

## **2011 Communication and Policy Committee – Randy Polzin**

The Communication and Policy Committee has completed all four of the 2011 retreat goals. Policy 108 dealing with Directors' Roles and Responsibilities has been adopted, policy 600 dealing with past due magazine accounts has been adopted and policy 802 dealing with awards and recognition has been adopted. Goal # 3, utilizing webinars and video conferencing, we have contracted with the Tierney Company to work with Board Member Jim Hanson to host the webinars and video conferencing. We have tested and used the system, new technology and it works great. This system works through the State of Minnesota's system and can accept up to 400 users on the system at a time.

The Committee has had a request to revisit policy 801 Lifetime Membership. Some Members have voiced concern that the policy is too restrictive; the Committee will take this concern up at the next meeting.

At the 2011 annual meeting we will be voting on some proposed MSFCA Bylaw Changes; these changes will clarify who are Members of the Board of Directors and their voting rights and privileges.

### **Section 4.2 Board of Directors.**

The Board of Directors will consist of voting members with full privileges as outlined in Section 4.2.1 and nonvoting ex-officio members as outlined in Section 4.2.2 who shall have all the rights and privileges of voting members with the exception of not having the right to vote on board actions.

#### **Section 4.2.1 Voting Members of the Board of Directors.**

Following the election of officers at the annual fall membership meeting and prior to January 1, the President-elect shall appoint a Board of Directors consisting of one member and one alternate from each fire department region (each region is entitled to one vote) as defined and provided in the Minnesota Fire Department Association By-Laws, the Fire Chief of cities of the first class, the State Fire Marshal, the elected officers of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, the IAFC Great Lakes Division representative and the immediate Past President who is an "active member" of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association. All appointed directors positions are for a term of two years.

#### **Section 4.2.2 Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members of the Board of Directors.**

The Minnesota elected officer of the Great Lakes Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Editor of the "Minnesota Fire Chief" magazine, the Section Manager of the Division of Forestry for the Department of Natural Resources, the State Director of Emergency Management, the Parliamentarian, the State Director of Fire Service Training, Past Presidents other than the immediate Past President who are "active members" of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, and the Executive Director of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association shall be non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

The Committee would also like to recognize Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Magazine Editor, Jena Noah for the fantastic job she has done with the Magazine. Since Jena has taken the Editors position the Magazine has always been on time and profitable for the organization. Jena has developed some new strategies for marketing ads to smaller customers; take a minute to look at her report, this new marketing program may be something companies in your area may be interested in.

### **2011 Committee Members**

Randy Polzin, **Chair**, Isanti Fire District.

Jeff Anderson, Oakdale Fire Dept.

Tom Brace, Executive Director

Bob Brown, (Retired) Chisholm Fire Dept.  
George Esbensen, Eden Prairie Fire Dept.  
Tim Farmer, (Retired) Coon Rapids Fire Dept.  
Paul Klapprich, Wayzata Fire Dept. (retired)  
Bill Mund, St. Cloud Fire Dept.  
Jena Noah, Editor MN Fire Chief Magazine  
Jerry Rosendahl, State Fire Marshal  
Marty Scheerer, Edina Fire Dept.  
John Strongitharm, Duluth Fire Dept.