

January 24, 2010 Board Meeting minutes rewrite

Note: The person hired to take notes on this day did not do a satisfactory job. The material listed below is an attempt to outline basic action items to capture them for future reference.

President Scheerer called the meeting to order at 10:01 am in St. Cloud at the Radisson Hotel. The following board members were not in attendance; Don Beckering, Richard Rock, Bill Thoennes, Gary Conrath, Dan Nath, Alex Jackson, Tim Butler, John Strongitharm and Jeff Swanson. All other Board Members were in attendance.

Minutes of the October 14, 2009 Board Meeting and the October 16, 2009 were approved as emailed. There is no record of who made motions to approve these minutes.

The Executive Board approved Randy Polzin to represent us on the Fire and Rescue Shared Services Task Force. First meeting was to be January 27, 2010 at League of MN Cities.

A motion was made by Jay Wood and a second by Mike Johnson to accept the proposed 2010 Budget. It was noted that some committees wanted a higher budget but it was not possible at this time.

A discussion regarding ISO's request for a link to our website occurred. General agreement argued that they had done what was requested of them. A motion was made by Jerry Rosendahl with a second by John Taylor to agree to ISO's request. The motion passed.

Nyle Zikmund discussed a length the need to hire a PR firm that would contact newspapers in greater Minnesota and then work their way into the Metro area. Their role was to educate the public regarding the Public Fire Safety Account and to preserve the intent of the special revenue account and not have it absorbed into the general fund. A motion was made by Jeff Anderson with numerous seconds. The motion passed with one person not voting.

A discussion was held regarding getting out of the coin business at our annual conference. Instead of purchasing coins we would pay \$5 from each registration directly to the Foundation. No action was taken.

A Pub Ed Committee request for a sports event was introduced by President Scheerer. A motion was made by Dale Specken and a second by Jay Wood. The motion passed.

Bill Mund asked for approval on policies 101, 102, 103, 201, and 202. This motion was seconded by Tom Cvar and passed. These polices will be placed on the website.

A change on the Executive Committee was made due to the pending retirement of Jeff Swanson. Bill Mund will succeed him as a result of a motion by Rosendahl and a second by Dirnberger. The motion passed.

A change in the name of several committees was proposed by Bob Brown and a second by Tom Cvar. The new name is Communications and Policy Committee. The vice president is the chair of this committee. The old names for these committees were Policy and Editing and Electronic Communications. The motion passed.

HR 1792 is federal legislation and was discussed. A motion was made by Bill Mund and a second by John Taylor to write a letter regarding this issue. The letter was reported to have been written.

A general discussion was held regarding the question of new training centers. The Board decided that each region would decide for itself and the Association would remain neutral. This position was captured by a motion by Jeff Anderson and a second by Dale Specken. The motion passed.

Regional Reports were given by representatives that were in attendance. None of the reports required any action items.

Tom Brace will take care of recognition of service award for long time Board Member Mike Anderson.

Several important dates were outlined:

The MN Legislature starts on 2/4/10.

Fire Service Day at the Capitol is 3/2/10

Board Retreat is at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge 3/19-21/10

Tim Farmer agreed to serve as our facilitator for the Retreat. The June Board Meeting was suggested to be held at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids, MN.

I have edited the minutes and regret that in all of the people who have been personally hired to take our minutes, this problem occurred.

Tom Brace
Executive Directors