



MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
Western Fire Chiefs Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 13, 2019

Five Pine Lodge and Conference Center, Sisters, OR

CALL TO ORDER: President Jeff Tucker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. PDT

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Tucker, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Harvey, Nevada State Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Miller, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Boos, Oregon State Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Schrage, International Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Becraft, Utah State Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Etheridge, Alaska State Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian VanCamp, Washington State Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Rooney, Arizona State Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanley Torres, Western Pacific Islands State Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McLaughlin, California State Director | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tommy Perkins, Hawaii State Director | <u>Non-Voting Members</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Niemeyer, Idaho State Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Johnson, Chief Executive Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brent Christopherson, Montana State Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Griffin, Division Secretary |

Staff in attendance: Dave Van Ballegooijen, Heidi Arnold, Teila Leighton, Anne Razo, Kelsey Jones, Jennifer Clark, Kim Zagaris
Guests in attendance: Tracy Pinglin, Travis Myklebust, Charlie Butterfield, Jeff Meston, Tracey Hanson, John Sinclair, Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Jim Walker, Darren Bucich, Gary Honold, Mark Light, Al Gillespie, Rich Carrizzo, Gary Ludwig, Robert Horton

CONSENT AGENDA

Dave Van Ballegooijen gave an overview of the financial report.

Motion by Doug Schrage and seconded by Mike McLaughlin to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

DIVISION SECRETARY REPORT

Jeff Griffin reported: membership up 5%; productive division secretary meeting and great relationship with IAFC staff; details regarding upcoming FRI in Atlanta. Teila Leighton reported: revenue from Q1 2019 best quarter ever; report from Bill DeMars in packet; Jen Clark reported: subscriber boost for next quarter; sponsor ads sales up from last year and focus on new ways to use ad space; job ads continue to grow; DD using social media.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **WFCA Wildland Fire Committee Update and Technology Summit Update** – Mike McLaughlin and Mark Niemeyer discussed events related to Camp Fire Tour, IAFC/WFCA meeting, technology summit. Reported on charters and action plans with recommendations for each of the functional areas in Wildfire Report.

Motion by Mike McLaughlin and seconded by Mark Niemeyer to adopt the WFCA Wildfire Policy Committee Charter. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Amended Draft Budget** – Dave Van B. detailed the amended budget.

Motion by Scott Miller and seconded by Mike McLaughlin to approve the amended budget. Motion passed.

B. Resolution of Appreciation for Jennifer Phillips – Jeff Johnson read the resolution into the record.

Motion by Doug Schrage and seconded by Mike McLaughlin to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Jennifer Phillips. Motion passed.

- C. Special Advisors to WFCAs – Jeff Johnson discussed the likely need for WFCAs to work with subject matter experts and the board agreed it would be best to use them as special advisors to the board rather than a more formal role on the board.
- D. Presidents' Forum 2020 – Options for venues were discussed.

CEO REPORT

Jeff Johnson reported on 5 distinct areas: Executive Recruitment and Interim Chiefs; Wildfire Policy; Technology Issues; Member connection; Re-imagining the businesses we have. He also requested help in filling in the blanks for the list of past WFCAs presidents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Tucker reported: Excited for the future of WFCAs; enjoyed traveling to the state's conferences; tremendous work from WFCAs Wildfire Committee.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug Schrage reported: WFCAs endorsed candidate Otto Drozd may have difficulty moving forward in IAFC due to resignation; complimented IAFC board and staff on work being done.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Rich Etheridge reported: GEMT program implementation; new website; foam contaminant research.

Larry Rooney reported: Elections; lithium battery explosion.

Mike McLaughlin reported: Various legislative bills.

Mark Niemeyer reported: Recent conference and new IFCA president; legislation; population growth in Idaho.

Tommy Perkins reported: Various legislative bills.

Brent Christopherson reported: Legislative session concluded; forecast of normal wildland fire season.

Rich Harvey reported: Legislature in session; hosting Fire Officer 3 training.

Bill Boos reported: Tracking of lithium hazmat in Oregon; various legislative bills; conference; US Forest Service contracts.

Mark Becraft reported: Various legislative bills.

Brian VanCamp reported: Various legislative bills; State Forestry predicted wildfire worse on West side of Washington this year.

Motion by Scott Miller and seconded by Jeff Tucker to move into executive session. Motion passed.

Moved into Executive Session at 4:15 pm

Moved out of Executive Session at 5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 pm PDT

Next meeting August 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EDT in person at FRI.

Respectfully submitted by,
Heidi Arnold
WFCAs Staff