

**WISCONSIN FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION**

**QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**Sunday October 28, 2007**

**The Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire, WI**

**Call to Order at 1807 hours**

**Roll Call**

President	Tod Doebler	present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ron Omernick	present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Guy Santelli	present
Exec. Sec. Treasurer	Gil Hucek	present
Recording Secretary	Kevin T. Erdmann	present
Past President	Steve Koback	present
Parliamentarian	Jeff Pollard	present
Area 1	Vacant	
Area 2	Scott R. Wagner	present
Area 3	Vacant	
Area 4	Tom Clark	present
Area 5	George Krudop	present
Area 6	Tom Wendt	present
Area 7	Randy Pinchard	present
Area 8	Bill Becker	absent
Area 9	Dale Garski	present
Area 10	Tom Waydick	alternate
Area 11	Vacant	
Area 12	Josef Eklund	present
Area 13	Dave Krupich	excused
Area 14	Vacant	
Area 15	Arthur Gil de Lamadrid	present
Area 16	Mark Hoppenjan	present
Dept. of Commerce	Joe Hertel	present
Guests: Dave Lind, Bob Vajgrt		

4. Presidents report: Tod Doebler mentioned that Bob Phillips and passed away on Thursday. He was working at a chimney fire with the Athelstave Fire Department and had an apparent heart attack. A moment of silence was taken. Tom Waydick introduced himself as a possible new chair for area 10. Tod Doebler stated that the year went by fast and some things were done and some not. Tod Doebler would like to run again for president and continue with the strategic plan. He stated that he had frustrations with the plans for NFPA training, Wausau had to be canceled due to only two person sign up. Madison has 18-20 people and he contacted Jim Dolan and Jim said that he would still do the class. Ron Omernick asked if it was bad advertising or did people think it was old because it said NFPA 2006? He thought people thought it was old training. Mark Hoppenjan stated that inspectors were not getting information in small departments.
5. 2007 Conference Committee update: Guy Santelli talked about the new wears supplier The Firefighters Daughters. Guy Santelli stated that the Association will not hold an inventory any more. The new vendor will be on our web site, also at vendor night and the banquet. On line orders will not take payment. You have to print out the order and send it in. Guy Santelli stated that the conference is set. The conference committee worked very hard. Due to requests the basic fire inspector class will be offered at next year's conference. Also contact Jeff Pollard or Sue Phillips and they will travel to your area for training. Housekeeping items, rooms-front desk. Breaks- crystal ball room area and lobby. Additional breakfast area A wing and lobby. Tuesdays schedule was changed. If there are any nominations give them to a past president. Hotel is doing specials for conference attendees-lunch buffet. Sally Jo the general manager for the hotel welcomed us and explained what the hotel was doing and all the specials on Monday and Wednesday. There are wrist bands for the vendor night and the banquet. Guy Santelli then handed out the schedule for vendor night: 5:45-6:15 Tom Clark and Randy Pinchard, 6:15-6:45 Mark Hoppenjan and Arthur Gil de Lamadrid 6:45-7:15 Kevin Erdmann and Steve Koback 7:15-7:45 Ron Omernick and Tod Doebler. Banquet night: 5:45-6:15 Scott Wegner and Jeff Pollard 7:15-7:45 Tom Clark and Dave Krupich. Vendor night there is a passport to have all 18 vendors stamp and there is a drawing at 9:30 for a dell laser printer, must be present to win. There will be a DJ during the event; also food will be out all night. Tod Doebler was able to get Miller to donate for both vendor night and the banquet. Speaker announcements were handed out; also speakers will get a thank you gift. The sponsorship program went well, \$5250.00 in fees and a total of 9-10 thousand with other donations. Guy Santelli asked that next year each area get four sponsors from their area for the program. Guy Santelli had an agreement drafted for the Firefighters Daughters. There was some discussion on same.
6. Secretary's report: The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
7. Treasurers Report: Gil Hucek, checking \$1831.08, savings \$54347.71, total \$56176.79. Guy Santelli motioned to approve, Mark Hoppenjan seconded. Motion carried.
8. Department of Commerce: Joe Hertel stated that the Secretary of Commerce is resigning effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. No news on legislation.
9. Old Business: Tod Doebler stated again that the basic inspector class will be at the next conference. Regional training, Jeff Pollard mentioned that Depere is interested in the basic class and new classed for code citations will be on cd soon. Historian, anything new, Ron Omernick has made some contacts. Steve Koback introduced a new pamphlet on the association. It contains a mission statement, vision statement, what we do and a list of events and a membership application. November 15<sup>th</sup> was set as a dead line for changes. There was some discussion on a corporate pamphlet. Tod Doebler How do

we use it to market the association and membership? Mark Hoppenjan how are we going to get them out? Jeff Pollard can we join with other firefighter committees? Ron Omernick send them out with the Department of Commerce packets. Dave Lind suggested getting a booth at the Chiefs conference. Tod Doebler asked why not a booth at the firefighters conference. George Krudop thought it would be better in person than in a mailing. Steve Koback stated that maybe the area chairs could distribute to the area departments. Gil Hucek stated that most important is to get the chiefs to buy in. Tod Doebler will also use e-mail trees. Guy Santelli stated that the firefighters association will not give out any information. There was further discussion on other organizations. Dave Lind also suggested adding them to the dispatcher and league of municipality magazines. Mark Hoppenjan added that we should get involved with the Department of Commerce.

10. New Business: Discussion on filling vacant area chairs. George Krudop mentioned that neighboring chairs could assist with the vacant areas. Guy Santelli, should the areas be changed. Discussion that the areas were changed about nine years ago. Joe Ekland stated that areas 12 & 13 have been having combined meetings. He uses the 2% dues route to get members to come to the meetings. Ron Omernick mentioned to put the new brochures in the Department of Commerce mailings. Dave Lind said maybe we should survey our members as to why they belong: It might be because of inexpensive training. Tod Doebler asked board for help in filling vacant area chairs. Tod Doebler said we received a request from Wisconsin Burn Survivors for support. George Krudop stated that we should not split donations, but give to both burn organizations. Randy Pinchard updated us on the web site. Need to update the by laws and SOG's on the web. Jeff Pollard questioned do we need an archivist? Randy Pinchard said the web site has lots of storage.

Break 0745-0800

11. Fire and EMS Coalition: Mabas Wisconsin wanted to join, the vote was no. No other actions were taken. The coalition looks at fire related stuff.
12. Commercial building code council: none
13. Comm 14 committee: none
14. Alteration and change of occupancy code council: none
15. Tank committee: none
16. Web page update: In January the contract comes up. Randy Pinchard asked what to do with the bill. Tod Doebler give it to Gil Hucek. Mark Hoppenjan asked if we are paying fair market value.
17. SOG and by-law committee. Jeff Pollard handed out changes to the SOG's. Page 2 and 3. No changes for conference name needed. Tod Doebler asked for a motion on page 2, Ron Omernick moved and Scott Wagner seconded. Discussion: George Krudop asked should we have two chairpersons one for pub ed and one for codes. Vote, motion passed. Jeff Pollard discussed page 3. Tod Doebler asked for a motion on page 3. Ron Omernick moved, Steve Koback seconded. Discussion: Gil Hucek, could that be put in the budget for the conference, Joe Hertel has concerns on the wording of #2, can the board overrule. There was further discussion on the motion. Vote, motion carried.
18. Membership committee: the second vice president was added.
19. Awards committee: Steve Koback stated that there were a number of awards this year. The career Chief will be awarded in La Crosse on Wednesday. Educator of the year at

opening ceremonies. Inspector of the year there is one career and first time ever the volunteer will be shared by two. Tod Doebler spoke about pushing for nominees, they do not have to come from a Chief.

20. Firefighter Memorial: Steve Koback has a copy of the financial report from last year. It only goes back one year. He also asked that the association resume a \$500.00 donation to the memorial for a stone. The final alarm ceremony was a success.
21. Fire service joint advisory committee: none
22. Inspector certification committee: none
23. Fire service 2% liaison committee: none
24. Wears and novelties: Ron Omernick asked about sales tax on items. Gill Hucek stated there is no need because we are not taxed on them. Bob Vajgrt discussed on what to do with the leftovers. Should we sell them at cost. Discussion on same, to be announced later.
25. Finance committee: Audit is complete.
26. Education committee: none
27. Site selection committee: It will be Wausau 2009 starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2008 Eau Claire October 20-24.
28. Around the table:
  - Tod Doebler: Keep going forward, write down one goal to achieve for 2008 and let him know. What is the boards feeling on a legislation liaison? Tom Clark, it is important to have one. Ron Omernick feels the same and stated that our voices need to be heard. Mark Hoppenjan will assist Tod Doebler into looking for one. Tod Dobler stated thanks to all for the word during the year.
  - Ron Omernick: Thanks to the conference committee for the best job ever.
  - Guy Santelli: none
  - Gil Hucek: none
  - Kevin T. Erdmann: none
  - Steve Koback: this is a new conference lots of time and effort, committee deserves a pat on the back.
  - Jeff Pollard: Fantastic job by the committee
  - Scott R. Wagner Area 2: none
  - Tom Clark Area 4: good conference
  - Geroge Krudop Area 5: good conference
  - Tom Wendt area 6: meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac
  - Randy Pinchard Area 7: meeting in January
  - Dale Garski Area 9: none
  - Josef Ekland Area 12: Thanks for coming to this area for the conference. There are cans for collections for burn camp.
  - Arthur Gil de Lamadrid Area 15: none
  - Mark Hoppenjan Area 16: This is my last conference, there will be a new chair.

Meeting Adjourned at 2050hrs

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin T. Erdmann  
Recording Secretary

