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IFMA 2008 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Mandalay Bay Las Vegas, NV
June 1-2, 2008

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President Jon Nisja called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Jon welcomed everyone and explained the Purpose and Expectations of Meeting.

Self-introduction of attendees:

Jon Nisja, IFMA President
Steven F. Sawyer, IFMA Executive Secretary
Ed Altizer, IFMA Executive Board
John Bender, UL
David Berg, Fire Marshals Association of Utah
Ray Bizal, NFPA
Frank Blackley, North Carolina Fire Marshals
Michael Boeckermann, Ohio Fire Officials Association
Richard Butcher, Florida Fire Marshal and Inspectors Association
Kenneth Crews, IFMA Executive Board
Tod Doebler, Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Association
Rob Drexler, New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
Jeff Donahue, Fire Prevention Association of Nevada and Oregon
Ron Farr, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Craig Fraser, Iowa Fire Marshals Association
Rob Geislinger, Fire Marshals Association of Colorado
Kurt Harris, Texas Fire Marshals Association
Susan Hawksley, New England Association of Fire Marshals
Jimmy Hill, IFMA Executive Board
Travis Hollis, Arkansas Fire Marshals Association
Ken Kraus, South Cal FPO's
Kip LaMotte, Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota
Whitey Leicht, IFMA Executive Board and Delaware Valley Chapter
Dave Lind, IFMA Executive Board
Arthur Londensky, New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association
David Lynam, Washington State Association of Fire Marshals
Reggie McCollins, Fire Prevention Association of Nevada
Major Metcalf, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
George Michehl, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association
George Napier, Washington State Fire Marshals Association
Adria Paesani, South Cal FPO's

Jon Pasqualone, Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
Steve Peavey, IFMA Executive Board
John Robison, Fire Marshals Association of Alabama
Greg Rogers, Washington State Fire Marshals Association
Gary Santoro, IFMA Executive Board
Mike Schmitt, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association
Michelle Stevens, Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Steven Shacklett, Fire Prevention Association of Nevada
Ken Tyree, Fire Marshals Association of West Virginia
Terry Whiteley, Oklahoma Fire Marshals Association
Morgana Yahnke, North Cal FPO's

Jon explained, "What the Direction is of IFMA".

- We would like to thank the Chapter officers, Chapters, IFMA Board, Regional Fire Code Development Committees, NFPA Technical Committee representatives, and NFPA Staff, for all their past and future work on behalf of the nation's fire prevention community.
- Provide a leadership role for the organization and to develop leaders for IFMA and the fire prevention community.
- IFMA has been very involved in many issues on the federal level. IFMA participates and is active in the PARADE conference at USFA. IFMA participate in the Public-Private Fire Safety Council which is a partnership between USFA, CDC, and CPSC as well as other fire organizations. IFMA serves on the CFSI advisory committee and the National Fire Service Research Symposium. IFMA serves on the ATF Fire Research Lab Advisory Committee. IFMA participates in the NFFF Everyone goes Home Safety Initiative. IFMA is involved with NASFM, IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section.
- IFMA is a partner with the Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks.
- IFMA is a partner of the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes.
- IFMA has educational offerings that chapters can sponsor and will help with speakers for specific topics if required by the chapters.
- IFMA has over 60 members sitting on NFPA Technical Committees and cosponsors the Regional Fire Code Development Committees with NFPA.
- IFMA currently has 28 chapters.
- IFMA is here to assist you and your organization.
- IFMA has been in support of residential sprinklers for many years.
- IFMA is a part of Vision 20/20 and serves on the steering committee.
- IFMA is involved in the Research Foundation Measuring Effectiveness of Code Compliance.

Expectations for the meeting:

- For Chapter to participate with IFMA and to carry information back to the Chapter.

- To assist IFMA in providing assistance to the Chapters in the way of training, legislative and technical support.
- To strategize methods and programs to mutually benefit Chapters and IFMA.
- To bring Chapters to an awareness of the NFPA Codes and Standards process.
- To get Chapters more involved in the Codes and Standards process.
- To make Chapters aware of IFMA's and NFPA's mission, goals and objectives.
- To provide a forum for Chapters to discuss pertinent issues between themselves, NFPA and IFMA.
- To communicate.
- To exchange information.
- Better sense of what our common issues are and how we can address them.
- Identify some short term, and long term goals.
- Recommend ways to improve our respective levels of service.
- Fellowship.

Chapter presentations. Please forward Chapter Reports, Executive committee lists, Chapter representatives on NFPA Technical Committee, and your annual meeting dates and location to the Executive Secretary. Reports are important to IFMA Goals and Objectives. See the separate chapter reports distributed at the meeting.

IFMA currently has 28 Chapters with many that have requested applications.

- Introduction and presentations by the following new Chapters:
 - ◊ Arkansas, North Cal, and South Cal.
- Presentations were made by the following Chapters on their Chapter and its' activities and the Chapters perspective of how a closer relationship can be developed between the Chapter and IFMA:
 - ◊ Alabama
 - ◊ Arizona
 - ◊ Colorado
 - ◊ Delaware Valley
 - ◊ Florida
 - ◊ Illinois
 - ◊ Iowa
 - ◊ Michigan
 - ◊ Minnesota
 - ◊ Nevada
 - ◊ New England
 - ◊ New Jersey
 - ◊ New York
 - ◊ North Carolina
 - ◊ Ohio
 - ◊ Oklahoma

- ◇ Oregon
- ◇ Texas
- ◇ Utah
- ◇ Washington
- ◇ West Virginia
- ◇ Wisconsin

Jon held a round-table discussion on “IFMA Perspective of Developing a Closer Relationship with the Chapters” and “Development of Outline of Implementation Plan”.

The following items were discussed:

- Action Items
 - Develop with NFPA a Residential Sprinkler Coalition to assist communities in adopting residential sprinkler ordinances.
 - Work on the development of regulations dealing with water purveyors and standby fees, tap fees, etc.
 - Develop a relationship with AWWA and other water purveyors.
 - Incorporate fire fighters (suppression) into fire prevention (fire fighter safety issue).
 - Universal public safety messages.
 - Security cameras in life safety devices.
 - AFCI’s.
 - Ethanol and Biodiesel.
 - Green Buildings and energy efficiency.

Other Issues:

- There was much discussion on the NFPA 1124 Chapter 7 issue and the upcoming hearing. Ron Farr left the room and was not present during any discussion related to this issue.
Motion made, seconded, and accepted that the 25 IFMA Chapter representatives in attendance at the IFMA Chapter Presidents meeting on June 1, 2008 support IFMA’s position to retain Chapter 7 of NFPA 1124.
- Motion made, seconded, and accepted to support the ban on novelty lighters.
- Peg Paul gave a presentation on the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

May of the chapters participated in the Consumer Fireworks Hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on June 2, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steven F. Sawyer
IFMA Executive Secretary