

FEDERATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

Minutes of the meeting held in Green Bay, Wisconsin

Regency Suites Hotel

May 11-12-13, 2006

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

Thursday, May 11, 2006

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.

Chairman McCarthy recognized and welcomed several new members of the FSPFF.

Rick Gale, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, welcomed everyone to Wisconsin. Brother Gale introduced several members of the PFFW Executive Board and the President of the Green Bay Local. President Gale asked John Gee to give an overview of the many activities that the PFFW have planned for the attendees.

Secretary-Treasurer Terrence Chesney presented the minutes of the Fall 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 September 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. It was moved and seconded to receive and place on file the financial statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy appointed Stacey Birdwell, Keith Fulmore, and Matt Vinci to serve on the audit committee. He asked Secretary-Treasurer Chesney to provide the committee the necessary financial records so they can give their report on Friday.

Chairman McCarthy welcomed IAFF GP Harold Schaitberger. General President Schaitberger reported that the IAFF continues to grow. We currently have more than 274,000 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 gave a very detailed overview of the new services being offered by the IAFF Financial Corporation. He also reported that the IAFF Financial Corporation has begun to provide some revenue for the IAFF general budget. The newest feature is the opening of a virtual bank. All of the rates and services are comparable to most other financial institutions.

General President Schaitberger reported that the IAFF continues to explore new ways to provide value added services to IAFF members. The IAFF Financial Corporation, the IAFF Motorcycle Club, and the TR Sportsman Club are just some of the examples. He stated that the IAFF must continue to strive to make sure that all members feel a connection to our great union.

GP Schaitberger also spoke about the IAFF Legislative Program, the IAFF FIRE PAC, the House and Senate races, and select targeted State Governor races. He also reported that the IAFF is being courted by several potential 2008 Presidential candidates from both parties. He stated that the IAFF and its members are not ready to commit to any specific candidate at this time.

GP Schaitberger reviewed all of the resolutions that are being submitted to the Convention by the IAFF Executive Board. He urged everyone to support these resolutions so the IAFF can continue to provide the necessary services to its members. He also requested that everyone support the resolution to give the IAFF District Vice Presidents a pay increase. 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. He also reported that San Diego was the only local to bid on hosting the 2010 IAFF Convention.

GP Schaitberger answered several questions on a variety of subjects and a discussion took place among the attendees and GP Schaitberger about several of the resolutions.

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

Chairman McCarthy opened the floor for nominations for hosts for the Spring 2008 FSPFFF meeting. Alaska was the only nominee for the Spring 2008 meeting and Chairman McCarthy announced that Alaska will be the host for the 2008 Spring meeting. Vermont stated that they would like to host the Fall 2008 meeting. Chairman McCarthy asked if any other members desired to host the Fall 2008 meeting and seeing none, awarded the bid to Vermont. Dave Lang, President of the New Hampshire Professional Fire Fighters pointed out that the Spring 2007 meeting will be held in **Portsmouth**, New Hampshire on May 10-11-12, 2007.

Chairman McCarthy invited Mike Tonne and Tina Johnson from United Union Membership Benefits Association (UUMBA) to make a brief presentation regarding the benefits and services offered by UUMBA.

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 12:40 p.m.

Friday, May 12, 2006

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

Chairman McCarthy expressed his thanks to the PFFW for their hospitality on Thursday afternoon and evening.

A motion was made and supported to continue the meeting as long as necessary in order to conclude the meeting today instead of Saturday due to the extreme weather conditions that may affect those traveling by plane. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy welcomed David Mitchell, Director of Market Strategy and Business Development, Hank Kim, Executive Director of NCPERS, and Bonnie Summers, Executive Director of BCBS Association. Each of these individuals gave excellent presentations regarding Current Issues in Health Care, the effects of GASB, Retiree Health Care, and Medicare Part D. They answered several questions at the conclusion of their presentations. They agreed to provide copies of their power point presentations for future reference.

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Chairman McCarthy welcomed Joan Dubiel, President of the AIAFF (Auxiliary to the IAFF). Joan gave an overview of the history of the AIAFF and the services and benefits they have to offer. She urged everyone to put a link to the AIAFF (www.aiaff.org) on their State and Provincial websites. Chairman McCarthy thanked Joan for attending.

Rick Merrill, President of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois announced that they will be hosting a party for past President David Foreman sometime in the fall. Details will be sent to everyone as soon as they are finalized.

LeRoy Wilkison, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland asked members to support the resolution his state was submitting to the IAFF asking the IAFF to compile a Fire Fighter Presumptive Disability Database to assist locals trying to obtain presumption laws. A discussion took place on the cost factor that had been assigned to the resolution. It was suggested that the IAFF may be able to utilize other ongoing programs they already have in place to gather this information.

A motion was made and supported to let GP Schaitberger know that the FSPFF supports the resolution in principle. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy requested that the Audit Committee present its report. The committee reported that the audit was satisfactory completed and that they recommended that the audit report be sent to the IAFF.

A motion was made and supported to accept the report of the Audit committee and to submit the audit report to the IAFF. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made and supported to provide a financial assistance grant in the amount of \$375 to the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters due to the extreme cost for a representative of their association to attend this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy opened the floor for further discussions about the IAFF Convention resolutions.

A motion was made and supported for the FSPFF to send a letter to GP Schaitberger supporting mandatory affiliation for EDF Loans and Grants, mandatory affiliation for referendum grants, a 1% minimum dues requirement, the IAFF VP salary increase as well as a resolution addressing an IAFF endorsement procedure for the Office of President of the United States. Specific wording of the letter will be left up to Chairman McCarthy. The motion carried.

Chairman McCarthy reminded everyone that Brother Dave Foreman was very involved with the FSPFF for many years and he urged everyone to attend his party in the fall.

A motion was made and supported to obtain a suitable token of appreciation from the FSPFF to present to Dave at his party. The motion carried unanimously.

The remainder of the Associations present gave updates on recent activities in their States.

Chairman McCarthy asked if anyone else had any business prior to adjournment.

On behalf of the membership, Chairman McCarthy thanked the PFFW for their gracious hospitality and for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.