

WISCONSIN FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

HOLIDAY INN, MANITOWOC, WI

Call to Order at 1900 hours

Roll Call

President Dave Lind present

1st Vice President Steve Koback present

2nd Vice President Tod Doebler present

Exec. Sec. Treasurer Gil Hucek present

Recording Secretary Guy Santelli present

Past President Bob Vajgrt excused

Parliamentarian Jeff Pollard present

Area 1 Bob Gower absent

Area 2 Tom Weber present

Area 3 vacant

Area 4 Tom Clark present

Area 5 Marty King present

Area 6 Paul Voigt present

Area 7 Vern Green present

Area 8 Bill Becker absent

Area 9 Ron Omernick present

Area 10 Paul Wirth absent

Area 11 Jerry Paulson absent

Area 12 Gary Puljas present

Area 13 Dave Krupich absent

Area 14 Ed Jeffries absent

Area 15 Arthur Gil de Lamadrid present

Area 16 Mark Hoppenjan present

Dept. of Commerce Joe Hertel present

SECRETARIES REPORT

Motion by Steve Koback, seconded by Paul Voigt to accept the secretary's minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gil Hucek reported that we currently have:

\$ 5,742.20 checking

47,116.01 savings

\$52,858.21 total

Motion by Steve Koback, seconded by Tod Doebler to accept the treasurer's report as read.  
Motion carried.

#### COMMERCE REPORT

Joe Hertel was at the meeting and he stated that he is the guy we deal with at the state now, and he is managing the Fire Program, he has no fire experience. He stated that he has nothing to report, but for the fall Commerce classes we should get a hold of him or his boss Bob Dupont. Joe's email is [jhertel@commerce.state.wi.us](mailto:jhertel@commerce.state.wi.us).

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#### OLD BUSINESS

None Heard

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### SPRING CONFERENCE

Sue Phillips and Tod Doebler discussed this conference; they stated that we have some great speakers this year. Dave Paulison to address everyone and then hold a Q&A. Other speakers on pub ed to help us think out of the box. Chief Paulison will also speak at the fall conference. Executive Board Members were chosen to introduce speakers.

Area chairs not attending the conference are as follows, Tom Clark, Tom Weber, Mark Hoppenjan and Paul Voigt.

Audit requires us to keep a full inventory of all of our wears and novelties before we put it out for sale every time.

Gils needs a room to run the day-to-day business of the conference.

Mark Hoppenjan and Jeff Pollard stated that they would be at the registration table in the morning. Current numbers for the banquet and lunches is 76 plus board members.

Numerous members did not receive mailings, nothing was noted for the reason this happened.

Wears and Novelties to be assigned 2-hour shifts, along with securing the items tonight.

Novelties and wears to open first thing Tuesday morning next to registration booth.

##### CHIEFING 101 COSTS

D. Lind stated that he was asked to speak at the Chiefing 101 Conference for the Association and is seeking the association to pay for two nights lodging while he was there.

Motion by Tom Weber, seconded by Marty King to pay for Dave Lind's \$235.00 lodging bill for the Chiefing 101 Conference. Motion carried

##### NFPA CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

Dave Lind asked the board to go to the NFPA Conference and allow him \$2100 for lodging, per-conference and conference costs, along with that Tod Doebler request \$2100 for the same conference with the exception that he need \$318.00 for a flight also, but he was trying to get the sprinkler alliance to cover some of the flight cost.

Motion by Marty King, seconded by Steve Koback to send D. Lind and T. Doebler to the NFPA Conference with funds not to exceed \$4600 total. Motion carried.

## FALL CONFERENCE

Ron Omernick that the committee is on track and that they have about 50% of the slots filled for speakers.

Dave Lind asked for ideas for the conference. Fire alarms were then discussed as a possible topic.

Dave Lind also asked Commerce to assign names to their lecture so we know whom to look for.

## FIRE AND EMS COALITION

Mark Hoppenjan reviewed the Job Protection Bill, which would allow vol. Firefighters to come to work late if an early morning fire would run into their at work time, but the bill would not allow them to leave work if a fire broke out while they were there.

College Admissions Bill Act 228 in the line of duty deaths, would like to include and define cancer so kids would get college admissions for presumptions cancer.

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

Dave Lind reported that an alternate needs to be appointed to this committee. Dave also stated that the Fire protection and Passive Systems were looking for members to sit on these committees, Tom Clark volunteered for one of these positions.

Dave stated that the council code has not met for a while but single family along with multiple family counsels are coming together to work with the IBC code as more restrictive for multifamily, the code has pasted the statute.

## COMM 14 COMMITTEE

Dave Lind reported that the COMM 14 went through current COMM 14 maintaining one part of one section, all current other codes are in NFPA 1 all others will be deleted, COMM 14 to get small as we move to NFPA 1 we may keep our own code for fireworks and explosives. Looking to adopt NFPA 1 2006 edition to follow the building code adoption.

## ALTERATION AND CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY CODE COUNCIL

Dave Lind reported that they met and they compared Chapter 15 with NFPA Code to adopt 3-9 of IBEC. Dave is looking for an alternate for this committee. All area chairs will be asked if they are interested.

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## TANK COMMITTEE

Ron Omernick discussed that the LPO Program will be at the fall Conference and that they are also looking at how to incorporate it into the combined conference for 2006.

## WEB PAGE

Jon Holcomb was introduced as our Webmaster and stated that he will entertain any changes or improvements to the website. To get changes to him email him at [webdesign@wsfia.org](mailto:webdesign@wsfia.org) and he will gladly check into them. He also showed us some updates to the website that he has been working on.

## SOG AND BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Tom Clark reported that he received paper wok from Mike Boehmer and that it was forwarded to

Dave Lind. Dave stated that he will send out copies to all Area Chairs and that they should know them, BY-Laws and S.O.G. Please be familiar with these documents.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gil Hucek reported that we presently have 562 members and an updated list is being sent to the Wisconsin Fire Journal.

#### AWARDS COMMITTEE

Steve Koback reported that the award nominations may be sent to him at anytime, Steve also stated that it was nice to have the forms added to the website.

#### FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL

Steve Koback reported that the memorial raffle is up and running, all monies be forwarded to memorial Fund, thru ticket sales, 90,000 tickets have been distributed, and they are hoping to sell 100,000, if 100,000 sell there will be no more fund raisers, they will have gathered enough money.

#### FIRE SERVICE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tod Doebler reported that they met the push for NIMS training throughout the state is taking place. If you let your Instructor Certification lapse, you might have to start from FF2 and move forward to get recertified. Discussion occurred on how we need more info on how to recertify and advance to the next level.

#### INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

Tod Doebler reported that there was no new info on this subject.

#### FIRE SERVICE 2% DUES LIAISON COMMITTEE

Coordinators are out training right now and audits will begin in early 2006 for the 2005-year. The committee suggested a review panel to look at any appeals that may come forward. The first review would be with Section Chief Bob Dupont.

#### WEARS AND NOVELTIES

Gil Hucek reported that he needs an accurate count of all wears and novelties before and after the conference. Tod Doebler is looking for someone to take over Wears and Novelties.

Dave Lind reminded us that this table must be attended at all times at the conferences and a schedule of people to take care of this will be made up by the conference chairs.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul Yakowenko is going to review the audit and review the books and other paperwork for future audits. Copies of the audits only go to the executive board members.

Motion by Gil Hucek; seconded by Mark Hoppenjan to have Paul Yakowenko to be the chairman of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jeff Pollard has received many suggestions for the basic fire inspector's class; they would like to

see it be a little more advanced.

#### SITE SELECTION

Bob Vajgrt and Guy Santelli would like to be on the site selection committee, Dave Lind will also sit on the committee as an observer, the committee needs to set some guidelines and scope for the next conference. Gill Hucek would like to expand the committee by adding the Spring and Fall Conference Chairs. Dave Lind agreed and appointed them to the committee. Dave did not sign for Manitowoc in 2006, we need a better site for the first combined conference. Wausau stated for 2007-2008 that May dates were available but the majority of the members wanted it to stay a fall conference.

Motion made by Tom Weber, seconded by Arthur Gil de Lamadrid to pursue immediately a site for the 2006 combined conference and gets it to the board for review. Motion carried.

#### AROUND THE TABLE

Dave Lind reported that he would be seeking the creation of a Sunshine fund of at least one board member and one member at large to send a gift for deceased, illness etc. Steve Koback stated that he was going to approach a couple of wives to see if they would like to help with that venture.

Dave Lind is looking for something to be given away when we attend other conference on behalf of the Association.

Motion by Todd Doebler, seconded by Tom Weber to check after the conference for wear and novelty leftovers to be give away as donations for the different conferences that we attend. Motioned carried.

Tod Doebler stated that the Sunshine Committee should also look at years of service to the Association for possible awards to be given out.

Gil Hucek audit forms are needed for Area 4 & 12. He thanked everyone for there help from the previous year. Get quarterly numbers to Gill whether it is \$0 or \$100 or you need money. Vern Green offered to donate his Quicken Books to the association.

Guy Santelli asked for someone to help record the business meeting in March 16, 2005 and Tim Rasmussen stated that he would fill in for Guy.

Jeff Pollard brought up the topic of discussion if we as an Association should look into a Professional Marketing Organization to promote our image.

Tom Clark stated that Area 4 had their elections and Tom Clark would be the Chair, Guy Santelli would be the Vice-Chair and Theonita Cox would the Secretary/Treasure.

Ron Omernick reported that he is still looking for ideas for the fall conference.

Arthur Gil de Lamadrid is trying to get vol. Firefighters in his area to participate in fire Inspection Class

Motion was made by Paul Yakowenko, seconded by Mark Hoppenjan for the Association to spend \$2000 to fund 2 children to the Wisconsin Burn Camp. Motion carried

Motion by Mark Hoppenjan, seconded by Vern Green to adjourn.  
Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned: 2230 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Santelli  
Recording Secretary