



**Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
10:15am-12:00pm, Friday, June 23, 2006  
Regency Suites/KI Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**1.0 Call to Order:** Ken Hartje, President called the meeting to order.

**2.0 Introduction of the Board and Business Managers:** Ken Hartje, President; Bruce Fuerbringer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Tim Franz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Glenn Linzmeier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee; Mark Barnes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee; Brad Liggett, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee; Jeff Stauber, Sergeant At Arms; Jack Running, Past President; Len Vander Wyst, Secretary/Treasurer; David Bloom, Legislative Liaison; Pastor Barry Hoerz, Ex-Officio, Chaplain; Jen Hallett, Jane Svinicki, CAE, Business Office.

**3.0 Introduction of New Chiefs:** The following new Chiefs were introduced: John Schmitz, Richfield; Paul Nelson, Randolph; Harry E. Wehr, Neosho; Kent Westphal, Loganville; Paul Fahey, Newburg; Todd Sweeney, Town of Menasha; Rudi Jensen, Crivitz; Jeff Stefanich, Silver Creek; John Reiss, Elkhart; Paul Stephans, Hartford; Jack Baus, Menomonie; Wayne Chenier, Ashland; Paul Nimmer, Kewaunee; Mark Wallace, Allouez; Allen Anderson, Winneconne.

**4.0 IAFC Great Lakes:** Jeff Stauber, Wisconsin representative to the IAFC-GLD, welcomed the representatives present: Kenn Taylor, President; Hank Clemmensen, Vice President; Ron Hutchings, Secretary/Treasurer; Timm Schabbel, Indiana State Rep; Jeff Macko, Illinois State Rep; Paul Klapprich, Minnesota State Rep; Dale Duermit, Ohio State Rep.

**5.0 Legislative Report:** WSFCA Legislative Liaison Dave Bloom presented a verbal and written report to the membership. He reported that MABAS hearings would be held this year.

WSFCA has chosen to give three legislative awards one each to Senator Ron Brown and Assemblymen Terry Musser and Robin Kreibich. They cannot attend the conference, therefore presentations will be made in their districts. The presentation to Representative Kreibich is July 6<sup>th</sup> at a station house in his district.

The EMS Coalition representing eight fire and EMS statewide organizations is continuing to meet quarterly. Larry Plummer of the Wisconsin Firefighters Association continues to chair the Coalition.

A Lobbying 101 seminar was held in February. The purpose of the seminar is to educate Chiefs and other fire officers in lobbying activities.

Dave Bloom reported he is finalizing a legislative agenda to be presented to legislators in January, 2007 and requested member input.

**6.0 Nominating Committee Report:** Pete Waldkirch presented the Nominating Committee Report.

**President:** A letter of intent was submitted from Bruce A. Fuerbringer – Eau Claire for the position of President. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Jeff Steinert (Fillmore) and seconded by Robert Schaefer (Slinger) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bruce A. Fuerbringer for President. **Motion passed.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** A letter of intent was submitted from Tim Franz - Oshkosh for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Ed King (Town of Neenah) and seconded by Bill Wright (Winneconne) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tim Franz for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. **Motion passed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** A letter of intent was submitted from Glenn Linzmeier – Blooming Grove for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Jay Salvo (Blooming Grove) and seconded by Bob Van Etten (Monona) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Glenn Linzmeier for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. **Motion passed.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:** A letter of intent was submitted from Mark Barnes – Stevens Point for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Jeff Berry (Waupun) and seconded by Pat Weber (Eagle River) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Barnes for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee. **Motion passed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:** A letter of intent was submitted from Brad Liggett – Beloit for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Bill Bouma (Mt. Pleasant) and seconded by Roger Kelnhofer (Nekoosa) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brad Liggett for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee. **Motion passed.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:** A letter of intent was submitted from Mark Wickham – Lodi for the position of 1st Year Trustee. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Paul Guilbert, Jr. (Pleasant Prairie) and seconded by Harold Smith (Minong) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Wickham for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee. **Motion passed.**

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** A letter of intent was submitted from Jeff Stauber – Green Bay for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms. Nominees from the floor were requested three times. **MOTION:** It was moved by Len Vander Wyst (Neenah-Menasha) and seconded by Gene Reece, Jr. (Appleton) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Stauber for Sergeant-At-Arms. **Motion passed.**

Mark Wickham said he had been the Fire Chief in Lodi for 12 years and active in WSFCA during his career. He looked forward to serving on the Board.

**7.0 Resolutions:** Tim Franz provided a summary of the proposed bylaws changes. The entire set of revisions is included in the handout. The key changes are:

- Changing the vote from the current one vote per member to one vote per department.
- Allowing the membership and Board of Directors to meet and take action by electronic means such as conference call, fax or email voting.
- Creating the Board position of Treasurer with a three-year term.
- Setting the responsibilities for the new Treasurer and Business Manager positions.

Members are encouraged to make their vote count at the WSFCA Annual Membership meeting on Sunday. Fifty voting members must be present, in person or by proxy, to have a quorum. If you cannot attend, you can give your proxy to another active member, however, each member may hold only one proxy.

## 8.0 Announcements

8.1 **Burn Camp:** Ken Hartje noted the important work of the Burn Camp.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Pete Waldkirch (Newburg) and seconded by Larry Grorud (Janesville) to donate \$1,000 to the Burn Camp. **Motion passed.**

8.2 **Fire Fighter Memorial:** Ken Hartje noted the important work of the Fire Fighter Memorial.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bob Arndt (Random Lake) and seconded by John Breuer (Allentown) to donate a booth at the WSFCA state conference and \$500 to the Wisconsin Fire Fighter Memorial. **Motion passed.**

8.3 **WSFCA Quarterly Magazine Proposal:** Bob Arndt requested time to speak about the new quarterly magazine proposal. Ken Hartje granted the time, but said the magazine proposal would be discussed at the Sunday Business meeting.

8.4 **Great Lakes Division Hospitality Room:** Ken Hartje said WSFCA usually provides funds for a IAFC-Great Lakes Division hospitality room.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bruce Fuerbringer and seconded by Glenn Linzmeier to donate \$400 to the IAFC-Great Lakes Division hospitality room. **Motion passed.**

8.5 **IAFC Campaign for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Ken Hartje said that Larry Grorud, Chief, Janesville Fire Department was campaigning for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the IAFC.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Len Vander Wyst and seconded by Mark Barnes to donate \$1,000 to Larry Grorud for campaign expenses for the position of IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. **Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Glenn Linzmeier and seconded by Tim Franz to endorse Larry Grorud for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president of the IAFC. **Motion passed.**

8.6 **Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety:** Dan Gengler discussed the activities of the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety. The Alliance holds the Burn Camp the third week of August. The Alliance also works to assist Fire Chiefs in community fire prevention outreach activities. D. Gengler said videos are available to communities and 2,200 have been distributed.

8.7 **NFPA Fire Safe Cigarettes:** Russ Sanders, Central Regional Manager, National Fire Protection Association, spoke about NFPA activities to reduce fires caused by cigarettes. WSFCA's Legislative Liaison will work to develop legislation.

8.8 **Chiefting 101:** Tim Franz reported that Chiefting 101 would be held in February 2007 in the Fox Valley.

8.9 **MABAS:** Paul Gilbert thanked WSFCA, and Dave Bloom, for supporting the establishment of MABAS.

9.0 **Meeting Recesses:** The WSFCA Business meeting recessed until 8:00am on Sunday, June 25, 2006.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Svinicki  
Business Manager  
(Drafted 6/26/06)