

Arizona Fire Chiefs Association

Minutes

Quarterly Meeting 4/15/2010

Tucson, AZ

Board Members Present:

Larry Rooney, Scott Miller, Mark Burdick, Ron Dennis, Paul Adams, Pat Abel, Mary Cameli, Chris Jessop, Dave Ridings, Ed Nied, Marco Olsen, Jim Ford, David Kirk, Paul Sabel, Randy Karrer, John Hayes, Ina Wintrich

Other Attendees

Pat Kelley, Pat Quinn, Dan Matlick

10:05 a.m. -Call to order by Chief Rooney

Welcome by Chief Patrick Kelly, Tucson Fire Department

Lunch was provided by United Fire Equipment Company

Consent Agenda which include the minutes from 1-14-2010 and first quarter Financial Report. Motion by Marco Olsen, 2nd by David Kirk: Motion Approved

Old Business

DFBLS Update -Ron Dennis

Provided update on status of SFMO events, activities and changes since the last quarterly meeting, including retirement of Fire Marshal Phil Mele, resignation of Paul Wobosel and the reappointment of Director Barger as the State Fire Marshal.

Melina Joya has spent a number of hours under contract issuing reimbursements to agencies and individuals that had paid for certification testing and that project now is completed. Updated information on the status of state fire training and certification is on the AFCA website.

2010 Leadership Conference Report

Ron Dennis passed out the final program schedule for the annual Fire Service leadership Conference and provided an overview of current registration status, EXPO status and other relevant information

By-Laws Proposals-Burdick/Adams:

Announcement that Bylaws have been published and posted on the website. They will be posted for 60 days and then balloting will be open to members for 30 days. Paul Adams will handle the electronic balloting process.

Battle of the Badges

Update on BOB , winners, Money for 100 club, etc– The AFCA, in partnership with 1-800BOARDUP was able to raise approximately \$3500 for the 100Club s a result of the first annual Battle of the Badges Basketball Tournament in conjunction with 1-800BOARDUP and the Phoenix Suns. The planning for the 2011 Battle of the Badges is already underway.

Burn Camp Golf Tournament

Registrations are now underway for the 2nd annual Camp Courage Golf Tournament which is scheduled for May 20th, 2010. We are in need of sponsors and teams. Information and electronic registration can be found on the AFCA website.

New Business

Special Guest: United Fire Equipment Co. President Dan Matlick made a presentation on the newly developed On-Line shopping and product management system. In addition, Dan talked about the Last alarm foundation and the 17th Annual United Firefighter of the year Award.

Dan also paid tribute to Bob Weber and his contributions to the Arizona Fire Service and he updated attendees about Bob's current health status. After a brief discussion it was suggested that the AFCA Lifetime Achievement Award be renamed as the Chief Bob Weber life time Achievement Award.

A motion to this end was made by President Rooney and 2nd by Randy Karrer. Motion passed

Status of Statewide Mutual Aid System

Randy Karrer gave an update on the activities that have occurred over the last few months regarding the Statewide Mutual Aid System. Randy reported the IAFC has completed the after action report regarding the Statewide exercise which was held in October, 2009. Arizona is the only state that has completed the exercise and IAFC recommendations will be reviewed and an AFCA response to the specific points will be submitted.

The County Emergency Managers guide is being developed for their use in implementing the Plan. Since January, the AFCA has contracted with Frank Fisher to complete the remaining parts of the data base that were available and then get the data base uploaded onto a server provided by ADM. Frank is in the process of completing that project and now the existing MOU needs to be updated. Other components of the Mutual Aid System will also need to be revised and updated to reflect a new deployment model as a result of the loss of support staff at the State Fire Marshal's office.

A new challenge for the AFCA is the EOC Position and how it will be activated when there is a statewide emergency. This issue exists as a result of the elimination of the state fire resource coordinator during drastic budgets cuts implemented by the Governor in early January. Coincidentally, on January 22nd and 23rd Ron Dennis, Bob Barger and Phil Mele staffed the position during the Statewide major storm emergency how will it be activated? The other major issue is the State Resource Coordinator position is now vacant and the resource data base was not available. There was general discussion among group. The Mutual aid task force is continuing to work on all of the issues associated with this situation.

Update on AFSI and the new Training and Certification Business Model

Paul Adams reported on the significant work that has been ongoing with the AFSI/ASFTC

A Business plan for reinstating Training and Certification in Arizona along with re-establishing our status with the National Fire Academy has been completed and formally adopted by AFSI. An operational plan is being written and will be presented to AFSI at their May meeting. In the meantime, Training and Certification operations are scheduled to begin on May 3rd, 2010. The Arizona Center for Fire Service excellence AzCFSE has been established. The website for the Center is www.azcfse.org where updated information on training and certification as well as the information for the annual Arizona State Fire School can be found.

As part of the Business plan, the AFCA is being asked, along with the other AFSI organizations, to provide startup funding in the form of a short term, no interest loan to the State training Committee. The amount being requested is \$12,000 from each organization.

Motion by Pat Abel

2nd by Paul Sabel

Motion approved

Strategic Planning Update

A Draft of the updated Strategic Plan was distributed to the Board. The Board is seeking input for finalization and a request for ratification will be submitted at the annual meeting in July. The plan will be distributed to the membership after Board input

Newsletter:

Announcement and distribution of 2nd quarterly newsletter: This edition saw the implementation of an advertising fee structure as well as additional features to the publication including Fire Chief Spotlight, Featured Fire Department and a 5-Bugle Member feature called "Bugle Call"

We are in need of articles and information as well as feature write-ups for the good of the Association

Website Management

Bruce Thompson continues to enhance the website and provide timely information and postings, Bruce has also initiated a quarterly report on website views and hits which will be very helpful.

WFCA Report

Paul Adams gave an update on the WFCA Presidents Forum which was held in Hawaii and the attendance and participation by Executive Board Members. The 2011 Presidents Forum will be held in Tucson Arizona.

Section Reports

Training Section meeting will be held in Mesa on April 30th at the Mesa Fire Training Academy. This will be a significant meeting as the AzCFSE Business plan will be discussed along with a host of other State Training Issues

Native American Section, A written report was submitted and will be posted on the website
Safety Health and Survival Section- Ed Nied

Closing Comments

Future Board meeting dates

July 31st, Renaissance Glendale. 3:15 p.m.

October, Location TBA

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.