



Iowa Firefighters Association

States Networking Board Meeting
November 8, 2020 – Stoney Creek

President Nick Riley called the meeting to order at 9:06 am

Board Present: Nick Riley, Jason Barrick, Chuck Raska, Roger Carr, Aaron Clemons, and Kent Brix.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, Mark McNees, Mike and Joni Reuman, John and Cyndi Pederson, John Kraemer, and Dick Frank.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the September 12th Convention meeting. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Kent Brix to approve the convention meeting minutes. All approved.**

Approval of Financial Report: Taylor gave a brief financial report. The board decided that we needed to check and make sure Manchester paid us for the number of convention attendees before we reimburse them for equipment repairs. It was decided that the IFA needs to pull some funds from the Office Improvement 2 account in order to pay the bills until the 2021 membership dues start rolling in. Taylor is going to check with Gene to figure out who is listed on the CD accounts and what dates the CDs are maturing on. **A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Aaron to close the 125th Statue account and transfer the funds to the General account. All approved. A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Jason to close Special Fund (IFA APP) account and transfer the funds to the general account. All approved. A motion was made by Kent Brix and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approval the financial report. All approved.**

Guests:

Legislative: The Legislative Day on the Hill will be January 14th. The breakfast will be in room 116 and the Chili Cook-Off will be in the hallway outside of room 116. We will need to get newsletters in the paper, line up departments to bring chili, display items, poster/directional signage, and handouts with the legislative priorities.

Cyndi mentioned that there is a chance that legislature may shut down due to Covid-19 and start the session in March. She mentioned that we had great momentum on

LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) The bill was introduced by Rep Bloomindale. She mentioned that we will need to discuss this Bill with the Emergency Response Council and will need to talk with Robert Palmer (League of Cities) for support.

John and Cindi also touched on SF 442 and SF 478. SF 442 is a bill for an act relating to authorized emergency vehicles and making penalties applicable. SF 478 is a bill for an act relating to lighting devices and other equipment on snowplows and authorized emergency vehicles.

The Fire Marshalls office asked if we could help change the language in code to allow different uses for the fireworks fund. They have had a small number of applications and only issued 7 last year. They did not use up all the funds.

A couple other topics that were discussed were the limit of the use of fire retardants, increase of funds for training, suicide prevention, and benefited fire districts.

Fire Service Training Bureau: John Kraemer gave a brief update on their move to Camp Dodge. They are still finetuning and learning but they are very happy with the new facility. Their new SCBA Trailer should be ready by the end of December. They were successful in being awarded the 2019 AFG grant and they will be using that to buy additional computer tablets. As of right now, they are planning on moving forward with the 2021 Fire School. It will be a full two-day event. They have a lot of new presenters and speakers lined up for the Fire School. If they are required to shut down and cancel the Fire School due to Covid-19, they have up to 7 days prior to cancel without any penalties. John mentioned that the training bureau has also increased training options.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Roger to suspend the board meeting and move into the board meeting. All approved.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Chuck to name President Nick Riley and 1st Vice President Jason Barrick as the Foundation officers. All approved.

A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Jason to close foundation and resume the board meeting. All approved.

Officer Reports:

Jason: Went to Marlyn Lyons funeral and Nick, Kent and himself handed out the 2019 Fire Department of the Year award.

Chuck: Went to Marlyn's funeral. Dave Deeringers funeral. Nick Jason and Chuck worked on a priority list for the IFA. The posters need to be in by December 31st for the Poster Program.

Roger: Delivered a couple length of service awards. Dave Deeringers funeral.

Aaron: Deeringer funeral, it was good to see the red coats their supporting.

Kent: Soup supper, and pancake breakfast and passed out an award

Pp: Gene could not make it.

Nick: attended the celebration of life for Marlyn. Passed out several years of service awards. Thanked all the guests for attending the work session yesterday.

Old Business:

New Business:

John Kraemer mentioned that Federal OSHA is looking at requiring certification of Firefighter 1 for all firefighters.

Next Meeting: Budget meeting January 9th at 12:00 pm and Board meeting on January 10th at 9:00 am

Adjournment: A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Kent to adjourn at 11:32 am. All approved.