

Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee Meeting

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October 12, 2023 - 2:00 PM

2:15 PM EST Call to Order

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Chair's Report – Craig Hannan

- The USFA Summit was outstanding - congratulations to Dr. Lori and her team
- CFSI continues to support USFA and be a leader in communicating the needs and challenges of America's fire service to the federal government.

Vice Chair's Report – Preet Bassi

- As the NAC Vice Chair, I have the opportunity to chair CFSI's Programmatic Subcommittee. Thank you to all our subcommittee members.
- We are soliciting proposals on specific topics, including best practices for cancer mitigation and screening, community risk reduction efforts, fire service-based EMS, and AI.
- The Programmatic Subcommittee is also curating seminars on several important issues.

2:25 PM EST Executive Director's Report – Bill Webb

- Thanks to you all for your support.
- CFSI attended the USFA summit and we have been participating between the Summits in the working groups. We look forward to seeing the upcoming report.
- Our mission is to educate on Capitol Hill, and we thank MFRI for their support of Congressional Firefighter Day.
- We continue to attend trade shows, write for publications, and do more with social media to keep people informed of our work.
- We continue to work with our partners in the federal agencies, including USFA, Forest Service, and PSOB.
- The Fire Caucus is a big issue for us and we appreciate NAC members assisting with this. Before you meet with your members of Congress, check to see if they're on the caucus and if not, ask them to join!
- We're hoping to have a new website up and running soon.
- On CFSI's national awards, please encourage individuals and organizations to apply for the Mason Lankford, Paul Sarbanes, EMS, and Anne Phillips awards. We do award presentations at CFSI's Dinner and also local presentations.

2:35 PM EST Legislative Report – Michaela Campbell

- On appropriations, we appreciate the support of NAC members to help advocate for several fire service provisions, including support for AFG and SAFER, USFA, fire sprinklers, carbon monoxide poisoning prevention grants, USAR, National Firefighter Registry, and other funding lines.
- AFG and SAFER did receive a 6% cut on the Senate DHS bill and we continue to support the House numbers.

- We are working on the reauthorization of the National Firefighter Registry, which was attached to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in the Senate. We are advocating to keep the measure included in the final FY24 NDAA.
- We continue to push hard in support of reauthorization of AFG, SAFER, and USFA.
- The Fire Grants and Safety Act (H.R.4090/S.870) must pass before AFG and SAFER sunset on September 30, 2024.
- NAC members can help by continuing to support reauthorization and keeping an eye on: <https://www.cfsi.org/support-afg-safer-and-usfa-take-action-now/>
- Comment: Seth Statler, NFPA: Thanks for supporting the Pro Codes Act (S.835/H.R.1631). The bill is moving along.

2:55 PM EST Presentation - Kim Lowry, Lockheed Martin

- Thanks for allowing Lockheed Martin to participate in this meeting and the reception.
- We appreciate the support on the carriage of firefighters issue.
- Lockheed's firefighting intelligence initiative has become a top priority of our CEO. There is a lot from the DoD environment that can be adapted for wildfire. We are not selling anything right now, it's all R&D. We're working with federal, state, and local government, as well as other company partners.

3:05 PM EST Development Report - Emily Griffin

- Thanks to all current members of the Associates Club.
- On our new donation platform, you can create a team and invite people to donate to your page.
- The individuals who have: (1) raised the most funding from new Associate's Club members and (2) brought in the largest number of new Associate's Club members will win tickets to the 2024 CFSI Symposium and Dinner and related events!

3:10 PM EST Subcommittee Reports

Fundraising – Vickie Pritchett

- CFSI's Sponsorship Prospectus is out for the Symposium and Dinner (April 24-25, 2024)
- Please look at your organizations and see what more you can do for CFSI
- In addition to a table, please take a look at the prospectus to see if there are any items that you can support. If you don't see something that fits what you're looking for, call Emily.
- Thank you all for being involved.

Resolutions – Chief Dennis Compton

- Resolution in support of a role for the United States Fire Administrator in the administration of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Program
- Sean Carroll, NFFF: Every year, the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor is given out to firefighters, but there is no role for the U.S. Fire Administrator. Fire service leadership is sporadically invited. This resolution asks CFSI to work with the national organizations to ensure that USFA has a role in the Medal of Valor ceremony.
- NFFF made the motion
- NFPA seconded
- The resolution passed unanimously.

3:20 PM EST New Business

Presentation - Leslie Marshall, SFPE Foundation

- Funded by FP&S.

- The goal is to translate the engineering science resources we have to fill unmet training and resource needs for wildfire.
- SFPE worked with fire departments and groups all around the country in creating the handbook.
- We launched a WUI virtual handbook in 2023. It can also be downloaded for offline use.
- We also developed a training that we just completed. It is designed to draw on the virtual handbook and other resources. It can be offered virtually or in-person.
- We're in discussion with the National Fire Academy about bringing this training to state fire training academies.

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