

MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
Chief's Education Committee
January 14, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Emans, Specken, farmer, Mashuga, Hansen, Hewitt, Thill, Dahm,

Guests: Brace, Executive Director for MSFCA, Beckering, MNSCU

Chair Emans called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Chair Emans welcomed new members Dale Specken and Lee Gatlin. Sarah Larson asked to be removed due to time constraints. Rich Gasaway asked to be removed due to time constraints. He offered a replacement.

Executive Director's report

- There were 530 delegates, not including spouses/significant others.
- Collected a little over \$61K.
- Total educational expenses were \$12,576, which does not include the lunch. The costs did not concern the leaders of the organization.
- Traditionally, the conference brings in around \$60K.

Old Business:

- Evaluations were sent out by Warren Jorgenson.
- Overall, evaluations were good.
- Suggestion was that if there is more than one speaker, there is more than one evaluation form or line.
- Warren is already working on that.
- Chair Emans thanked everyone and stated they all did a wonderful job.
- Comments were received from Rick Kline and distributed. His comments will be taken under advisement.
- Everyone is reminded to give all speakers the speaker form, even those from within Minnesota.

New Business

- We need to make sure and go the extra mile for this conference.
- With tight budgets, many will not be able to go out of state for training, which means our conference may be the only educational opportunity many will get in 2009.
- This may be their only chance to hear a national speaker so we need to bring good speakers to them.
- Per Tom, the new format is definitely a go.
- Thursday morning – Pre-conference
- Thursday afternoon – classes
- Friday morning – classes
- Friday afternoon – General meeting
- Friday night – Dance
- Saturday morning – Symposium
- Discussion on limiting the number of classes for 2009.
- All classes in 2008 seem to have had good attendance.
- If we reduce the number of classes, that will increase class size. Will the rooms hold higher numbers?
- It would be OK in Duluth.

Pre-conference: Farmer – will see if Mick is still interested

New Chiefs: Zikmund

- Suggestion to add a leadership component.
- Change the title of New Chiefs to New Officers.
- Suggestion to do New Chiefs (lowest number attendance) at same time as Pre-conference. But many new chiefs are not career, so they may not be there Thursday morning.

SFM Workshop: Dahm

- One of the best attended last year
- Asking for ideas
- Recap of new MFIRS program
- Possibly public safety education
- Anything new on residential sprinklers Maybe how they work
- Maybe “After the Fire” type subjects
- Possibly Human Behavior in Fire

Chiefs Issues: Mashuga, Specken

- Last year was Kline
- Tom suggested an Architectural firm to talk about fire station design
- He has one contact
- Maybe GIS and National Grid
- A speaker has offered on National Grid

Emergency Management: Rollwagon and Olson

- Bob Dahm will contact Kristi to check her interest

Hot Topics: Seal and Hewitt

- Per Joel, there was a problem in Tempe with a restrained patient

Professional Development: Hansen

Safety: Pearson

- Kline would like to talk about the Safety Symposium

Symposium: Hewitt

- Need to find places for Gatlin, Thies, and Gasaway's replacement.
- The rotation will be as follows:
 - Pre-conference 8:00 AM- 11:30 AM – Thursday
 - SFMO – Thursday
 - Hot Topics – Thursday and Friday
 - Safety – Friday
 - Chiefs Issues – Thursday
 - Emergency Management – Friday
 - Professional Development – Thursday
 - New Chiefs – Friday
 - Symposium will run 8:00 AM to Noon – Saturday

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 13, 2009, St. Paul Kelly Inn, 10:00 AM