



**MEETING NOTES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTED FIRE OFFICIALS
BOARD MEETING**

March 18, 2017 9:30 AM

Washington State Fire Commissioners Association
Conference Room, James R. Larson Forum Bldg.
605 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

President McCullough called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Present: Candy McCullough, Mark Kreutzer, Jeanne Ernst. Monte Olsen participated by phone from Missouri. Barry Orth later told Candy he had been in an auto accident. Although quorum requirements were not met, it was decided to discuss the agenda.

2. Approval of December 10, 2016 Board Meeting minutes - postponed to next meeting.

3. Secretary/Treasurer Report

The updated 2017 proposed budget document was sent to meeting attendees. 2016, Conference Revenue was \$1,150 less than projected, Membership Dues \$2050 less than projected, Sponsor Revenue was as projected. Expenses were \$2148.63 less than projected.

2017 membership dues have been billed and payments are coming in. Candy will prepare letters to our sponsors and JE will give her email addresses.

Mark will pursue finding a new state membership director for Oregon.

4. Presidents Report –

Candy attended the the NW Leadership Seminar March 1 – 3, 2017 in Portland, OR

She said it was 60% police / 40% fire.

(Notes from the Agenda):

Guest speakers: Retired Lt. Joe Torrillo – FDNY Buried Alive Twice 9/11

Dr. Stephen Jones – The Alertness Edge – Managing effects of sleep loss

Janie Schultz – OR. Chief “Bent But Not Broken” Ethics & Morals

Paul LeSage – Event investigation & just cause – Cultural shift

High Risk and Severe Consequences

Gordon Graham – The Ten Families of Risk

Seminar went well. Approximately a dozen or so hits on our Facebook page following the NW Leadership seminar. NAEFO brochures available at event

CM, MO and MK had suggestions for our NAEFO 2018 conference speakers and will look into options. There was discussion about being able to pay speakers' fees.

Candy is unable to attend the CFSI event in Washington DC April 5 – 6, 2017. Monte may go April 6.

5. State Association Reports:

Missouri – Monte

Legislation passed to eliminate ‘Right to Work’. Unions are working on a constitutional amendment. An initiative needs a 2/3 vote. The government has cut funding to universities and firefighter training.

The question of Missouri becoming a state member of NAEFO is on their March 25 agenda.

Oregon – Mark

There is a \$ 1.7 million deficit. He doubts that Right to Work legislation will happen.

Washington – Candy

Right to Work legislation passed in one chamber.

6. Ambulance services: Discussion and how to do more for them. There are conversations about merging ambulance services into fire districts and getting Medicaid to pay First Responders. California does this and other states are working on it. We could become active in this: apply for funds, encourage states to do trials, work with insurance companies and follow up about how to avoid going to the emergency room.

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7. Bylaws to review/rewrite/update:

I’m sorry, but my copy of the bylaws do not correspond to all the numbering of the Bylaws as discussed. I will review Denise’s records to confirm we all have the same document. JE

Mark: Procedure #2.12d needs to be ‘accepted’ on Word doc
2.13 should be finalized.

Sept 22, 2015 bylaws:

Article 4, Section 2b – Ratio of State Members to Individual Members on Board.

Monte suggested that we add a sentence to the effect ‘elected officers automatically on Board and can have the same number of at-large membership’ or ‘Officers are ex-officio member of the Board by_____’.

From CM 3/18/17 agenda:

2016 General Membership Meeting: proposes that ex-elected officials who are still NAEFO Members have voting rights.

e. **Bylaw Revision Proposal** December 10, 2016 by Candy McCullough

Bylaw Revision Proposal - (text in bold type below) 12/10/2016 by Candy M.

Article XIV. GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 4(a), Standing Committees

“Committee Chair must be current individual members in good standing with the Corporation or appointed by the Board of Directors. **Associate members, Former NAEFO members, Retired members and Sponsors may serve as Committee Chairs. All Committee Chairs, except Sponsors have voting rights.**”

(Existing text: Associate members, Former NAEFO members, Retired members and Sponsors shall not hold a Chair position.)

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8. JE to find out about free conference call options.

9. Next Board Meeting Dates: 1st choice June 24, 2nd choice July 8, 2017

10. Should we consider having a 2nd general membership meeting in February?

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.