

**Congressional Fire Services Institute  
National Advisory Committee Meeting**

Washington Gas Corporate Office  
October 6, 2022 - 1:00 PM

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

Peggy Echols, CFSI Board of Directors

- I want to recognize Jim Estepp, newly elected President of the CFSI Board.
- I was honored to be elected to serve as Vice President.
- My only message is to say thanks for your continued support of our organization.

Presentation - Lockheed Martin: Kim Lowry and Tony Chowdry

- Lockheed Martin offers the Firehawk, a Blackhawk with fire capabilities. They have been gaining traction with LA County, CALFIRE, San Diego, Colorado, and other regions.
- They can operate around the clock and in harsh winds.
- Lockheed Martin also is working on a firefighting intelligence system for wildfire detection and response that will produce time-sensitive data to help minimize the threat of wildfires and enhance response efforts.
- Also working on a technology to auto-generate the perimeter of wildfires.

Chairman's Report – Craig Hannan

- Thank you all for being here. We couldn't do what we do without your support.
- We are working hard on the 2023 event, as well as planning for future years.

Vice Chairman's Report – Preet Bassi

- We are putting together a good lineup of seminars and activities for the 2023 CFSI Dinner and Symposium.
- We will post a Call for Proposals shortly.
- We ask you to share the information if you know of an outstanding presenter on the types of topics we cover at our symposium. Please send it to them and let us know.

Legislative Report – Michaela Campbell

- We are working hard on a variety of appropriations items and so far, we have been successful by working together. We have been able to meet or exceed the President's Budget so far in each of our asks. We are looking to the year-end bill to see the final funding levels.
- On AFG, SAFER, and USFA reauthorization, we have been fortunate to have a bill be introduced and successfully marked up in the Senate. We continue to have conversations with our House and Senate colleagues on a path forward before the end of the year.
- CFSI is also supporting several standalone bills and hopes to see them pass this Congress.
- The Fire Caucus stands at 219 members, but used to be almost double that. Please join us in helping to grow the caucus.

Executive Director's Report – Bill Webb

- Moving forward with the dinner and symposium, we are looking at alternatives for 2025 and beyond.
- The goal is to select a new venue that will help us cut costs and grow the program.
- The 2023 program will be held May 22-23, 2023, at the Washington Hilton.
- The registration fee will increase this year as it has held steady for the past three years.

- Request for award nominations and seminar proposals will be available in the coming month.

Fundraising Subcommittee Report – Vickie Pritchett

- Join the Associate’s Club today.
- We have been working to revamp the program and improve web automation.
- We are now providing graphics that you can share online to help get the message out.
- If you want to join the Fundraising Subcommittee, we are accepting all members. Our goal is to meet in a more structured manner moving forward.

Resolutions – Chief Dennis Compton

- Resolution in support of legislation to fund and improve the WTC Health Monitoring Program
  - IAFF made the motion and NFFF seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution in support of efforts to provide cancer screenings to career, volunteer, and retired firefighters
  - IAFF made the motion and NFPA seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

New Business

- Bob Guthrie - thanks to all for your support of the NVFC and Dave Finger.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Steve Austin, CFSI

Peggy Echols, CFSI

Shane Ray, CFSI

Bill Webb, CFSI

Michaela Campbell, CFSI

Craig Hannan, IFSTA

Denny Compton, IFSTA

Preet Bassi, CPSE

Vickie Pritchett, NFSA

Sean Carroll, NFFF

Ron Siarnicki, NFFF

Karl Fippinger, ICC

Kevin O’Connor, IAFF

Ken LaSala, IAFC

Butch Browning, NASFM

John Granby, FEMSA

Mike Cox, NAFTD

Seth Statler, NFPA

Kevin Kuntz, ISO

Mike Johnson, FDSOA

Jimmie Duncan, FFC

Allen Baldwin, CVVFA

Justin Finan, IFMA

Scott Stephens, IAAI

Bob Guthrie, NVFC

Bruce Varner, IFE-USA

Dave Michaels, VFIS  
Brad Cronin, SFPE  
Steve Edwards, Pro Board  
Terry Victor, Johnson Controls  
Mike Natchipolsky, Fire Chief/Firerescue1  
Ebonique Barker, UL  
Stuart Nathan, IFBA  
John Long, FFC  
Steve Cox, MFRI  
Gary West, NASFM  
Evan Davis, IAFF

Guests:

Doug Aiken, IMSAEF  
Tony Chowdhury, Lockheed Martin  
Ryan Terry, Lockheed Martin  
Kim Lowry, Lockheed Martin  
Derek Robinson, NFFF