



# Oregon Fire Marshals Association

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## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2011 – 12:00 hours

Clear Creek Lodge, Rhododendron, OR

President Mark Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:34 hours. The roll was called and a quorum was confirmed:

### **Members Present**

Mark Wilson, President  
Troy Buzalsky, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Debbie McDermott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kate Stoller, Treasurer  
Michael Silva, Director, 1 Year Director  
John Rinier, 2 Year Director  
Tom Bohm, 3 Year Director

### **Guests:**

Crosby Grindle, NFPA  
Susie Lovisco, Bend Fire

### **Staff:**

Genoa Ingram, OFMA Staff

### **Additions to Agenda**

- NFPA 72

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Stoller and seconded by Buzalsky to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Stoller reviewed the financial documents and reported that the pairing of financial software categories with budget categories had been completed. She also reported that she had obtained information regarding the Neil Hamilton Scholarship.

**MOTION:** Moved by Buzalsky and seconded by Silva to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

### **Correspondence**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Buzalsky reported that a certificate from the Oregon Honor Guard expressing appreciation for OFMA's financial contribution had been received.

Treasurer Stoller reported that she had forwarded an invoice to DPSST for the \$5,000 grant and asked if the check had been received. President Wilson indicated that he believed it had been received by Past President Friant.

Treasurer Stoller reported that, due to the large amount of mail being returned, she had put in a second request to for the Post Office to have OFMA mail forwarded mail to the Court Street address.

## **OSFM**

Board members discussed the selection of the new State Fire Marshal. AFSCME had submitted a letter of support for Jim Walker. Director Bohm indicated that the last he heard, the selection committee was waiting for the results of a background check on the applicant from Texas.

## **New Business**

### **NFPA 72 Update**

Crosby Grindle provided updates from NFPA. Issues included:

- Unwanted (false) fire alarms (related to NFPA 72 issues)
- Several new sprinkler studies (related to water usage, etc.)
- The hiring of a new regional person to focus full time on residential sprinklers out of Roseville, California, Dennis Mathison, a Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal from Roseville, California.
- Other States: In Montana, the anti- sprinkler legislation had failed only because it was vetoed by the Governor. Pennsylvania has rescinded its prohibition. California has been challenged with legislation but not has been passed. Washington has positive legislation in the form of a barrier removal bill that allows local adoption.
- ISO continues to support residential sprinklers and finds that lack of adoption of enabling legislation can negatively impact building ratings schedule and residential classification.
- Crosby encouraged districts & departments to get message out, just as with smoke alarms, whether residential sprinklers were or were not present.
- Wildland Fires: NFPA's section is headed by Dave Nuss and continues to study ways to mitigate Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- Gary Marshal has been hired to be the regional Fire Wise advisor, reflecting the trend toward a more regional focus. The goal is to get 1000 fire wise communities; there are currently 700.
- Fire Safe Cigarettes: Most fires are outside the scope of previously passed legislation since they are not caused by unattended cigarettes.
- Electric vehicle project: NFPA is involved with a grant with the Department of Energy regarding charging stations. Information is available on the NFPA website at [www.EVsafetytraining.org](http://www.EVsafetytraining.org).

## **Old Business**

**Fire Sprinkler Class** Eric McMullen had agreed to present a residential sprinkler class in McMinnville but it was uncertain if that would go forward. Crosby indicated that he had joined the Oregon Building Owners Association and planned to attend their July Conference in Bend, perhaps as a sponsor. The Board discussed partnering with OBOA in a sponsorship capacity.

**Joint Round Table** Second Vice President McDermott reported that Washington was going to approach it as a solo approach this year to allow for additional time to plan a year out for a joint effort. Various locations and facilities were discussed.

### NW Fire Expo Booth

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Buzalsky reported on the construction of OFMA's smoke alarm display and presentation at the NW Fire Expo. Those who attended agreed that OFMA's presence was beneficial.

### Committee Reports

- Education and Conference: Director Silva – nothing new to report.
- By-Laws, Policy and Resolutions: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Buzalsky reported that revisions would be undertaken for the coming year.
- Membership: Director Rinier – nothing new to report.
- Scholarship: Director Bohm reported that scholarships had been awarded (\$1000 to Eric Boyd from Yamhill and \$500 to Ivan Palagua from Gresham)
- Legislative: Crosby Grindle offered to facilitate fire service coalition to coordinate efforts,
- Audit: No report.
- Historical: President Wilson indicated he had identified a candidate for the position of Historian.

### Liaison Reports

- Oregon Fire Code Committee (OFCC): Written report Submitted by President Wilson (EXHIBIT A)
- International Code Council (ICC): President Wilson reported that John Caul is retiring.
- Oregon Fire Chiefs Assoc. (OFCA): President Wilson commented that the OFCA appeared to be making efforts to be open and collaborative.
- DPSST Fire Policy: Michelle Stevens attended the meeting but was not present to provide a report.
- Oregon Life Safety Team (OLST): No report
- Juvenile Fire Setter (JFS): No report.
- Oregon Building Officials Assoc. (OBOA): No report.
- Governor's Fire Service Policy Council (GFSPC): No report.
- Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalition (OFSC): Crosby Grindle reported that the current focus is on local education and adoption. Two areas to watch are Lebanon and Lincoln City.
- National Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA): (Report provided under New Business)
- Oregon Fire Fatality Study (OFFS): Nothing new to report.
- International Fire Marshal's Assn. (IFMA) – President Wilson is heading to Boston to provide a report.
- IAAI: Susie Lovisco reported that the next meeting was scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Recognition and Advisory Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President McDermott reported that the Board was meeting today.

### Good of the Order

- Passing of the Gavel President Wilson passed the gavel to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Buzalsky.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 26 at DPSST.

**Adjournment**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 13:05 hours.

Transcribed by

Genoa Ingram, OFMA Staff



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### Liaison Report

May 26, 2011

#### **OFCC:**

The Technical Advisory, "Statewide Guidelines for Fairs, Trade Shows, Carnivals or Common Venue Events," had the note, **\*the following section shall be applicable where required by the fire code official\***, added before section 4.6, **Ventilation**. The reason it was added is because there is no requirement in the fire code or real clear authority to require hood systems in mobile cooking units. The guide was being interpreted by some as a requirement. A sub-committee researched the issue and made the recommendation for the note. John Caul is working with the Health Division to have hood systems in mobile cooking units be part of their OAR for licensing.

A new Technical Advisory addressing foundation criteria for permanent stationary installations of LP-gas cylinders was recommended for release by the committee.

#### **ICC:**

ICC can provide fire departments with publications, training and now certification when it comes to Residential Fire Sprinklers. The new Residential Fire Sprinkler Inspector / Plans Examiner exam, as well as a reworked Residential Fire Sprinkler Design / Installation exam, are now available. Visit ICC website at [www.ICCsafe.org](http://www.ICCsafe.org).

ICC is calling for Codes and Standards Committee membership. Deadline to apply is this June. There are 34 committees and councils that need members. For more info and to apply go to:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/2011Call.aspx>.

May was Building Safety Month: <http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org/>, each week of the month covered a different topic; Week four was Backyard Safety: <http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org/backyard.cfm>

There are key changes to the 2012 I-Codes. A pdf file outlining the changes can be viewed at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Documents/2012-New.pdf>.

#### **OFCA:**

There was a "Call to Action" this past month by President Tay Robertson for all OFCA members to contact their representatives and lobbyists. The Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee released a plan to slash fire service programs in fiscal year 2012. The "Call to Action" was to educate our representatives about the vital role that FIRE and SAFER grant programs play throughout the fire service.

The Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards ceremony was held Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Salem Convention Center. Congratulations to our President Elect Troy Buzalsky for receiving the OSFM Golden Sparky Award!

**OFSC:**

Lebanon Fire District Fire Marshal/Division Chief Mark Wilson has agreed to take over the Chair of the Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalition as long as he continues to receive administrative support from NFPA and Crosby Grindle.

As of the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, HB3038, the Water Meter Upcharges legislation proposed by the OFCA, is alive and well. Rep Dave Hunt, co-chair of the House Revenue Committee requested the bill to his committee. SDAO supports the bill but League of Oregon City's opposes because of impact to SDC's. One argument in opposition is that it "should be the owner's choice." That argument only works for the original owner. Subsequent owner of home doesn't get the choice.

The coalition supported a second fire service day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Capitol. OFMA and OFCA contacted memberships to be at the Capitol, in Class A uniforms to speak infavor of HB 3038. Another side by side burn demonstration was also coordinated.

ISO has published a "Position Paper" with regards to Residential Fire Sprinklers. The paper explains the impact of removing the requirement for sprinklers from the model codes. Removal negatively impacts the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule. This schedule is used to grade Building and Planning Departments around the country. Similar to the schedules used to grade Fire Departments.

NFPA is proposing a "Fire Flow Water Consumption in Sprinklered and Un-sprinklered Buildings" research. The Fire Protection Research Foundation wants to develop a consumption-based rationale for community fire fighting resources.

Lincoln County Fire Defense Board is still researching their ability to establish a local adoption for residential fire sprinklers.

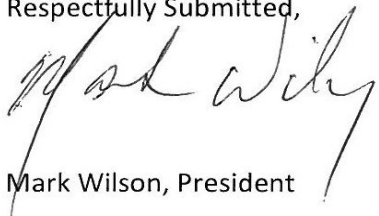
Next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2011, 1000 hours at OSFM in Salem.

**IFMA:**

President Wilson flies out to Boston on June 10, 2011 to attend IFMA Chapter Presidents meeting at the NFPA Conference & Expo. A year end written report has already been submitted and he will provide an additional report at the meeting. The purpose for attendance is:

- 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.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Wilson, President