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EVMS Board Telecon 6 June 2023

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Scott Souders, Chair
Chief Jason Shivers, Vice Chair
Chief Kevin McCaw, Board Member, Missouri Valley Division Representative
Chief Ed Rice, Board Member, Eastern Division Representative
Chief Philip Thorburn, Board Member, Canadian Division Representative

Installed EVMS Board Member after Oath of Office Present:

Chief Eric Pelletier, Board Member, New England Division Representative

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief John McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Harold McDonald, Board Member, Federal-Military Section Representative
David Dock, Board Member at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief James Wamsley, IAFC Board Liaison to EVMS
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

Call to Order

Chief Souders chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1506 hrs ET.

Chief Souders welcomed all in attendance. He introduced Chief Eric Pelletier who seeks an appointment to serve in the vacant New England Division Representative on the Board of Directors.

MOTION: 6 June 2023-01

Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Eric Pelletier to fill the remaining Board of Directors term of office of the vacant New England Division Representative. Motion carried.

Shivers/Thornburn

Oath of Office

Chief James Wamsley, IAFC Board Member presiding

Chief Eric Pelletier took the IAFC Oath of Office to assume the vacant EVMS New England Division Representative Board position, presided by Chief James Wamsley.

Treasurer Report

Chief John McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer

Chief McDonald was not in attendance but did distribute the financial report via email to Board members.

Chair Report

Chief Scott Souders, Chair

Chief Sounders reminded the Board of the Electric Emergency Vehicle Pre-Conference at FRI encouraging all Board members to attend. The session will be professionally recorded so that the education can be shared to a wider audience over time. He also reminded the Board of the annual meeting at FRI and that details of the time and location hasn't yet been confirmed by the FRI Conference Team.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Scott Shivers, Vice Chair

No report.

Nominations Committee Report

Chief Ed Rice, Chair

Three terms were due for the 2023 election. Missouri Valley Division Representative has one candidate, Chief Kevin McCaw is running unopposed, therefore he will win by acclamation. Southwestern Division Representative has two 2 candidates; Chief Jason Shivers and Chief Steve Cooper., Western Division Representative has

no candidate. This vacant position can be filled by appointment from the EVMS Board.

Voting closes midnight ET 20 June. Election results will remain unofficial until the IAFC Election Committee convenes at FRI. Oath of office for the winners will occur at our annual meeting in Kansas City. All eligible members received a ballot. No questions or concerns were raised so far to IAFC staff from members regarding their ballot or their voting eligibility.

EVMS Two-Year Work Plan Work Session

Facilitated by Chief Scott Souders, Chair

Chief Souders discussed the need for a section work plan that is aligned with the IAFC Strategic Initiatives Plan that can guide the activities of the section over the next two years. Chief Souders emphasized achieving a Board consensus of the priorities to be pursued and to engage board and section members in achieving them.

Work plan suggestions that were discussed include;

1. Review and modify where necessary EVMS web site for member messaging and resource material.
2. Develop EVMS promotional and recruitment material.
3. With IAFC Government Relations staff, influence and support legislation to exempt fire and EMS vehicles from EPA emissions requirements.
4. With IAFC Government Relations staff, address supply chain crisis with White House and Department of Commerce.
5. Perform and record 2023 FRI Electric Emergency Vehicle Pre-conference.
6. Place Electric Emergency Vehicle recorded session access on EVMS website.
7. Prepare and provide EVM related articles to the IAFC newsletter.
8. Inform and prepare membership on the impending diesel motor design changes.
9. Prepare EVMS member recruiting brochure and conduct recruitment initiative.
10. Fill all vacant at-large board positions.
11. Encourage EVMS members to consider section leadership roles.

Further Board steps will be taken to target work plan completion of initiatives at the annual meeting at FRI in August.

Cummins Engine Update

Chief Ed Rice

Chief Rice informed the Board that he had a discussion with a Cummins representative regarding the new 2027 motor under development that may be on the market ahead of schedule in 2026. There are many rumors regarding the cost of the motor that is still under development and currently in the testing phase. Such rumors do not have merit. Chief Rice will stay in communications with the Cummins representative and is hopeful that news may be forthcoming within the next several months. Chief Rice will share any new Cummins developments with the Board.

IAFC Staff Liaison Report

Kevin McGee

Kevin McGee will send a rating matrix to Board members so that they can rate the priorities of the work plan suggestions as the next step of the Two-Year Work Plan process.

Old Business

A question was raised regarding travel cost reimbursement for Board members who attends the annual meeting at FRI. Due to limited section funds, the treasurer authorized the room costs to be covered by the section, and per diem and travel costs will be distributed based on the section travel budget amount that remains.

New Business

No New Business

Good of the Order

Nothing further for the good of the order.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Rice/Shivers

The telecon ended at 1610 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee

EVMS Staff Liaison

Chief Scott Souders

EVMS, Chair