

WISCONSIN FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday November 6, 2008

The Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire, WI

Call to Order at 1120 hours

Roll Call

President	Tod Doebler	present
1 st Vice President	Ron Omernick	present
2 nd Vice President	Guy Santelli	present
Exec. Sec. Treasurer	Gil Hucek	present
Recording Secretary	Kevin T. Erdmann	present
Past President	Steve Koback	present
Parliamentarian	Jeff Pollard	present
Area 1	Vacant	
Area 2	Scott R. Wagner	present
Area 3	Vacant	
Area 4	Tom Clark	present
Area 5	Gordy Jepsen	present
Area 6	Tom Wendt	present
Area 7	Randy Pinchard	absent
Area 8	Bill Becker	absent
Area 9	Dale Garski	present
Area 10	Tom Waydick	present
Area 11	Vacant	
Area 12	Josef Eklund	present
Area 13	Dave Krupich	present
Area 14	Vacant	
Area 15	Arthur Gil de Lamadrid	present
Area 16	Dave Neihaus	present
Dept. of Commerce	Joe Hertel	present
Guests:		

President Tod Doebler called the meeting to order.

Secretaries report. Minutes are posted on the web site. Entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the annual business meeting October 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Checking account: \$5573.49 savings account: \$29317.41. All bills except one or two are paid for the conference already. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There was a report on an internal audit report by Paul Yakewenko from the audit accountants Kerber, Rose & Associates, S. C.
Petty Cash need to keep better track of same.
Roster should list when monies are received for membership.
Only one person should be handling the money for the association.
Board minutes should be addressed for a record keeping. Checks should be listed in the minutes and what they were for.
The Association should establish a budget.
Conflict of interest policy should be adopted.
The books should be reviewed monthly, Paul suggested quarterly.
Upgrade the Code of Conduct policy.
Monthly end statements need to be addressed.
Documentation of deposits. They need to be more detailed. Only one person needs to handle the money.

Treasurer Gil Hucek stated that the new software will address some of the issues. And we will follow the new guide lines from the auditor.
There was a statement from the floor on why only one person needs to handle the money. Big corporations have more than one person handling money.
2nd Vice President Guy Santelli questioned the dates on the letters from the accountant.
George Krudop made a motion to place the letters from the auditors on the web site and what the board did to resolve on the same. Gordy Jepson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business, changes to the by laws. President Tod Dobler handed it over to Parliamentarian Jeff Pollard and Area #4 Chair Tom Clark.
The change for moving to a sprinklered and alarmed facility in 2011 was added to the by-laws.
The changes will be addressed by each article.
Steve Koback made a motion to accept article 1, second from the floor, motion carried.
Article 2, there was discussion on the words uniform fire inspection. Motion from the floor to accept the changes as written, second from the floor. First a voice vote and then a call for a hand vote, 45 aye and 18 nay. Motion carried.
Article 3, Jeff Pollard mentioned some of the changes in this article. Motion from the

floor to accept the changes and a second. Motion carried.

Article 4. Motion from the floor to accept the changes and a second. Motion carried.

Article 5. Motion from the floor to accept the changes and a second. Motion carried.

President Tod Doebler thanked the committee for all the work on the changes.

The floor was turned over to Past President Steve Koback for awards. We have and inspector of the year and educator of the year. Steve mentioned they take nominations year around for all awards.

Steve read the new application for the awards and mentioned the new changes. He read what a life time member can do. Motion from the floor and a second to accept the new form. Motion carried.

Steve has three nominations for life time membership. He read the nomination for Jim Binkowski. Motion from the floor to accept the nomination. A second from the floor. Motion carried.

Steve read the nomination for George Krudop. Motion from the floor to accept the nomination. A second from the floor. Motion carried.

Steve read the nomination for Robert Vajgrt. Motion from the floor to accept the nomination. A second from the floor. Motion carried.

New Business continued. President Tod Doebler stated there will be a Yahoo chat group set up for association members only.

There was a question from the floor about backing up records. Tod stated that there was an Exec. Board meeting and now records are backed up and put into a fireproof safe. Also all records for the audit will be kept at the auditors offices.

There was a question from the floor on the association direction on CO detectors. Tod stated that the inspectors association along with the Chief's association and the Fire Fighters association will be working together to get training and brochures out. There was a question on the floor about the history of the association. Tod stated that the historian is working on it. Gil Hucek is looking for Gil Frank.

Question from the floor on the web site, will the association address issues on the web site for instance novelty lighters, fireworks, etc. Tod stated that Guy and the web master are working hard on the site. If the group can come up with a consensus things will be put on the web site.

Elections, President Tod Doebler turned the floor to Steve Koback and all past presidents that were in attendance.

Steve started out with nominations for president, there are two.

Ron Omernick

Sue Philips

Steve asked are there any nominations from the floor three times. Motion from the floor to close nominations. A second. Motion carried.

Ron and Sue spoke.

A written ballot was taken. During the count Tod talked about The Department of Commerce and the Comm 14 committee. Steve spoke about the Firefighters memorial. There was a question from the floor that will there be more time scheduled for the business meeting. Tod spoke on why they last so long and in the

future the committee should schedule more time for the meeting.

Ron Omernick was elected President.

Nominations for 1st Vice President.

Guy Santelli

After asking three times if there were any from the floor there was a motion that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Guy Santelli. Motion carried.

Steve then went to 2nd Vice President. He had one.

Dave Lind

Steve asked for nominations from the floor.

Sue Philips

He asked two more times and nominations were closed.

A statement from Dave Lind was read.

Sue Philips made a short speech

A written ballot was taken.

1st Vice President Guy Santelli thanked all for their confidence.

Sue Philips was elected 2nd Vice President.

There was a motion from the floor to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1246hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin T. Erdmann
Recording Secretary