

Metro Business Meeting Agenda
January 15, 2020
Moxy San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter

Members in Attendance

Mike Duyck, President
John Lane, Vice President
Don Lombardi, Secretary
Robert Rocha, Treasurer
Eric Tade, Board Member
Shorty Bryson, Senior Board Member
Loy Senter, Alternate Board Member
Otto Drozd III, Alternate Past President
Ken LaSala, IAFC Staff Liaison
Russ Sanders, Executive Secretary

Guests in Attendance

Chief Richard Carrizzo, Board of Directors, FirstNet Authority
Chief Colin Stowell, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Call to Order, Opening Remarks and Review of Meeting Agenda

President Duyck brought the meeting to order at 8:40 am. Chief Stowell welcomed the Metro Chiefs Executive Board to San Diego.

FirstNet Authority Update

Chief Carrizzo updated the Metro Chiefs Executive Board about the progress of FirstNet's deployment. AT&T is making progress in meeting its goals for FirstNet's rollout. For example, there are now 10,000 public safety agencies signed up for FirstNet with more than 1 million connections. In addition, 75% of the network has been built out, which is ahead of schedule. FirstNet must have 85% of the network built out by 2021.

Chief Carrizzo also updated the Executive Board about FirstNet's investments in the network. FirstNet is focused on investing in deployables and closing gaps in the network. It also is starting to prepare the network for 5G. In addition, FirstNet is beta-testing a "Mission-Critical Push-to-Talk" system, which will complement land-mobile radio systems.

President's Report

President Duyck gave an update on his activities over the past months, including participating in calls related to the search for a new chief executive officer at the International Association of Fire Chiefs; attending the Mexico Chiefs Conference in November; attending a summit on Next Generation 911 (NG 911) legislation; and submitting comments to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for its request for comments on a standard for response to opioid cases.

The Executive Board discussed sending a representative to the NFPA Responder Forum.

President Duyck made a motion to send Battalion Chief Justin Adams from the Chesterfield (VA) Fire & EMS department. It was seconded by Treasurer Rocha and agreed to unanimously.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Lane updated the Executive Board about his activities since the last meeting. He attended the IAFF Redman conference in Nashville, which discussed cancer prevention and behavioral wellness issues. He also attended the FM Global Services Advisory Group in Boston with Chief Sweat. The FM Global meeting focused on automated warehouse safety and developing online training for firefighting in sprinklered buildings. He also attended the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' National Advisory Council meeting. Vice President Lane also discussed his upcoming travel schedule.

Vice President Lane also discussed the educational sessions for the upcoming Metro Chiefs conference in June. He is focusing on challenges of the new decade, including issues such as cannabis use, the effects of climate change, leadership, community outreach, mental health and wellness, and fire safety issues concerning tall wood buildings.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Lombardi reported that the Metro Chiefs have 121 Metro Chiefs and 105 Senior Chiefs.

Since the August meeting, the following chiefs have joined the Metro Chiefs:

- Jeanine Nicholson, San Francisco Fire Department
- Donna Maize, Kansas City (MO) Fire Department
- Tory Green, Tacoma Fire Department
- Charles Ryan, Tucson Fire Department
- Deric Weiss, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
- Dan Munsey, San Bernardino County Fire Department
- Felipe de Jesus Lopez Sahaguin, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Sergio Alejandro Zuniga Alarcon, Monterrey, Mexico

The Metro Chiefs also extended invitations to the following members:

- Tom Keen, Prince William County Fire & Rescue
- Tiffany Green, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department
- Wim Van Zele, Ghent Fire Brigade, Belgium

Chief Mark Oakes retired and transferred to a Senior membership. Chief Paul Berardi re-joined the Metro as a Senior member.

The Executive Board discussed eligibility of other fire departments. In addition, the Executive Board recognized the need for Metro members to reach out to prospective candidates.

Secretary Lombardi also discussed a donation of \$100,000 by 3M for cardiac awareness, and the need to focus on PTSD, mental wellness awareness, and risk reduction. He recommended that the Urban Fire Forum issue a position statement and that these issues be integrated into firefighters and fire officer standards.

Secretary Lombardi updated the Executive Board about nominations for Fire Chief of the Year and Lifetime Achievement. So far, Chief Charles Hood and Chief Ernest Malone have been nominated for Fire Chief of the Year and Chief Ron Siarnicki has been nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The first call for nominations was sent to the membership on November 21 and nominations close on January 30. In addition, Secretary Lombardi informed the Executive Board that Chiefs Dennis Compton and Larry Few have expressed interest in running for the Senior Metro position along with Dr. Denis Onieal.

Secretary Lombardi also reported that he would be attending the retirement of Clark County (NV) fire chief Gregory Cassell.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rocha reported that the Metro Chiefs had a carryover balance of \$712,918 at the beginning of 2019. For 2019, total revenue was \$144,279 and total expenses were \$72,438 producing a net of \$71,841. The estimated carryover balance for 2019 is \$784,759.

Treasurer Rocha reported that he attended the Redman conference, the Metro Chiefs meeting at FRI, and the Mexico Chiefs conference in Guadalajara. He said that the Mexican Chiefs were glad to meet Chief G. Keith Bryant, the U.S. Fire Administrator, Past President Drozd, Treasurer Rocha and Board Member Tade at the November Mexico Chiefs conference.

Treasurer Rocha updated the Executive Board about the Latin American recruitment program. He recruited four Mexican chiefs last year and is looking at recruiting new chiefs. The Executive Board agreed to invite the Morelia fire department to join the Metro Chiefs. Treasurer Rocha discussed other efforts to help Mexican chiefs, including a surplus equipment donation program; information on accessing NFPA documents; and sharing training programs with Mexican fire departments. Treasurer Rocha said that he would develop a paper for the Executive Board to consider.

Treasurer Rocha also reported that the next Metro Chiefs conference is in November in Cancun. He discussed inviting Mexican chiefs to the Metro Chiefs conference and Fire-Rescue International. There was discussion about developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mexico Chiefs to trade registrations for conferences based on the agreement with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC).

Board Member's Report

Board Member Tade reported that the Suicide Prevention Group met, of which Chief Tade is the Metro Chiefs' representative. He also recommended that the Metro Chiefs have a greater participation in the Mental Health Symposium. In addition, he discussed developing a relationship with the National Fallen Firefighters' new Fire Service Center of Excellence. Board Member Tade also said that CPSE adopted a 10th edition which focuses on mental health and wellness. He also reported that he is on the advisory board of Interschutz, which is scheduled to take place in October in Philadelphia.

Senior Board Member's Report

Senior Board Member Bryson thanked the Metro Chiefs for their support. He said that he would be attending the meeting with the IAFF on April 29. He also will develop a Metro conference newsletter for all Metro members. He reported that Chief Dave Downey is now the chair of the NFPA 1710 committee. Senior Member Bryson is still involved with the Labor Management Alliance program and visiting fire departments. He expects the study on firefighter safety and staffing to be released, which is important because it will tie staffing into collective bargaining through safety.

Past President's Report

Past President Drozd reported that he is participating in the IAFC's cardiac initiative, which is a signature initiative for Chief Gary Ludwig, the IAFC's President and Chairman of the Board. He also is participating in a follow-up meeting related to NFPA 3000.

Past President Drozd also discussed Metro Chiefs application process. Applicants for Metro Chiefs memberships will have to verify that the applicant is the chief of the department and the number of firefighters employed by the department. The Board discussed the need for departments eligible for a Metro Chiefs membership to apply for Metro Chiefs membership. If the department is an international department that cannot meet staffing requirements, the chief can apply as an International member. The Board discussed updating the Metro Chiefs application and developing a new International Membership form.

Past President Drozd chairs the committee responsible for Board elections and future host cities/counties. A message advising of the procedures for nominations went to all members on December 10. To date, Chiefs Dennis Compton, Larry Few and Denis Onieal have expressed an interest in running for Senior Board Member. There have been no nominations for Board member or host city.

Alternate Board Member's Report

Alternate Board Member Senter reported that he attended the Virginia EMS Symposium. It was the 40th anniversary of the conference and including a briefing on active shooter incidents. He also is working to recruit eligible Virginia chiefs to the Metro Chiefs. In addition, he will reach out to the fire chief of the Dublin (Ireland) Fire Brigade about joining the Metro Chiefs.

Alternate Board Member Senter brought up the issues of Metro Chiefs' donations to other organizations. Executive Secretary Sanders said that the Metro Chiefs received three requests for funding per Metro Chiefs' policy with all required information included:

- Secretary Lombardi made a motion to approve \$2,000 for financial support for the Home Fire Sprinkler Council.
- Treasurer Rocha made a motion to approve \$5,000 for financial support for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.
- Vice President Lane made a motion to approve \$3,500 for financial support for the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

A motion was made by Senior Member Bryson to accept the motions en bloc, which was seconded by Treasurer Rocha, and passed unanimously.

Alternate Board Member Senter reported that Chief Bill Stewart submitted the minutes from the latest *High Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee*.

IAFC Liaison's Report

Mr. LaSala updated the Metro Chiefs Executive Board about funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and the SAFER grant program, along with other fire service programs. In addition, he discussed federal legislation, such as the Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act (H.R. 4527/S. 2552), which would allow retired firefighters to become eligible for Medicare at age 50.

A motion was made by Board Member Tade to endorse the Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act (H.R. 4527/S. 2552). The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lombardi and adopted unanimously.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Sanders updated the Metro Chiefs Executive Board about the 2020 conference in Pittsburgh, which is looking good. The Metro Chiefs Executive Board is scheduled to meet with the IAFF on April 29, and Executive Secretary Sanders asked for agenda items for the meeting.

Executive Secretary Sanders updated the Metro Chiefs Board about upcoming events for the year:

- CFSI Dinner, April 30 in Washington, DC
- Metro-IAFF Annual Meeting, April 29 at IAFF headquarters in Washington, DC
- Metro Conference, June 5-11 in Pittsburgh, PA
- NFPA C&E, June 14-17 in Orlando, FL
- CTIF Annual General Meeting, June 15-18 in Hannover, Germany (Vice President Lane and Executive Secretary Sanders will attend)
- FRI, August 19-21 in Phoenix, AZ
- CAFC Conference, September 13-16
- Urban Fire Forum, September 21-23 at NFPA headquarters in Boston, MA
- NFCC, October 16-18 in the United Kingdom (President Duyck and Executive Secretary Sanders will attend).

Old Business

President Duyck asked for old business. The Metro Chiefs Executive Board discussed the motion at the Metro Chiefs meeting regarding Senior Metro members that are consultants and developed a strategy for addressing the motion.

New Business

President Duyck asked for new business. Board Member Tade asked about having the Metro Chiefs purchase a table or seats for the CFSI dinner. The Metro Chiefs discussed this idea.

Adjourn

President Duyck entertained a motion to adjourn.

Senior Member Bryson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Board Member Tade, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.