

Iowa Firefighters Association

Mid Year Business Meeting

March 24, 2018

Coralville, IA

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Marv Trimble.

The colors were presented by Past President Roger Bissen.

Welcome by Coralville Mayor Jon Lundell

Mayor Lundell said it was a pleasure to welcome a group like ours to town and the Marriott specifically. He mentioned spending many years being a Coralville firefighter. He mentioned the changes happening in the area. There will be a new ice arena in the area as well as a new hotel. It continues to be a nice addition to the community. He mentioned that he and his wife are in charge of maintaining the website for Iowa Fires Memorial. He said that he enjoyed speaking at our event.

Resolution #1- Mark McNeese

To the members of the Iowa Firefighters Association assembled here in Coralville, IA on this 24th day of March in the year 2018.

WHEREAS: We would like to thank the Coralville Marriott, the Coralville Fire Department, the Mid Year Committee and the citizens of Coralville for their gracious hospitality.

THEREFORE: Let it be resolved that this resolution be passed by a standing ovation from all members present at this annual Mid Year meeting of the Iowa Firefighters Association. Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee.

Iowa EMS- Mark McCollough

First I want to thank your association and leadership for support over the last year with GEMT, Ground Emergency Medical Transport. He gave clarification of what GEMT is and that it is not taking funding away from anyone. It is a supplement to cover the difference what is received from Medicaid insurance and what it costs to run the ambulance. In essence they are taking a loss when they transport a Medicaid patient, they are still doing it because it is their job.

Interoperability Communications Bureau- Chris Maiers

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update to the Association. It is appreciated.

I am your relatively new SWIC.

The build-out of the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) is nearing completion. Nearly all the towers are constructed. It will provide at least 95% mobile coverage and a significant amount of portable coverage.

We'll be undergoing acceptance testing of the system soon which includes driving across Iowa in ¼ mile by ¼ mile blocks. We are looking for volunteers to help with this.

Several sites are in a testing phase which includes site trunking which is where they are like islands, but it allows us to check the expanse of the signal for each site.

All the sites will be networked together soon, so you will be able to talk to nearly anyone in Iowa via the ISICS Platform.

It is a P25 Phase II (TDMA) network that operates on 700 MHz and a little bit of 800 MHz. Look for those aspects of any radio that may be considered for procurement— P25 Phase II (TDMA) and 700/800 MHz. If encryption is desired, ISICS will use AES256, and a multi-key device is recommended.

We are working on standards that are based on the needs of users, so if there are fire or paramedic-specific needs, please let me know.

We are working on adding efficiencies to the application process.

Other committees are working on several projects like medical transports. We are also collaborating with federal agencies such as the National Weather Service for storm spotting.

Once applications are approved, it will be recommended that all the statewide and regional interoperable talk groups along with frequencies outlined in the ISICS Board's ICS217A form.

No user fees.

The ISICS Board is investigating ways to assist PSAPs in connecting to ISICS. These efforts are ongoing every day.

Lastly on ISICS, we are evaluating radios that will work on the system and looking into various ways to connect to the system. This could be as simple as putting a mobile radio in trucks and using a vehicular repeater to rebroadcast signal to in-field personnel.

FirstNet is also being built out in Iowa. We are in a very good position to start navigating this new world of public safety broadband compared to other states.

I would encourage anyone that has any application ideas or needs to let me know. I will pass those on to FirstNet as applications ideas since those will benefit the entire user base.

We are looking at several potential pilot projects to start testing FirstNet and any associated Applications

State Fire Marshal- Dan Wood

1. The National Fire Protection Association along with the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office will be hosting a summit on May 17, 2018 at the Scheman Building on the ISU campus. NFPA is providing this training free of charge and lunch is also provided. Some of the topics that will be covered are: Iowa Fire Data and the National Problem, Fire Sprinkler Initiative, Stocking your Tool Kit (class on fire prevention), Hoarding, NFPA Wildland Fire Safety, US Consumer Product Safety Commission, Smoke Alarm Installation and Canvassing in Iowa, Carbon Monoxide Rules, and Fireworks Enforcement.

NFPA and SFM hope this is a well-attended class and can become a yearly conference.

2. The State Fire Marshal's Office was tasked by the legislature to promulgate Carbon Monoxide rules. These rules go in to effect on July 1, 2018. These can be found in the Iowa Administrative Code 661-211. Here is the link: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/03-28-2018.661.211.pdf>

3. The Fireworks season is set to open on June 1, 2018. Our licensing site has been open since March 1, 2018. A news release will come out around April 1st announcing that the site to get licensed is open. This being only the 2nd year for fireworks we are not sure what numbers to expect when it comes to licenses. In 2017 we issued 664 licenses.

4. The State Fire Marshal's Office on January 1, 2018 went to Image Trend Elite. Elite is the Image Trend Software that the Bureau of EMS has been using for 2 years. Departments are asked to enter their 2017 incidents in to Fire Bridge and to enter their 2018 incidents in to Elite. Your same usernames and passwords will work for both sites. If you have issues with anything on the Elite site please email nfirs@dps.state.ia.us

The Fire Bridge site will be shut down on July 1, 2018. Here is the link to Elite: <https://www.imagetrendelite.com/Elite/?organizationId=iowa>

FSTB Update

1. The new Certification Coordinator Gary Howard will be starting on April 6, 2018. The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Fire Service Training Bureau are very excited to have Gary on board. Gary brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the FSTB.

2. The FSTB is in the process of designing a new website and anticipate its launch in the next few months

3. The FSTB has scheduled 8 sites for Firefighter I, II, and Haz-mat Ops practical testing. Please check the website for details
4. Winter Fire School attendance numbers were way up from last year. In 2017 the attendance numbers were around 490. In 2018 the total number attended was 701. There were 61 classes delivered at fire school.
5. Currently in FY18 there have been 69 test sites and there are over 30 more sites on the calendar currently before the end of the fiscal year. Also for FY18 there have been 1,685 exams administered.
6. Computer based testing is still going through the RFB process at ISU. There is hope that the FSTB will be operational with the computer based testing process in the fall. The FSTB has no control over the timeline on this process it is the hands of ISU.

Iowa Emergency Management Association-

It was reported that they supported the 911 bills that were out there with some clean up that needed to be done. He stated that they like to partner with IFA and try to be active and volunteer.

Iowa Fire Chiefs Association-

We fully support the initiatives of the Iowa Firefighters. We will continue to try to make a voice for Iowa Firefighters. He advocated that we need a Training Bureau Chief.

Motion was made by Chuck Raska, Radcliffe to approve the minutes of the IFA business meeting held at convention September 10, 2017 in Forrest City, IA. It was seconded by Gene Evans, Osage. Motion carried.

Executive Directors Report- Amber Kephart

Introduction as new Executive Director. I started in January. In February we moved the office from Humboldt to Sigourney, which is where I live. I have been working with Wendy on training and putting in membership dues as well as preparing for the Mid Year Business meeting.

Financial Report- Amber Kephart

Here are the bank statement account balances as of February 28, 2018:

General Checking- \$45,314.17

Mutual Aid Check- \$9,672.64

125th Statue Savings \$1,014.89

Affiliated Membership Savings \$10,205.37

Convention Equipment Savings \$6,041.02
Credit Card Earnings Savings \$34,978.31
General Savings \$77,317.67
Hall of Flame Savings \$16,119.19
IFA Scholarship Fund \$6,918.80
Mutual Aid Savings \$15,478.39
Office Improvement Savings \$8,940.77
Recruitment, Retention, Defense \$8,610.26
Everbank CD- Office Improve 1 \$15,716.78
Everbank CD- Office Improve 2 \$15,853.37
Everbank CD- Office Improve 3 \$15,856.37
Everbank General CD #1 \$52,441.31
Everbank General CD #2 \$52,781.25
Everbank General CD #3 \$52,670.64
Everbank CD- Statue \$3,692.42
Everbank CD- R&R \$21,099.55
Everbank CD- Mutual Aid \$26,427.14

Motion was made by Solon Fire Department to approve the financial report. It was seconded by Tama Fire Department. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019- Amber Kephart

We met in January to prepare the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. We have an estimated total income of \$218,650. The estimated expense for that period are \$230,825.75. With an estimated loss of \$12,175.75.

Marv gave an explanation of the proposed budget. Explaining that we guess high for the budget. He stated that we have done this every year since he has been on the board and we have never had a loss.

Motion was made by Harlan Fire Department. It was seconded by Manchester Fire Department. Motion carried.

The assets of the association as of February 28, 2018 are \$549,812.81. Assets of the Foundaion as of February 28, 2018 are \$66,672.53 with \$17.34 in the Smoke Detector Fund.

Motion was made by Edgewood Fire Department to approve the foundation report. It was seconded by Grinnell Fire Department. Motion carried.

Audit Report- Marv Trimble

This year was a little different than years passed. Usually the 4th and 5th Vice audit the books. We TP Anderson and Company due to the new hire of Executive Director. All accounts matched.

Credentials Report- Brian Platz

Alden- 22, Atlantic- 45, Belle Plaine- 41, Bellevue- 38, Colesburg- 22, Dyersville- 67, Edgewood- 27, Eldora- 33, Evansdale- 28, Forest City- 42, Garner- 30, Grinnell- 46, Guthrie Center- 49, Harlan- 70, Holland- 19, Hudson- 38, Iowa Falls- 33, Jewell- 22, Manchester- 43, North Liberty- 50, Radcliffe- 24, Solon- 40, Tama- 50, Traer- 34, Waverly- 41. Twenty-five (25) towns filed credentials for a total of 954 votes.

Motion was made by Radcliffe Fire Department. It was seconded by Lorimar Fire Department. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

1st VP- Jim Shutts-

Good morning IFA. I would like to start with a very big thankyou to the Corralville Fire Department. The City of Corralville for their generous Hospitality in being the host town for midyear meeting of the Great Iowa Firefighters Association 2018 and The Corralville Marriot Hotel.

Since convention I have been busy with many things. The first being six years of service presentations since September. Two of which were with my own department gentlemen that I started the department with these all are always hard to take but they have served their time and done it well. I do have to say we replaced these members with very good young folks. The other presentations not all were retiring but all had many years of service to their communities.

I have also been working with the Elks of Iowa on the next stage of their help with Fire prevention in our Great State. The Elks have been a great help with providing Fire Safety trailers to educate our young people. I asked at our meeting at Humboldt in January as per the Elks of anything in the line of simulators that the fire service could use that would be essential for training our members to be more effective in our jobs as firefighters. I got two suggestions and they were recordable CPR manikins which the American Heart Association has mandated as required for CPR certification. I also got the suggestion of fire extinguisher simulators. These suggestions will be considered at the Elks convention in April. If anyone here has any suggestions please see me or call me after the meeting.

Marv, Amber and I will be headed for Washington D.C. in a few weeks to talk with our legislators on the National level. I am excited about making contact with them. The Firefighters memorial will be coming in June I would suggest attending this as it is a great way to remember family and friends that

served before us. If you or anyone you know has a family or department member that has 10 years on their department and have passed on please get their names put on the memorial it's a grand thing to do to remember these members.

2nd VP- Gene Evans

Good morning to all. I would like to thank the City of Coralville, Chief Stannard and the Marriott for their hospitality. Since my last report I have had the honor of presenting two 20 year Service Awards in my home department of Osage. It makes it even more special when you are presenting those awards to the people you work side by side with and you get to witness their dedication to the fire service. I would also like to touch on is a bill that was drafted by our attorney Skylar Limkemann SF 2090. There are fire departments in the state that are not municipal organizations. Individuals can be sued because they don't have the same benefits that municipal entities may have. I believe it is making progress and will benefit all of us. In conclusion, I wanted to touch on something. We are living in troubled times. Bombs are getting delivered to door stops, fire, police, medics are being shot and killed, civilians are being shot and killed and victims of other violence. I would just like to urge everyone to be diligent when you respond. Even though firemen are the good guys, when we run up to the door if someone called for our services, we have a target on back as well. Stay safe out there.

3rd VP- Nick Riley

Nick gave a presentation of the rewards app. You can access information about this app on our website. When you download this app to your smartphone you can earn cash back for yourself on things you purchase every day and a percentage will go back to the association to help keep membership costs low.

4th VP- Jason Barrick

Hello everyone today in my report I'm going to talk a little about cancer in the fire service. I could just about guess that cancer has touched everyone in this room in one way or another, I am no different. My mom is a breast cancer survivor of 13 years. My dad has fought this disease twice. He is a survivor of almost 20 years. So it kind of hits home with me also.

At fire school in Ames last month I took the understanding the fire service cancer issue class. It was a very informative class I would like to share a few things.

Cancer caused 61 percent of the career firefighter line-of-duty deaths from January 1, 2002, to March 31, 2017, according to data from the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Heart disease caused 18 percent of career LODDs for the same period. Cancer caused 70 percent of the line-of-duty deaths for career firefighters in 2016.

Firefighters have a 9 percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population, according to research by the CDC/National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH).

The cancers mostly responsible for this higher risk were respiratory (lung, mesothelioma), GI (oral cavity, esophageal, large intestine), and kidney. Cancer of these types can have a 20 year seed. Meaning it can take that long to develop.

There's little data about cancer among volunteer firefighters, but firefighting increases cancer risks significantly for all firefighters. The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) and Northwell Health launched a research project in 2017 to examine cancer incidence and mortality among NY volunteers. It has been said the U of Iowa is doing its own study also.

Here are some things we can do to prevent it from happening to us. These are three very simple things to start with on every call:

- Air Packs--- They by far are our number one defenses against any sort of respiratory cancer. Just because the fire is out doesn't mean you're done with your air pack use it till it is completely safe and the air is checked with a gas monitor.
- Baby Wipes—yes Baby Wipes will soon be on every apparatus and when you come out, I need you to be using them to wipe the following areas: your neck, underarms, and if you have been crawling in thick smoke, your groin area. These are all friction point areas that have blood vessels close to the skin. They are also areas where you have natural collections of soot and grime.
- Clean your gear--- If you don't have a system in place to wash your gear get one. You don't need one of those big commercial washers right away. Yes it will take longer to wash but washed gear is better than dirty gear. If you want to speed up the process get some fans to dry it faster. Don't forget to wash your helmet and its liner. Some departments have started a hood program where after every call they change out the hoods with clean ones. Also think about everything you could come in contact with after a call and clean it also.

5th VP- Chuck Raska

Welcome everyone and thank you for being here. Let's talk about the IFA for a moment.

As great as the IFA is and all that it stands for we continually struggle with candidates for 5th vice. Why isn't there more people wanting to be on the board? That's a question that comes up every year. I feel that we need to educate our membership that it's an honor to serve on this board instead of a sentence. While I was running for 5th vice the one thing that put me off a little bit was the firefighters that would come up to me and tell me that I'm glutting for punishment or just telling me how much time it consumes. The funny part was that not one of them people had ever served on this board and every time I talked to a past president it was the complete opposite. It's not as bad as some make it out to be, there's a time to work and be serious and there's time for fun and comradery as well.

For me it has been a great experience so far. It seems that I learn something new every week. I've met some great people over the past year that will most likely be my friends for life and I'm looking forward to the next six years and everything that comes our way. I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone that is even remotely interested in being on the board to contact any one of us to discuss our schedule and commitments for the year.

I'd also like to encourage our members to take full advantage of our Firefighters convention. This great event has so much to offer our firefighters as you can be involved in so many ways. For many

years I've come to convention to camp, socialize and participate in the parade. Then in Story City for the first time Radcliffe brought three full teams to compete in all the competitions. Our times weren't the best but we all had fun just being involved. The next year we practiced a few times and we competed in Waverly and brought home our first award for 3rd place leader line. This trophy ignited the fire for us and it was game on. We realized that with a little practice we can bring home some awards and last year in Forest City we brought home two more trophies.

The benefits of competing in these events goes so much further than the trophies. It has helped us regain comradery throughout our department and county as we practice together during the summer. The bond that these guys have built between each other is something our department has been trying to accomplish for a long time. Another benefit is how it promotes physical fitness for our firefighters as they practice on a regular basis. Convention is truly a great event that can be whatever you want it to be. However, I'd like to encourage everyone to take part in the competitions either as an official or as a competitor. If you need some help getting started feel free to give me a call, I'd be more than happy to help.

Please take this message back to your departments, encourage them to be involved, encourage someone to run for 5th vice, and encourage them to be the leaders of tomorrow. Thank You.

Past President- Bill Halleran

Welcome everyone to the Mid Year meeting. No one truly appreciates these meetings more than a Past President. I would like to thank the Coralville Fire Department, Chief Stannard and Marriott for their hospitality. One thing I always enjoy doing as an officer of the IFA is attending banquets and special ceremonies. This year I attended the Governors Condition of the State, the States Networking meeting, SEIDA Fire School and Ames Fire School. I have attended three retirement banquets in Ainsworth, Riverside and Solon. One thing I would like to say is that the Solon one was extra special to me because it was a long time friend, Brian Platz. Brian is the reason I joined the IFA. We sat down and asked questions back and forth. Anyone that knows Brian, knows his passion for the IFA. Brian recently took the job as the Fire Chief in North Liberty. I would like to congratulate Brian on his new job.

We as board members try to pick a topic to discuss at these meetings so that we aren't redundant in what we are talking about. Mine is Recruitment, Retention and the LOSAP program. As for recruitment, this has been an struggle for many years across the United States. It is becoming a messy situation within the fire service and we need accept the younger generation and they need to accept us. A lot of them do not understand the history, the heritage or the brotherhood that is all entailed with the fire service. Being book smart as well as being scene smart is something that needs to be addressed, I have yet to see a text book actually put out a fire. As a perpetual student of the fire service, I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard "This is what you have to do to pass the test." Which is usually then followed up with "I will teach you how we really do it after you pass the test." This double standard can be confusing to a new recruit. We need to definitely teach the proper way. Most departments consider finding new members a challenge when the real challenge is turning these members into lifelong members. Getting potential members in the door is hard enough that we need to be sure the members getting through the door how much their time and effort is appreciated and make them feel like they are one of the gang.

For retention, we currently have a bill at the State Capitol, HF 2418. This is a bill to establish a length of service program (LOSAP) concerning the income tax credits for the volunteer firefighters. It is basically broke down into two folds; One, we currently do the \$100 tax credits, so if you owe on your state taxes, you can get a \$100 tax credit. Phase two is the length of service. So, you have to select one or the other. You get that \$100 tax credit or you can have \$100 put into a length of service program after you service a certain number of years, which we have not decided yet and when you are done, you can cash out that money that is tax free. Or you can do a pancake breakfast where you maybe make \$5,000, you can take a portion of that and divide up amongst those already committed. So, you can put into it or your fire department can put into it. The one downside to this is if we set the length of service at 10 years and you get off the department at year 9, you don't get any of the money. It gets turned over and stays internal. We are hoping that we will really move forward with it.

I appreciate your time and look forward to seeing everyone tonight.

President- Marv Trimble

I too would like to thank the City of Coralville, Chief Stannard and the Marriott for their hospitality. I attended the States Networking meeting that we have, it is a great tool that we offer where the states around us get together in Des Moines and we discuss what is working in our states and what hasn't. We have gotten a lot of great ideas from that and they have picked up on some of the stuff that we do. One thing they mentioned is that no one has a convention like ours. They ask how we can get so many people together like this.

Since our last meeting I have gone to five different awards banquets. I went to Venton, Edgewood, Brandon where they had 14 members that got awards with a total of 503 years of service between them all, Solon and Fairbanks. One thing I noticed at these departments is that they offer other awards such as one year or a five year award.

My topic has to do with politics. I am noticing that we are getting less and less attention when we go to Des Moines with our red coats. People stop and listen to what we have to say but we are not getting the influence that we have in the past. So, one of the ways that we can do this is to use our PAC that we have through the IFA and contribute to these re-election funds. We have lawmakers that are friendly to us and they help us out with different bills. When we met yesterday we discussed different ways of funding this. One of the ways we can do this for instance, taking one of the items I have for tonight's auction and putting that money towards the PAC. Another one we talked about is volunteering \$1 per member that you could mail in with your dues. You wouldn't have to do this, it would be your choice, but if you do that money would then go into the PAC.

I would like to thank the board for the work their have done so far. I am at my half way point. I would also like to encourage others to run for this board. It was mentioned earlier how much work we do, but how much fun we have too. You meet some great people. Thank you to all of you for what you do and allowing us to do what we do.

Committee Reports

National Volunteer Fire Council- Bob Platz

Last December we the (Legislative committee)were working hard with our congress people to save the AFG and Safer grants as they had a sunset of January 2, 2018. About 2 or 3 days before the sunset we received word that congress passed a bill with our grants in it 335 million for each AFG and Safer, they did put another sunset in the bill of 2023. Yesterday we received word that the congress had a bill that gave us another 5 million for each 340 million for AFG and Safer.

Monday I have a conference call with the conference committee on how to set up the meetings and cost of them.

The NVFC is asking everybody to think about joining the NVFC. Iowa is an all state group so you can get ½ off membership to 15.00 a person if you sign up the whole department. The grants and other sources are not there forever, and it would be great to tell our congress people that we represent thousands of fire fighters across the country.

I will not be going to D.C. This year, as I have some medical things to take care of first. With Roger Bissen, Marv, Jim (Louie) and Amber there, they should be able to take care of it.

Any questions get ahold of Roger or myself, or check the NVFC website.

Memorial Committee- Mike Reuman

This year's memorial service will be Sunday, June 10th. The cutoff this year for getting names added to the wall is May 10th. We can always use help setting up.

Legislative Committee- John and Cyndi Pederson

I am John Pederson and I have belonged to the IFA for a number of years now. I want to thank the board, past and present for all of the support they give us while we are at the Capitol. The one thing that I really appreciate you guys talk about is that you're not only concerned about yourself with cancer research but you're putting a lot of effort into the future firefighters coming along.

We have been working hard on the length of service program and trying to save the tax credit to pay for that. It has been difficult. Over the summer, we will be working on a couple of other things. Earlier Marv mentioned a PAC, which is a Political Action Committee, where we will collect money and give that to candidates. We want to meet with these folks and see how they will support the fire service in the future. If they are really gung-ho and want to help us, then we can contribute to their campaign. So, what we would like to do is raise \$1 per member over the next year, so maybe we can give more than a \$50 check but something like a \$250 check or even a \$500 check.

Convention Committee- Gene Evans

We met yesterday following the board work session, it was a very productive meeting. We looked over the convention contract with no one being able to recall when that was drafted. There were language in there and some questions being asked about transfer of the equipment. We feel that resolved those issues and will make this a lot more smoother process for the outgoing host town and the incoming host town. Effective with the convention of 2018, the committee chose to mandate that the transfer of the convention equipment done from the host town to the receiving host town no later than November 30. That will include current stickers on the license plates and current DOT inspections on those trailers.

There was also questions about utilizing those trailers for public events and fundraising. It was a consensus of the committee and a motion passed that the host town that has possession of the shower trailers will be able to use them for fundraising and other community events while they are in possession of them. The trailer can only be used within the city limits with the host town possessing them and they will be liable for any damage and repair from that utilization.

The other discussion was the age of the shower trailers and other convention equipment. It was decided by consensus of the committee that effective with convention of 2018 the convention equipment will be sold to the next town at a fixed cost of \$17,500. Prior to this it has been depreciating at \$1,500 per year. The funds that had been previously depreciated will now go to a fund the replacement of those trailers. The other option is that the host town is credited \$4,000 on their registrations that they pay to the Association for the maintenance and repair of the trailers. If those funds are not used, it was the consensus of the committee that the host town would be able to contribute 50% of the funds back to the replacement fund, that passed with unanimous vote.

Another concern is golf cart damage. We have become a golf cart convention, there are almost 900 of them. If you hit something with your golf cart, do the right thing and talk to the person whose property you damaged. That is why with the current rules, you have to show proof of insurance. The other concern is that with campgrounds opening early a lot of folks are bring their kids. Iowa state law and golf cart rules for convention says that the driver has to be 16 to operate the golf cart.

John Novak has asked that if anyone has serviceable 2.5 inch hose, we are in need of some for our functions. If you have a couple inches that you can donate contact John or a board member and we will get that taken care of.

The final item is the convention inspection of the Waverly site will be determined here very shortly. They had it just a year ago, so there won't be any surprises where the contests will be held. We will get that on the website when that date is determined.

Unfinished business- None

Resolutions- None

New business- None

Good of Association-

Gene Evans-

Our convention is growing, with that it is becoming too difficult or too expensive for host communities to consider hosting our convention. There has been discussion of communities hosting sub sequential conventions. Waverly hosted a year ago and they will graciously be hosting us again this year. There has been a community that has approached the board that has intentions to host in 2020 and 2021, I believe the cost to install the electricity is over \$120,000 and that would be almost prohibitive for a town to host for one year, however if they do two years, they might be able to make a buck at the end of the day and this kind of the point of hosting convention. In order to do that, we have looked at the bylaws, and Article 5, section 2 "Selection of the convention city may be made two years in advance and shall be made by majority of the votes set at the annual convention meeting." So for point of clarification and not that we have people that are knocking down the door to run for convention city, but to just get the word out that we would most likely vote for a two year convention city term come September. I would entertain a motion to suspend the bylaws section 2 for the convention city selection of 2018 being held in Waverly and allow a candidate for convention city to two sequential years, which would make it 3 years in advance.

Motion made by Waverly Fire Department. It was seconded by Forest City. Motion carried.

Scott Seick- Grinnell Fire Department intends to run for Convention 2020 and 2021.

To the members of the Iowa Firefighters Association, It is with honor and respect that I wish to announce my desire to be placed on the ballot for 5th Vice President. My name is Roger Carr and I joined the Fire Service in 1973 and then the I.F.A. in 1974 when I turned 18. I am and have been a member of the I.F.A. since. I am a member of the Holland/Colfax Township Fire Department and recently retired from Waterloo Fire as Training Officer after 25 years of service. My wife Jami recently retired from HFR with 25 years of service. My sons, Caleb and Curtis serve on Waverly and Shell Rock Departments and my daughter Courtney is a Nurse/Medic. As you can see the Fire Service and helping people runs strong in my family and I have their support in this endeavor. I would appreciate your support and please know that I will work for you and my beloved Fire Service. Yours in service, Roger Carr

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Amber Kephart, Executive Director.