

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive
Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 21,
2018 – 11:30 a.m.**

Aurelios of Addison, 1455 West Lake Street, Addison

1. Call to Order at 1153 hours By President Wax

2. Roll Call – (7 Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>President Alan Wax *</u>	<u>Des Plaines</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>1st Vice President Tracy Kenny*</u>	<u>Broadview</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>2nd Vice President Tom Styczynski*</u>	<u>Alsip</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Secretary Joe Leone*</u>	<u>Addison</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Treasurer Tom Deegan*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	
<u>Immediate Past Pres. Gordon J. Nord, Jr*</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director John Christian*</u>	<u>Grayslake</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Randy Deicke*</u>	<u>Batavia</u>	
<u>Director Phil DiMenza*</u>	<u>Winfield</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Michael Kuryla*</u>	<u>Berkeley</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Sean Maloy*</u>	<u>Bedford Park</u>	
<u>Director Jim Walters*</u>	<u>Schaumburg</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	
<u>Director Bob Wilson*</u>	<u>Frankfort Chief</u>	

3. Secretary's Report – Secretary Leone

A. Approval of Minutes – A vote was taken to approve the Executive Board Meeting minutes for January 17, 2018

Motion was made by – Director Styczynski

Second by – Director Walters

Voice vote – Unanimous

Other Business from the Secretary – Chief Leone presented the meeting sponsors for the remainder of the year. See below for the list:

April 5/Admin Professional Lunch – Metro Paramedic - \$250

June 1st Home Day NIFSAB - \$500

August 2nd IPRF -\$250 Ottosens Group -\$250

September 6th, Symposium IPRF – \$400 Municipal Emergency Services \$500

November 1st Darley – \$250 1800 Board Up -\$250
December 6th Installation Lunch IPRF -\$1000

Secretary Leone also presented the flyer for the September 6th, Symposium. It was decided to limit the class to two hundred and open it up to non-members after May 1st.

President Wax reminded all that we discussed and agreed that more than one lunch sponsor is okay.

It was also discussed and agreed that the November general meeting will be the IFCA updates. 2nd Vice President Styczynski reported that he will reach out to Ottosen's group for the presentation in August.

4. **Treasurer's Report – Chief Wax reported for Treasure Deegan**

A. **Financial Statements** – Through March 18, 2018 were distributed and reviewed.

B. Account balance as of \$67,996.79

MB Financial Bank – \$65,928.03

PayPal Balance – 2018.76

Petty Cash – 50.00

Motion to approve the financial statements was made by Director Kuryla

Second by – Director DiMenza

Voice Vote – Unanimous

C. **2018 Proposed Budget – Chief Wax reported for Treasure Deegan**

As of March 18, 2018 income was \$26,935, expenditures were \$8721.62
Income over Expenditures = \$18,213.38.

Finally a list was presented with individuals who after 3 notices did not pay, the group decided to make sure we had the right email and if we did then to remove them. It was noted that several have retired.

5. **President's Report**

President Wax reported that Erich from Tactical Athlete Health and Performance Institute requested our email list for solicitation purposes. The board discussed that they did not feel comfortable sending this out to anyone. In this case, Chief Wax received the information to be distributed and then forwarded the material to the membership. The Board was comfortable with that method going forward, as well. It was also pointed out that the feedback from the class was all very positive.

President Wax discussed the May meeting conflict with the IFCA symposium; this was tabled till next meeting to see if there was a need to meet.

Committee Reports

A. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon –**

1st VP Kenny reported that April 5th will be the luncheon, as of today she has:

Admin	Chiefs	Deputy Chiefs	Guest	Paid	Total Attend
53	28	9	6	\$2160	96

24 have not paid

Director Kenny has a program that she will present during the event and she has a couple of raffle prizes. The raffle will benefit the 50th anniversary. She did state that no help was needed in setting up; however, several Board Members advised that they will arrive early to assist.

President Wax offered his chaplain to do the invocation.

B. Audit – No report

C. Bylaws –

President Wax reported for Director Maloy and led a lengthy discussion on the by-laws. The changes were presented in the agenda and emailed prior to the meeting. Generally the changes were all accepted with a few amendments. The amendments made at the meeting to the document in the packet are noted below.

Article VIII Meetings

Section 4.

Executive Board Meetings: The dates, times and locations of the Executive Board determined by the President. The President shall create an agenda for each Board meeting. shall distribute such agenda to the Executive

ARTICLE IX Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended or revised by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Active Members present at a meeting where business is being conducted as provided in Article VIII, Section 5, and wherein the amendment or revision in question is presented for adoption, provided:

- A. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing at, or prior to, a Regular or Special Meeting and read to the Members present at the Meeting. Any comments or suggestions from Members at the meeting or received prior to the meeting shall then be submitted to the By-Laws Committee for their review, opinion, and final draft preparation. The "Opinion" shall be rendered prior to the vote of adoption and in no way shall it preclude the vote.
- B. The Secretary shall assure that a copy of the final draft of the amendment(s) is to be posted on the website at least thirty (30) days prior to the final vote being taken for the adoption of said amendment(s). Floor amendments during the final vote, if approved by majority vote of those at the Meeting, will suspend the vote and cause the proposal to return to the Committee for preparation of another final draft to be approved at a

The by-laws were accepted as amended by the group and will be presented during the next general meeting.

D. Directory/Website –

No report

E. Fundraising –

No report

F. Home Day

No report

Director Kuryla asked about remote parking and the paper that had to be placed in the window, 1st VP Kenny stated that she will follow up with Treasure Deegan about this.

G. IFCA

Director Christian reported that they have a Board Meeting tomorrow.

Legislative day is on April 11 and the luncheon will be at the Capitol and a legislative reception that night at the Abe Lincoln. The police chiefs will also be in the hotel having their legislative reception.

During the May symposium the IFCA Executive Board will be participating in a strategic plan, Director Christian asked that if we think of anything prior to the meeting to let him know.

Finally

Director Christian reported that the Tollway administrative process is getting closer and he feels that a plan should be in place soon. It appears as if it will be a tiered system where the Tollway takes a 2 year average of responses and pays a lump sum each year while still allowing the stricken department/District to still bill for ambulance transports.

Director Kuryla reported that he had just attended a meeting with the tollway and advised them to keep the fire service updated when it comes to construction and lane closers. It was also reported that the Tollway would cooperate with hydrant access if they are notified during construction. Director Kuryla also made it known to the tollway that "turn arounds" are too far apart.

H. Installation/Holiday Luncheon –

Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Friedl asked the Board for clarification on the 2019 Anniversary Luncheon.

The understanding by all is that the 50th year Anniversary will be in conjunction with the 2019 Installation Luncheon, just a larger event.

I. Legislation –

Director Christian reported that there is not a lot going on and that Chief Buckley, from Pleasantview is “keeping an eye” on the bills”. The IFCA is still working on the bill for qualifications for Fire Chiefs. A question was brought up on the second job and pension’s bill, Director Christian reported that no action had been taken at this time.

J. Nominating – Director DiMenza, No Report

K. Programs – 2nd VP Styczynski

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L. Sick & Welfare - 2nd VP Styczynski

Past president Gordon Nord reported that the Brookfield Fire Chief, Patrick Lenzi will be retiring soon. 1st Vice President Kenny will find out if he had been a member for 5 years

M. Metro Chiefs Association History – No report

7. Unfinished Business – None

8. New Business –

1st Vice President Kenny advised the group that she is part of the Women’s Fire Chiefs Council and that she is looking for help in reaching out to women who are Battalion Chief or higher. She is attempting to set up a meeting in May in Broadview and hope to address the lack of women in the fire service at the FRI.

9. Open Discussion – none

10. Future Meetings

A. 2018 Board Meetings – 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19

i. Board Meetings conflict with 5/16-18 IFCA Symposium & 10/14-17 Conference. As each of those dates approaches, a decision will be made whether to change the meeting date, cancel the meeting, or meet during the IFCA event.

B. 2018 General Meetings –, 4/5 Admin. Prof. Luncheon, 6/1 Home Day, 8/2, 9/6 Symposium- no meeting after, 11/1, 12/6 Installation Luncheon

11. Adjournment - at 1243 hours

Motion made by - Director DiMenza

Second by -1st Vice President Kenny

Voice Vote - Unanimous

Prepared by and submitted by,

Joseph Leone

Secretary,
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

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