

WISCONSIN FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Board Meeting

Monday 10, May 2010

Call to Order at 10:35 hours

Roll Call

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
President	Susan Phillips	x		
First Vice President	Tom Clark	x		
Second Vice President	Tom Wendt	x		
Executive Secretary/Treasurer	Laurie Frey	x		
Recording Secretary	Kevin Erdmann		x	
Past President	Tod Doebler		x	
Parliamentarian	Jeff Pollard	x		
Area 1 Chairperson	VACANT			
Area 2 Chairperson	Scott Wegner	x		
Area 3 Chairperson	VACANT	x		
Area 4 Chairperson	John Niederer	x		
Area 5 Chairperson	Gordy Jepsen		x	
Area 6 Chairperson	VACANT			
Area 7 Chairperson	Joe Gabe	x		
Area 8 Chairperson	Bill Becker			x
Area 9 Chairperson	Dale Garski	x		
Area 10 Chairperson	Tom Waydick		x	
Area 11 Chairperson	VACANT			
Area 12 Chairperson	Josef Eklund	x		
Area 13 Chairperson	Dave Kuprich		x	
Area 14 Chairperson	VACANT			
Area 15 Chairperson	Arthur Gil DeLamadrid			x
Area 16 Chairperson	Dave Neihaus			x
Department of Commerce	Joe Hertel		x	
Guest:	None			

Sue Phillips asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary/Treasurer Report

Laurie stated the taxes are completed and have been sent in. There were a couple of issues that need to be corrected in the checkbook. Laurie is meeting with Mr. Arndt on Monday, May 17th to work through the issues. Laurie will have an update at the next meeting.

Laurie gave a report of the new Bank Accounts for 2009 we paid \$203.69 in fees and made \$18.20 interest with Wells Fargo. As of today we have paid nothing in fees and have made \$151.24 interest at Associated Bank. Our current balances are checking \$3643.72 and savings \$40,225.95.

Laurie talked about different options for an Association credit card. She would like to get a credit card that has a local banking business. Discussion on who would receive a credit card, it was decided that the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, President and 1st Vice President would receive a credit card. Laurie made a motion to go apply for a credit card, motion seconded by Dale Garski and the motion carried.

Laurie e-mailed out Tax Exempt Cards to be used for Association business. All Executive Board members along with Area Chairs should have received cards. Several Area Chairs stated they did not receive the card; Laurie will re-email the cards.

New membership cards – All membership cards are up to date and sent out. If you or someone in your area has not received a card contact Laurie.

Conference Committee Report

Laurie went over the budget for the Conference. A copy is attached.

All classes are currently scheduled; the Committee just needs to confirm a couple of the speakers. Guy Santelli and Jill Glanz will be taking photographs at this year's Conference. Laurie went over some changes for the Conference. The Committee chose a meal plan for all Conference participants daily that includes AM and PM breaks food and beverages along with lunch. The plan costs \$19/day/participant. The Committee also chose a BBQ themed dinner for Vendor Night, it was more cost effective to have a meal rather than appetizers. There will be no entertainment for banquet night. Lunch will be served buffet style on Tuesday and sit down on Wednesday and Thursday for the Lunch & Learns. Dinner on Vendor night will be buffet style and Banquet night will be sit down. Scott Wegner talked about Vendor's Night. The Committee is bringing back gambling night. We have several quotes from vendors and will be picking a company. This year we will have dealers from the company. Participants will be given a pre-determined amount of "money" at no cost, participants can choose to purchase more money. The night will be a fun night and not to support any fundraising. At the end of the night gamblers can trade funny money for tickets for raffles.

Laurie made a motion that the Association pick up any Conference costs and one night of lodging for the following Committee Members: Laurie Frey, Tom Clark, Tom Wendt, Scott Wegner, Guy Santelli, Jill Glanz, and Tony Schwegel, motion second by Joe Gabe and motion carried.

Laurie went over the proposals for the 2013 and 2014 Conferences. Guy Santelli has been working with the hotels to meet the Associations requirements. The four leaders were the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells, The Olympia in Oconomowoc, The Radisson in Green Bay and The Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Discussion was held, the Board felt that the Kalahari was too big and did not meet our expectations several years ago. The Chula Vista offered \$1250 in free food for this year and 2013 & 2014 if we booked with them. Motion by Dale Garski seconded by John Niederer to hold the 2013 & 2014 Conferences at The Chula Vista Resort.

Records storage – Nothing new. Need to set up a time that Tod Doebler, Dale Garski and Sue Phillips can get together to start going through old documentation.

Fire/EMS Coalition

Legislators backed out Novelty Lighters. The process will have to start over from the beginning. Tom Clark and Dan Gengler have been working on the Wisconsin Residential Sprinkler Coalition to develop presentations that will explain the truths about residential sprinklers. Comm. 14 Committee has not met, but the chapter is scheduled for adoption this summer.

Residential Sprinkler

Tom Clark is working with Dan Gengler and NFSA to put together canned presentations for public and for fire department use. Tom will let the Association know when the presentations are available.

DOC Consultants

Sue Phillips has been meeting with a contingent of other fire service leaders and Department of Commerce staff to try to ensure that we receive the service we need. Topics at the top of the list is the hiring of one consultant with the retirement of John Anderson and how and when the consultants are available. Other topics are the frustration with the CO placement rules and soon will include the outside smoking areas. R. Leinenkugel has resigned as secretary so the entire division is less than willing to make any commitments to changing anything possibly until after the Governor's election this fall.

Meeting with Chiefs

Sue Phillips is in frequent conversations with the Chiefs to ensure that we foster and maintain a good working relationship.

Association Website

Laurie is working with Robb to keep the website updated. We will be putting the letterhead and voucher form on the website.

Scholarship Fund

Scott Wegner reported that we have not received any applications as of this time.

Training Officer

Tom Clark talked about the proposal to develop a Training Director. Proposal includes dividing the state into 8 areas with a Regional Training Director for each area. The Regional Training Director, would have a master list of contacts for training. The Training Director, will take care of Library of training that could be used throughout the State.

Membership Opportunities/Incentives

The Board reviewed the discussion from the last meeting and then compared this with the Strategic Plan that had been developed several years ago.

Review of Strategic Plan

Chief's Conference

The Chief's Conference will be held in LaCrosse June 24th – 27th. Please let Sue Phillips or Tom Clark know if you are able to help at the WSFIA booth. If anyone is able to present the Fire Chief of the Year plaque on Saturday, please let Sue Phillips know.

Event Attendance:

NFPA – Gordy Jepsen from Area 5 has been chosen to attend the NFPA Conference.

CFSI – Sue Phillips attended the Congressional Fire Service Institute and found that it was quite an experience. Of interest was the interest or disinterest on behalf of the members of congress and senate. Of the ten representatives the constituents met face to face with four and of the remaining legislative aids, only two seemed to have a clue why we were meeting with them.

Vision 20/20 Seminar – Received a request from Thea Cox to attend the Vision 20/20 seminar. Request is for the Association to pay airfare and hotel for the Conference. Motion by Scott Wegner second by Joe Ecklund motion carried.

Next meeting August 9, 2010.