

**November 17, 2016 MSFCA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

President Esbensen called the meeting to order at 12:04

**Present:**

President – George Esbensen

Vice President/Cities of the First Class St. Paul – Tim Butler

Region 1 Capitol City – Mike Scott

Region 2 Northern – Gary Larson

Region 3 Arrowhead – Kurt Rogers

Region 4 Northwest – Mark Schmidt

Region 6 Lake - Bill Thoennes

Region 10 Central – Jay Wood

Region 11 United – Dale Specken

Region 12 Minnesota Valley – Gary Conrath

Region 14 South Central – Jeff Bengtson

Region 15 Southeast – Chuck Karl

Cities of the First Class Duluth – Dennis Edwards

Cities of the First Class Minneapolis - John Fruetel

Great Lakes Division – Adam Mannausau

Editor – Jena Noah

Agent of MSFCA – Nyle Zikmund

Agent of MSFCA – Theresa Zikmund

Parliamentarian – Ulie Seal

**Absent:**

Past President – Vacant

Region 5 Cuyuna – Chip Lohmiller

Region 7 St. Croix Valley – Tom Miller

Region 8 North Suburban – John Cunningham

Region 9 West Central – Marc Klaith

Region 13 Southwest – Mark Marcy

SFM – Bruce West

Cities of the First Class Rochester – Greg Martin

DNR – Tim Oland

HSEM – Joe Kelly

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Rogers second by Schmidt to approve the October 26, 2016 Minutes. Motion approved.

**Finance Report:**

Motion by Scott second by Thoennes to approve November 2016 Finance Committee Report. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

* 1. Section Application
     1. North Star Women – Notified North Star, working on setting up a meeting
     2. FITOAM – Met with FITOAM to start working on Transition
  2. Policy #108 – Directors Roles – Policy and Communication - Updated and posted updated manual on web page
  3. Governance Committee –Esbensen working on appointments
     1. **President working on putting together and the following will be on committee; Gary Conrath , Chief Mark Sitarz (St. Anthony), Chief Cunningham will be chair, Chief Jankila and Chief Scott will comprise. Chief Cunningham will reach out to Chief Butler to confirm scope.**
  4. Legal and Advocacy Fund – At printers, will be merging in aid payment. **Mailed out, hit mailboxes this Tuesday.**
  5. RFP for Executive Director –Reminder to get your feedback to Chief Karl, if you have any suggested edits.
  6. Fiscal Agent for SFM Juvenile Fire Network – Zikmund
     1. **Motion by Wood, second by Larson. Motion approved.**

**New Business:**

Creation of State Sprinkler Coalition – Chief Butler advocated for creation of a State wide sprinkler coalition. We have made sprinklers a state issue and President Esbensen has made this a priority. This was born of the AFG grant which is good, but a onetime effort. A coalition would provide a long term – long range strategy. About 27 other states have coalitions and there are others that can help. If we are committed to long term goal; we should form a coalition.

Reapply for AFG grant to support statewide residential sprinkler awareness campaign – Esbensen,

President has asked FSC to reapply for grant. Recent NFPA Research Foundation study shows support. Base application completed by work done by Belmont Partners who will not be a vendor. Will continue to discuss.

Partnership with MPFF and MSFDA on Trifecta strategy – Esbensen

From legislative perspective we are going to bundle the cancer, cardiac, and mental health/emotional health making sure we have a cohesive message. Do not want to segment or tradeoff. Get the wellbeing of Firefighters on the forefront. Look for more to come in the next few weeks.

**Other:**

Butler requested information on the AFG Grant and Bellmont strategy.

Samer asked to forward on information at Fire Officers School. Moving along very well.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 Motion by Schmidt

Next Meeting – December 15, 2016 - NOON