



Minnesota State Fire Chief's Association – Policy # 400

Title: Association Representation

Date of Adoption: March 20, 2015 **Date of Revision:**

Scope: The Associations greatest strength is the membership. As a member run organization, this policy provides the vision and guidance to ensure we capitalize on those strengths, promote diversity, and establish clear expectations of appointees.

Representation

The Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association has membership serving on the following committees, advisory councils, appointed positions, and task forces.

Committees:

Bylaws, Code, Communication and Policy, Conference, Education, Emergency Management, EMS, Executive, Finance, Health and Safety, Legislative, Marketing, Membership, and Public Education.

Advisory Councils:

Fire Service Advisory Committee (2), PERA Volunteer State Pension Plan, Office of the State Auditor Volunteer Fire Relief Working Group, Department of Labor and Industry Construction Codes Advisory Council,

Appointed Positions:

Minnesota Fire Service Foundation (3), Minnesota Fire Joint Council (3), Minnesota Fire Service LODD Determination Committee, EMS Regulatory Board , League of Minnesota Cities Policy Development Committees, Great Lakes Division of the IAFC State Representative, Great Lakes Division of the IAFC Vice President/President (every 12 years),

Task Forces:

Department of Public Safety Shared Services Task Force

Appointment Process

Interested individuals shall complete the “MSFCA Application Form” and submit it to the Executive Director. Appointments shall be determined by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Successful applicants shall be notified in writing from the Executive Director and provided with a document detailing the expectations.

Diversity

The Association is committed to utilizing the knowledge and talents of our more than 2,000 members and recognizes the diverse nature of that membership. Furthermore, we recognize and acknowledge the geographic challenges as well as the predominant volunteer component present in our membership.

The use of conference calls, web meetings, and forum discussion via our web page are all designed to increase the ability for all members to participate. The Association is also committed to paying mileage and if appropriate, overnight lodging for members who must travel more than 150 miles (round trip) to represent the association.

When making appointments, the Association shall make every effort and means possible to ensure we take advantage of every members desire to serve, to achieve as much diversity as possible, and to eliminate or minimize any obstacles to participation as reasonably possible.