



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
FEDERAL and MILITARY FIRE SERVICE SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
ATLANTA, GA. AUGUST 26, 2015
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Board Members Present:

Chief Fletcher Dahman, Chair
Fire Chief Paul Murray, US Navy Representative
Fire Chief A.J. Gilgallon, US Army Representative
Chief Jonathan Mattingly, At Large Rep (via teleconference)
Gary Brouse, IAFC Staff Liaison

Annual Meeting Call to Order: Chief Dahman called the meeting to order at 1530 hours EST.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chief Dahman

Any Request to Revise the Published Agenda: None

Program and/or Presentation(s) from Guest and/or members:

Fire Chief (Ret.) Luther L. Fincher Jr., IAFC Metro Chiefs Section, spoke to the members of the importance of the section and his support for the section.

Chief Cumode addressed the membership in seeking their support for his upcoming candidacy for IAFC 2nd Vice President.

Financial Report: IAFC Statement of Activities for seven months ending 30 July 2014 for Federal Military Fire Service Section.

Carry over balance of prior year 2014:	\$ 25, 838
Income:	\$ 1,900
Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,863</u>
Net Asset Balance:	\$ 25,875

Motion: Approve the Financial report as presented.

Moved: Fire Chief Murray

Second: Fire Chief Gilgallon

Motion: Passed

Reports from Officers:

Army: (Chief Gilgallon)

- Army will be working under a new scope of service process
- Staffing will be held to 71% of required; relying on mutual aid
- Apparatus replacement remains an issue; plan in place but will require substantial time to complete

Navy: (Chief Murray)

- Navy facing challenges with bringing in new hires to fill staffing shortages. To compensate for this they are going to a temporary overhire status.

At Large: (Chief Mattingly)

- In terms of At Large agencies, there has been little movement in the area of recruitment. Commerce and FEMA have departments, but neither has expressed interest as of yet. The VA has been out of touch since the DOD conference stopped.
- NIH/HHS, budgets are still flat, and not looking at any cuts. NIH is expanding its department to our facility in Hamilton Montana, with an Emergency Management Specialist. NIH is also buying a new engine and ambulance this year.

Committee Reports:

Election/Nomination Report: IAFC Staff Liaison Gary Brouse presented the process for nomination and election following guidelines established in section By-Laws. Reported all candidates nominated met requirements.

Election Results: Chair – Fire Chief Fletcher Dahman – Unopposed
At- Large Rep - Fire Chief Jonathan Mattingly – Unopposed
US Army Rep - Fire Chief Albert Gilgallon – Contested
US Air Force Rep - No Nominations
Federal Wildland Rep - No Nominations

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Legislative Report: IAFC Director of Government Relations Mr Ken LaSala briefed the membership on the following:

- Chief Brouse and Mr LaSala met with the House Armed Services Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the following issues
 - The use of Government Purchase Card (GPC) to procure rehab food and liquids for firefighters on expanded incidents. Committees recommended a letter sent to the Comptroller General for an official ruling prior to legislative action being pursued.

- The use of federal fire apparatus to attend an emergency responder funeral; Working with SECDEF to get clarification across the board.
- The Defending Public Safety Employee's Retirement Act was successfully passed into law the end of June. This allowed individuals in special retirement to be able to withdraw from their TSP without penalty before 59.5 years of age. The IAFC successfully supported this legislation.

GOOD OF SECTION:

Chief Dahman and Deputy Director Brockman spoke to the membership on the importance of the Section being the voice of the Federal - Military Chief Officer and the need to recruit new members.

The Section is looking for interested members to serve on the Board for vacancies in Federal Wildland, U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Marines and the US Air Force Representative.

NEXT ANNUAL SECTION MEETING: Next annual meeting will be scheduled during the week of August 17-20 2016, and will be held San Antonio, Texas

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 1700 hrs.

Minutes submitted by:



Mr. Gary Brouse
IAFC Staff Liaison
Federal Military Section