Trustee Mark Ouellette
IAFF Vice President Emeritus Elliott Hastings
Several members of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters
Several members of the Virginia Beach Local
Kevin O'Conner, Assistant to the General President
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, April 25, 2002

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.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Michael Mohler, President of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters.

Brother Mohler welcomed everyone to Virginia Beach and introduced several officers and members of the Virginia Beach Local and the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters Executive Board.

Mike also announced that this would be Duane Dixon's last FSPPPF meeting as a member of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters. He reported that Duane has served 34 years as an elected officer in Virginia and has been an active member of the union for 38 years. Duane was a charter member of the FSPPPF and served several years as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization.

William Taylor, IAFF 4th District Vice President also welcomed everyone to the District.

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

Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Fall 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 reported that there were no new applications for Financial Assistant Grants. He also stated that Vincent Fate, President of the Wyoming Fire Fighters Association is in attendance at this meeting due to the grant program.

Chairman McCarthy appointed Chris Medrea, Richard O'Brien, and David Lang to serve as the audit committee and he directed them to review the financial records at the close of business and to give a report on April, 26th.

Chairman McCarthy asked if there were any States or Provinces that desired to host the Spring 2004 meeting. Bob stated that Massachusetts would like to host the meeting. He stated that that a vote will be taken on Friday.

Chairman McCarthy introduced IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. President Schaitberger gave a detailed report about the activities of the IAFF since the 9-1-1 incident. (The specific details regarding the IAFF involvement have been well documented in many forums and publications).

General President 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 and preparation for the upcoming Convention.

General President Schaitberger discussed several resolutions that are being submitted by the IAFF Executive Board. (These have since been detailed in the IAFF publication and adopted by the delegates at the IAFF Convention). He explained that the additional staff members are needed to continue to improve the IAFF operation.

General President Schaitberger also gave an update on the status of the Collective Bargaining bill. He stated that there is still hope for progress during this legislative session.

General President Schaitberger also stated the need for an increase in the amount of dues that go toward the IAFF Fire Pac fund. Hard dollar donations also need to be increased to continue our efforts to elect individuals who are supportive of our issues.

General President Schaitberger gave an overview of the IAFF Financial Services program, discussed the upcoming Memorial Services in Colorado Springs and in New York City, and answered questions on a variety of subjects.

Chairman McCarthy invited General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon to address the attendees. General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon thanked everyone for their assistance to the New York Locals and stated the regrets of Kevin Gallagher and Peter Gorman for not being able to attend this meeting. He also gave an update on several programs that he has been working on including the payroll deduction for Fire Pac, the IAFF Financial Corporation, the ongoing survey of the IAFF membership, the IAFF Website, the IAFF computer system upgrades and many details of the upcoming IAFF Convention.

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 12:25 p.m.

Friday, April 26, 2002

An informal meeting about the upcoming FTC telemarketing hearings was held prior to the start of the meeting.

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

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.

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.

Bob Myers of TCN Broadcasting gave a presentation and demonstration of the information distribution system that he is marketing. Attendees were urged to contact Bob to set up individual meetings and demonstrations.

Chairman McCarthy called on the audit committee to give their report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the audit report. The motion carried unanimously. The audit committee asked Secretary-Treasurer Chesney to find out if the FSPPFF should be filing a Form 990. Secretary-Treasurer Chesney stated he would check into it and report back at a future meeting.

Chairman McCarthy made a special presentation to FSPPFF Charter Member Duane Dixon on behalf of all the members. Several attendees made complimentary remarks and Brother Dixon was given a standing ovation.

Chairman McCarthy asked if any other States or Provinces were interested in hosting the Spring 2004 meeting. Since there were no other requests to host the meeting, Chairman McCarthy declared that the Spring 2004 meeting would be held in Boston or Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Chairman McCarthy reported that the Special IAFF Servicing subcommittee and the IAFF Organizing subcommittee have not met due to the workload created by the 9-1-1 incident. He stated that they should meet prior to the end of this calendar year.

Chairman McCarthy led a discussion regarding several of the resolutions that were presented earlier by General President Harold Schaitberger. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to oppose the increase in the IAFF Charter Fee and the new member initiation fees. A long discussion took place regarding 4 year terms for IAFF Vice Presidents. A motion was made and supported to support an amended version of the proposed resolution but the subject was tabled prior to taking a vote. Many members were upset because they did not have a written copy of the proposed IAFF Executive Board resolutions. Another long discussion took place regarding the organizing of part-time fire fighters.

Several attendees gave their reports. Chairman McCarthy stated that the meeting would recess until Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting ended for the day at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting back to order at 8:35 a.m. The rest of the State and Provincial Reports were given.

Under Good and Welfare, Gary Rainey of the FFFF spoke about the IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training seminar that is being held in Miami Beach in October. He urged everyone to attend.

Chairman McCarthy stated that due to the fact that all business has been concluded that the meeting was over. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.