



**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTED FIRE OFFICIALS  
DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES**

January 20, 2018

Washington State Fire Commissioners Association  
James R. Larson Forum Bldg.  
605 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE,  
Olympia, WA 98501

President McCullough called the meeting to order at 9:30am  
Attendees: Dean Bloemke, Chris Elwell, Gerry Gustafson, Jack Hensley, Mark Kreutzer,  
Brad Lothspeich.  
By phone: Barry Orth, Monte Olsen

The following Proposed BYLAW changes have been approved by email vote by more than 20% of our membership prior to this meeting.

**Proposed Bylaw changes (approved Dec. 2017 & Jan. 2018)**

1- **Entire document: 'NAEFO' was changed to 'the corporation'** to reflect what is in our Charter.

Approved unanimously by those members who voted

2- Article III, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Section 5. Voting. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all **ADD: 'Former'**, State and Individual Members present at meetings will be entitled to vote on matters properly brought to the membership.

Approved unanimously by those members who voted

3- Article IV, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the directors, whether or not a full Board is serving, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. **REMOVE the text that follows: 'If less than such a majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice'.**

Approved unanimously by those members who voted

4- Article IV, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, **NEW SECTION ADDITION: Section 12. Ex-Officio Members. The immediate Past President and Officers shall be ex-officio, voting members of the Board of Directors.**

Approved unanimously by those members who voted

5- Article XIV. GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 4. Standing Committees.

There shall be the following standing Committees: Bylaws, Communication, Conference, Legislative, Education, Membership and Sponsorship.

(a) Committee Chair must be current individual members in good standing with the Corporation. Associate members, Former members, Retired member and Sponsors shall not hold a Chair position.

**REMOVE: shall not hold a chair position.**

**REPLACE WITH: may serve as Committee Chairs. All Committee Chairs, except Sponsors shall have voting rights on the Committee.**

Approved unanimously by those members who voted

Members except Kreutzer, McCullough, Olsen and Orth had to leave early for a WFCA meeting and a funeral service for a recently deceased WFCA member.

Candy McCullough suggested reaching out to past members, taking into account the bylaw changes that allow retired members to participate, hold committee chair positions and have full voting rights.

It was suggested that we review our Strategic Plan and eventually post it on the website.

There was discussion of Monte Olsen's offer to become our Executive Officer and work for expense reimbursements until we are financially able to pay him. He would like NAEFO to be a resource for Fire Departments and State Associations. He would like their input and to have them attend our Annual Meeting / Conference. He would also like to establish partnerships with other organizations, such as Chiefs and FF unions.

Upcoming conferences were discussed and how we can participate. These included New Jersey, Arizona and CFSI in March.

Meeting adjourned: 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Ernst  
Administrative Assistant