

Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
May 1, 2020

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order on May 1, 2020, at 10:32 a.m. by Chief Greg Cade, Chair of the National Advisory Committee.

Dr. William Jenaway, President of the CFSI Board of Directors

- We are in a challenging time but please stay the course with us.

Chair's Report

- Chief Greg Cade delivered the Chair's report.
- Thanks for supporting me as NAC Chair.
- Legislative advocacy is a challenge in an election year and with COVID-19.

Vice-Chair's Report

- Chief Ron Siarnicki delivered the Vice-Chair's report.
- It's an interesting time for all of us.
- The fire service is being impacted by COVID-19 and the numbers are continuing to grow.
- Mentioned PSOB and eligibility during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- International Firefighters Day is May 4.

Executive Director's Report

- Bill Webb, CFSI's Executive Director, delivered a report.
- We had been working on our dinner and were well into finalizing everything when we had to cancel due to the pandemic.
- We developed a Task Force to make recommendations about how to move forward.
 - We are looking to develop a smaller event later in the year to help us recognize award recipients and thank supporters.
- Each organization must pay a fee of \$3,750. That helps us continue our work. We'll be sending reminders to organizations that haven't submitted payments yet.
- We are continuing to educate Members of Congress on the needs of the fire service during this critical time.

Legislative Report

- Michaela Campbell, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs, delivered a report.
- CFSI's legislative work is ongoing in 2020:
 - CFSI held a briefing for congressional staff in March on AFG and SAFER.
 - CFSI has also had discussions with appropriations committee staff and fire caucus staff regarding FY2021 appropriations.
 - Congress has also been working on COVID-19 funding and passed several packages.

- Congress and the agencies continue to work remotely and we have been in contact to advocate for CFSI's priorities.

Development Report

- Steven Tramel, CFSI's Development Manager, delivered a report.
- CFSI is looking at an event - not a dinner, likely a reception - in October in Washington, DC. We are also exploring a NAC meeting at that time. However, details are subject to change.
- Bill Webb noted that the event would likely be around the time of the NFFF Memorial Weekend.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Ethics** – No report
- **Programmatic** – Ron Siarnicki
 - Thank you to the Programmatic Subcommittee.
 - The subcommittee worked with CFSI staff to get a great seminar program together, but unfortunately without the symposium, we're looking at other options to offer this great programming.
 - We have an array of programs and presenters, we just don't know for sure what's going to happen.
- **Resolutions** – Denny Compton
 - The subcommittee spent a lot of time on these resolutions, all of which passed the subcommittee unanimously.
 - Three resolutions were considered by the National Advisory Committee:
 - *A resolution in support of federal agency and congressional actions through increased funding and support for fire prevention*
 - Offered by the National Association of State Fire Marshals
 - Motion: National Association of State Fire Marshals
 - Second: International Association of Fire Chiefs
 - Unanimously approved
 - *A resolution recognizing the essential services that building and fire prevention departments provide and supporting investments that permit these departments to enforce building and life safety codes remotely*
 - Offered by the International Code Council
 - Motion: International Code Council
 - Second: National Association of State Fire Marshals
 - Unanimously approved
 - *A resolution recognizing that up-to-date national, consensus-based, building codes promote fire and life safety while supporting housing choice and affordability*
 - Offered by the International Code Council and cosponsored by the National Fire Protection Association
 - Motion: International Code Council
 - Second: National Fire Protection Association
 - Unanimously approved
- **Fundraising** – Vickie Pritchett

- We are ready to assist with contacting sponsors who were lined up for the dinner.
- CFSI plays an important role and we ask everyone to be as supportive as possible.
- Please consider joining the Associates Club if you are not already a member.
- **Membership** – Tony O’Neill
 - Bill Webb noted that there were no new applications. There was one pending application that required additional information sought by the Membership Subcommittee, but the organization has not submitted the information. Therefore, no additional action has been taken on the application.

Election of Officers

- Chair
 - Motion to nominate Ron Siarnicki made by Vickie Pritchett
 - Seconded by Denny Compton
 - Unanimously approved
- Vice-Chair
 - Motion to nominate Craig Hannan made by Ron Siarnicki
 - Seconded by Denny Compton
 - Unanimously approved

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business was discussed

New Business

- No new business was discussed

Presentation - Bill Bradley (Anheuser-Busch)

- Last year, Anheuser-Busch committed 1 million cans of drinking water to firefighters. They delivered 1.6 million cans last year to more than 300 locations.
- Anheuser-Busch is also planning to expand its program this year to assist with recruitment of volunteers. Anheuser-Busch is partnering with Spartan Race to encourage their participants to consider joining the volunteer fire service.
- Question from Bill Webb - are competitions on hold?
 - Answer: To the best of my knowledge, everything is on hold at the moment.

Presentation – Mike Worrell & Chief Richard Carrizzo (FirstNet)

- Over the last quarterly report (end of March) there were 1,200 public safety agencies on FirstNet. This was a jump from the previous quarter.
- AT&T is ahead of schedule and has about 75% of Band 14 built out (mostly in metro areas, but now they’re branching out to smaller areas).
- Push to talk is now out (FirstNet Push to Talk).
- Contact Information:
 - Chief Rich Carrizzo
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FirstNet Authority Board Member
Richard.carrizzo@firstnet.gov

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- Mike Worrell
Director of Field Operations
FirstNet Authority
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Adjournment

- Upon motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

CFSI Board of Directors:

- Bill Jenaway, President
- Jim Estep, Vice President
- Chris Neal, Secretary/Treasurer
- Steve Austin
- Peggy Echols
- Shane Ray

CFSI Staff

- Bill Webb, Executive Director
- Steven Tramel, Development Manager
- Michaela Campbell, Director of Government Affairs

NAC Leadership

- Greg Cade, Chair
- Ron Siarnicki, Vice Chair

Members

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| ● Wallace Banks | International Fire Buff Associates |
| ● Preet Bassi | Center for Public Safety Excellence |
| ● Paul Brooks | Institution of Fire Engineers - USA Branch |
| ● Denny Compton | International Fire Service Training Association |
| ● Mike Cox | North American Fire Training Directors |
| ● Toby Cummings | International Municipal Signal Association |
| ● John Denhardt | American Fire Sprinkler Association |
| ● David Durstine | Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association |
| ● Vina Drennan | Common Voices |
| ● Dianne Eggerman | Center for Campus Fire Safety |
| ● Karl Fippinger | International Code Council |
| ● Eriks Gabliks | North American Fire Training Directors |
| ● Bob Guthrie | National Volunteer Fire Council |
| ● John Granby | Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services |

- Craig Hannan
 - Steve Kerber
 - Roger Krupp
 - Dave Lang
 - Ken LaSala
 - Gabe Maser
 - David Michaels
 - Dave Moore
 - Jim Narva
 - Stuart Nathan
 - Tony O'Neill
 - Sarah Owen
 - Steve Pegram
 - Vickie Pritchett
 - Mikel Robinson
 - Alan Sactor
 - Debbie Sobotka
 - Bill Spencer
 - Seth Statler
 - Scott Stephens
 - Victoria Valentine
 - Bruce Varner
 - Terry Victor
 - Tom Zimmerman
- Association
International Fire Service Training Association
Underwriters Laboratories
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Fire Fighters
International Association of Fire Chiefs
International Code Council
VFIS
International Association of Wildland Fire
National Association of State Fire Marshals
International Fire Buff Associates
National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
Underwriters Laboratories
International Society of Fire Service Instructors
National Fire Sprinkler Association
International Association of Wildland Fire
Center for Campus Fire Safety
Center for Public Safety Excellence
National Association of State Fire Marshals
National Fire Protection Association
International Association of Arson Investigators
Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Institution of Fire Engineers - USA Branch
Johnson Controls
International Association of Wildland Fire

Presenters

- Bill Bradley
 - Richard Carrizzo
 - Mike Worrell
- Anheuser-Busch
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