

Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Washington Gas
1000 Maine Avenue SW
Washington, DC
October 10, 2024 - 2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Opening Remarks – Preet Bassi, CFSI NAC Chair

- I look forward to serving as your NAC Chair.
- Thanks to CSFI staff and fellow NAC leadership.
- Introduction of speaker: Dr. John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

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- NIOSH is excited to be working on a variety of projects related to the fire and emergency services.
- To help organize work and better liaise with stakeholders, NIOSH has created the Center for Firefighter Safety, Health, and Well-being.
- As an update on the National Firefighter Registry, NIOSH continues to encourage people to register. Current registration is around 20,000.

Executive Director's Report – Bill Webb, CFSI Executive Director

- It was an honor to attend the AFG/SAFER/USFA bill signing at the White House.
- CFSI plans to move our office into DC. We will distribute a new mailing address when we have it.
- Our 2025 program will be February 12-13 at the Marriott Marquis. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
- We are accepting nominations for our national awards. Please share information about the awards with members of your organizations.

Vice Chair/Fundraising Subcommittee Report – Vickie Pritchett, CFSI NAC Vice Chair

- Thanks to Leigh Hubbard for her suggestion to create the Fall Reception Impact Sponsorships.
- If you aren't a member of the CFSI Associate's Club, please join today and share information about the program with your colleagues.
- Sponsorships for the 2025 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium & Dinner are still available.
- Please consider donating to the 2025 CFSI Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Symposium

Development Report — Emily Griffin, CFSI Development Director

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 - Please consider buying a cling that we'll display in the atrium of the Marriott Marquis during our 2025 program.

Programmatic Report — Karl Fippinger, CFSI Programmatic Subcommittee Chair

- Thanks to all the members of the Programmatic Subcommittee.
- This year our request for seminar proposals covers three categories: research, recruitment and retention, and an open call. Please help amplify the call for proposals.
- We look forward to a great program in 2025.

Legislative Report – Michaela Campbell, CFSI Director of Government Affairs

- Thanks to all who attended MFRI Day.
- Thanks to all for their work in getting the AFG/SAFER/USFA bill signed into law.
- We continue to support several standalone bills and hope to see them become law this Congress.
- We also requested several fire service priority items via the appropriations process and will be keeping an eye on the December 20th CR deadline.
- Please help get the word out about the Fire Caucus! We need to grow the membership!

Resolutions Subcommittee Report – Preet Bassi, CFSI NAC Chair

- Resolution to support standards for Li-ion battery standards in micromobility devices
 - IFMA made the motion.
 - FAMA seconded.
 - The resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution supporting the transition to NG9-1-1
 - FEMSA made the motion.
 - NFFF seconded the motion.
 - The resolution passed unanimously.

Membership Subcommittee Report — Steve Edwards, CFSI Membership Subcommittee Chair

- UL Standards & Engagement submitted an application for membership. The Membership Subcommittee recommends approval by the full NAC.
- IFMA made the motion.
- Fire Chief/FireRescue1 seconded the motion.
- ULSE was unanimously approved as a new NAC member.

New NAC Initiative - Bill & Preet

- We have been looking for a way to harness the NAC's collective brainpower and enhance engagement.
- We will be starting a monthly newsletter for members of the NAC.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.