

FSPFFF
Minutes of the meeting held on
May 8-9-10, 2003
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Guests:

IAFF 7th District VP Paul Harvey
IAFF 2nd District VP Louis Wright
Tom Greif, President of Local 1494
Several members of the Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho
Mayor Bloem, CDA
Chief Gabriel, CDA
Chief Van Estes, President, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
Mark Zeier, Past member FSPFFF
David Siwarski, IAFF-FC
Rich Dillion, Nebraska Fire Fighters
Bill Ziegert, Smoke Guard

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

Thursday, May 8, 2003

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Honor Guard posted the colors. 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 Dennis Doan, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho.

Brother Doan welcomed everyone to Idaho and introduced Tom Greif, President of Local 1494 who welcomed everyone to Coeur d'Alene. The Mayor and Fire Chief of Coeur d'Alene were also introduced and they both welcomed everyone.

Brother Doan also introduced Chief Van Estes, President of the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association who stated that he has had the pleasure of working in a cooperative manner with Brother Doan.

IAFF 7th District VP Paul Harvey welcomed everyone to the 7th District of the IAFF and extended his wishes for a productive meeting. He gave a brief report on recent IAFF activities.

Chairman McCarthy read a letter from General President Schaitberger. General President Schaitberger wrote that he was unable to attend this meeting and he summarized several activities that he has recently been involved with on behalf of the IAFF and its members. (see attached letter)

Chairman McCarthy stated that he had received a telephone call from General Secretary-Treasurer Bollon who could not attend due to his attendance at the New York Fire Fighters Convention.

Chairman McCarthy gave an update on the Joint Task Force for Organizing. He stated that a written report would be forthcoming.

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

Chairman McCarthy appointed Chris Medrea, Steve Dirksen, and Tom Hanify to serve on the Audit Committee and he directed them to meet with Secretary-Treasurer Chesney sometime before the meeting on Friday.

Chairman McCarthy announced that bids would be accepted for hosts of the Spring 2005 meeting. It was moved and supported that the Spring 2005 FSPPFF meeting be held in Louisville, Kentucky. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy stated that the Spring 2004 meeting was going to be held in Massachusetts but the site and dates were not yet finalized. He requested that any Association that holds its Convention in May notify him of the dates.

Chairman McCarthy announced that due to a conflict with the IAFF Executive Board meeting, it would be necessary to change the dates of the Fall 2003 meeting in Chicago. The meeting will now be held on September 25-26-27, 2003 at the Drake Hotel.

Chairman McCarthy called upon IAFF 2nd District Vice President, Louis Wright who spoke about several of the IAFF programs including the EDF, Legal Guardian Policy, Front Line Policy, and FLSA.

Chairman McCarthy introduced Bill Ziegert, of Smokeguard who gave a brief overview of his fire safety product.

Chairman McCarthy called upon IPFFA President Dennis Doan who introduced representatives from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The representatives thanked everyone for helping out and they presented an award to President Doan to recognize and thank him for his 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, May 9, 2003

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting back to order at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman McCarthy called upon Brother Medrea, President of the Arizona Fire Fighters to give the Audit Report. Brother Medrea reported that the members of the committee reviewed the revenues and expenditures of the FSPPFF and they found everything to be in order. He moved for adoption of the Audit Committee report. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy called on several representatives to give their reports.

Chairman McCarthy opened the floor for old business and then new business. It was moved and supported that the FSPPFF purchase a podium seal with the FSPPFF emblem as well as a Canadian Flag. The motion carried.

David Foreman, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Illinois, gave a report on the Fall 2003 FSPPFF meeting which is being held in Chicago. He stated that they have several activities planned for the attendees. He stated that it is very important for everyone to register in advance for these activities as well as to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Chairman McCarthy was requested to ask General President Schaitberger to invite the Chairman of the DNC to attend our next meeting. Many members felt that the Democratic Governors were not doing everything they could to help labor.

Chairman McCarthy was also requested to invite someone from the IAFF to a future meeting to discuss the IAFF policy for distribution of IAFF PAC contributions.

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

Chairman McCarthy stated that due to the fact that all business has been concluded and he reminded everyone to attend the IAFF workshops that were scheduled for Saturday morning.

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.