

**WISCONSIN FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
 TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2007
 THE PLAZA HOTEL, WAUSAU, W**

1. Call to order at 1000hrs at the Plaza Hotel in Wausau.

2. Role call was taken.

President	Tod Doebler	present
1 st Vice President	Ron Omernick	present
2 nd Vice President	Guy Santelli	present
Exec Sec/Treas	Gil Hucek	present
Recording Sec.	Kevin T. Erdmann	present
Past President	Steve Kovach	present
Parliamentarian	Jeff Pollard	present
Area 1	vacant	
Area 2	Scott Wegner	present
Area 3	vacant	present
Area 4	Tom Clark	present
Area 5	George Krudop	present
Area 6	Tom Wendt	present
Area 7	Randy Pinchard	present
Area 8	Bill Becker	excused
Area 9	Steve Kobach	alternate
Area 10	Jon Petroskey	absent
Area 11	Jerry Paulson	absent
Area 12	Josef Ekland	present
Area 13	Josef Ekland	alternate
Area 14	Ed Jeffries	absent
Area 15	Arthur Gil de Lamadrid	excused
Area 16	Mark Hoppenjan	absent
Dept. of Comm.	Joe Hertel	present
Guests	none	

3. Introductions: there were none

4. President's report: President Doebler spoke about other events that he went to in representing the Association. NFPA. He stated that there is a parade yahoo group through the NFPA and the Association will look into putting a link on our web site. He attended the NFPA Midwest Tech. Committee in Lacrosse. He met contacts for possible NFPA code changes in the future. Tod and Steve Kobach made a presentation at Burn Camp and showed the Association support of same. Tod and Steve attended the Chiefs conference to present the chief of the year award. The chief that received the award passed away approximately 2 weeks ago. Tod attended Chiefing 101 and explained what our Association does and asked for their support of us and fire inspectors. Ron Omernick thanked Tod for attending all of the above. Steve Kobach would like to see a brochure of what the Association does and hand it out to Chiefs marketing our Association. Tod spoke of suggestions for the brochure and to forward them to Steve. Ron Omernick spoke on our strategic plan on the web, check into changes and or additions. Discussion on same.

5. Secretaries report: Motion by Steve Kobach second by Ron Omernick to approve last meetings minutes. Motion carried.
6. Treasurers report. Checking account \$1,926.26, Savings account \$23,884.43, Total \$25,810.69. Motion by Guy Santelli second by Steve Kobach to approve the report. Motion carried.
7. Department of Commerce: Joe Hertel stated that the legislation hearing was a couple weeks ago on NFPA 1. The new document will be a great help to us. The sprinkler threshold is still up in the air. The department is hoping for a January 1, 2007 induction. The department met with the fire coordinators and they would like to see a Q and A on the department web site. The department has hired a new person that will spend ½ time on codes and ½ time on the department web site.
8. Old business: there was none
9. New business:
 - A. NFPA 1 UFC training plans Madison – Wausau: Tod has a draft out on the training. Madison will be the 10-11 and Wausau will be the 13 one day. Cost will be \$15.00 per day. Joe Hertel stated that the department is looking into classes for the spring.
 - B. Regional training classes: Comm 14 training can go direct to the fire Coordinators. Goals we need to know other classes and topics needed.
 - C. Basic fire inspector class: Areas can work direct with Jeff Pollard to have training in their areas. There was discussion as to why basic is not offered at the conference.
 - D. Area training concerns: see above or bring them to the board
 - E. Historian: Tod has questions of when did the Association start, how, why. Steve Kobach thinks that the Association might have missed its 50th. Tod stated that the association needs a historian. Ron Omernick will check on the history. Tod stated to gather information as we go.
 - F. IBC book purchase group: Joe Hertel mentioned the possibility of 2% Dues to purchase IBC on disc or in book form. Areas should get numbers and see if we can do a group purchase. It would be by pre payment only.
 - G. Business manager: Tod stated that the Chiefs association has a business Manager to coordinate conferences and updates and that it is a part time position. Question does the Association need one, would it be a paid position? George Krudop asked who does it for the Chiefs? Gil Hucek stated he cannot think of work that he would give them. George stated that we should open up a dialog with the Chiefs, check on would that person do it and cost. Come up with a list of what we would need. Tod stated that they would do things like make arrangements for printing and things like that. Gil stated that the area chairs are not doing things. It was explained that the person

would be a coordinator. Tod, certain tasks would be delegated and some will not. Ron stated how much time and efforts go into the conference and NFPA 1 classes. Guy stated that we have day to day things that are not getting done. Ron suggested that we network on it and take time to think about it. Guy stated that we should but it on old business for the next meeting.

10. 2007 Conference committee update and planning: Tod, The Association is looking into the future, JFS, Codes, Tank inspectors. The Association is very diverse. Concerns of the conference brochure and the name changes. Guy stated the conference is moving at lightning speed. Guy named the committee. The pre-conference brochure was e-mailed in July to 552 persons. The conference mailed brochure went out on Wednesday, Guy also resent it on the e-mail tree, and also that it is in The Wisconsin Fire Journal. Speakers went very well, there was Savings on the key note speakers. The Dept. of Comm., Fire Departments stepped in and helped with the savings. The conference Committee has worked no less than 100 hours each. Vendors have Stepped up for vendor night, Simplex, Roma foods, Miller. There will be Entertainment at Vendor night. Banquet in on Thursday evening. There was discussion on the day of the banquet. There also was Discussion on the Friday ending. Steve K. expressed concerns on Pub. Ed. Classes. Guy stated that the conference is under budget. Guy came up with a vendor letter in coordination with the EMS Conference. Sent letters to sponsors, some are coming in already. We have had great responses so far. Each area needs to get 1 Or 2 prizes from their area. There is a possibility of a big prize and What day to give it away. Gil stated that the conference is under Budget, buy a big prize and buy it in the city of the conference. Ron asked how to match prizes to winners and how to give them Away. Joe H. also had suggestions for give away. Tom Clark and George will work on give a way's.

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Will buy large gift for final large prize. Motion was made to spend \$500 For a grand prize. Ron moved and Steve K. second, motion carried. Committee will check on prize. Person must be present to win. Guy Had discussion on payment of room for conference chair. Tod, can we Find specific by-law or SOG that address room payment? Need to Clarify this. The Vice president was struck from the by-laws last time. Guy, motion to pick up 2 additional nights for conference chair on the Association. George second. Discussion Gil conference committee is Under current by-laws, read current by-laws. Steve K. no problem with Sue. Look into free rooms from the hotel, every 50 rooms I free night. Gil if all free room taken, use free rooms first. Joe H. suggestion for Amendment for 2007 conference only for Sue Phillips. Ron O. Sue Did a great job, it might be nice to compensate her department. I think the motion died. I do not have notes on it sorry. George, suggestion that if fund raisers want raise funds at the Convention they should bring their own prize to give away.

Guy, to reward persons that were on the committee, badges should be issued. Guy, it would be \$210 to buy committee members name tags. George K. second. Discussion: Gil, name tags were reserved for board members, would have too many at the conference. George Maybe have committee tags for each year and give a plaque or something instead. Steve K. agree with George not a name badge A plaque or something. Tod, name tags distinguish board members However committee members need to be identified. Important that Committee members be recognized. Guy, badges could look different. Steve K., change to dissimilar from the board. Gil, recommend that the Motion be declined, come up with a different design. Joe H. get tags To hang on name badge "committee". Joe Eklund, name tags for the committee to keep and use at other events. Guy, withdrew motion. Guy, we never give anything to the speakers that do not charge. Gil, it would be up to the committee. Gil, where did the heading on the Brochure come from. Guy, it was a slip up on the first one. Guy Sponsored by should have been presented by. Ron O. same Questions as Gil. In the future it needs to be approved by the board. Guy, we would need to change the by-laws. Gil, how did it get Changed? George K. have board come up with new name next year. Maybe we should change name of the association. Guy, all please Promote the conference. Tod we don't need the frustrations, the Committee took the incentive to change the name of the conference. Come together and support it. Lets make an appropriate by-law Change. Steve K. with the Tuesday conference business meeting Nominations are needed and given to the past presidents for elections. Tod will make announcement at opening ceremonies. Tod, start Nominations at the area level. By-laws committee should check into Changing the name of the conference. Randy Pinchard needs to see A copy of the charter, to see what the name is on it. Tod, not an Association name change, a conference name change. Steve K. are we getting reservations? Gil, 26 at this time.

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11. Fire and EMS coalition: none
12. Commercial building code council: will start work on 2009 updates when new code passes. Would like to get it on a 3 year schedule.
13. Comm. 14 committee: none
14. Alteration and change of occupancy code council: none
15. Tank committee: Ron O. schedule for training is set to go. Tank audits are set to go. Monthly reports are no longer required.
16. Web page update: Randy Pinchard took over web page. Had questions about old links. In memory of, do we need it? Gil, keep it in, check with area chairs and keep them for 30 days. E-mail through the association web site. Don't add it. Tod, wonderful job by Randy.

17. SOG and by-law committee: no changes pending, Meeting Sunday at 1800.
18. Membership committee: Gil, 535 right now down a hair about 20 members. George, suggestion for roster on the web. Name, department and city only. Change it to board members only. George, suggestion to join the association on the conference brochure.
19. Awards committee: need nominations for Pub. Ed, career inspector.
20. Fire fighter memorial: Final alarm October 6th. Also a request was made for the accountability report.
21. Fire service joint advisory committee: audit of 2% dues. Possible budget cuts.
22. Inspector Certification committee: 07-08 revamp of inspectors program, 08 hope to use NFPA.
23. Fire service 2% liaison committee: none
24. Wears and novelties: Gil checking into, also has current inventory. Future will be able to order direct from vendor.
25. Finance committee: Audit is complete
26. Education committee: none
27. Site selection committee: Had meeting. Visited Raddison in Green Bay. Having a meeting after this one. Sites Plaza-Wausau, Raddison-Greenbay, Kalahari-Wisc. Dells, Washara-Pewaukee, Holiday Inn-Manitowoc, Paper Valley-Appleton.
28. Around the table:
 - Tod Doeblor: thanks for your time and efforts, look into the future.
 - Ron Omernick: Thanks to Tod, especially Guy and Sue Phillips for all the conference work. Web site update.
 - Guy Santelli: Spouse program is going well. Questions on bonding, for persons handling monies. Spread the word on the conference. There will be wrist bands for the vendor night and the banquet, needed to attend. Can be purchased at the door.
 - Gil Hucek: none
 - Kevin T. Erdmann: none
 - Steve Kovach: remember the memorial night and award nominees.
 - Jeff Pollard: none
 - Scott Wegner Area 2: none and welcome from the board
 - Tom Clark Area 4: none
 - George Krudop Area 5: Thanks to all from the conference committee
 - Tom Wendt Area 6: none
 - Randy Pinchard Area 7: meeting next Thursday.
 - Steve Kovach Alt. Area 9: meeting in November at the conference.
 - Joe Ekland Area 12: meeting at the conference.
 - Joe Ekland Alt. Area 13 meeting at the conference.
 - Joe Hertel Dept. of Comm: none

Motion to adjourn at 1446, motion approved, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin T. Erdmann
Recording Secretary