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EVMS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 25 October, 2023

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair
Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair
Chief Ashanti Gray, Director, Western Division Representative
Chief Eric Pelletier, Director, New England Division Representative

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Scott Souders, Director, GL Division Representative, Immediate Past Chair
Chief Kevin McCaw, Director, Missouri Valley Division Representative
Chief David Dock, Board Member at Large
Chief John McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Harold McDonald, Director, Southwestern Division Representative
Chief Philip Thorburn, Director, Canadian Division Representative

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Wamsley, IAFC Board Advocate
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison
Mr. Ken LaSala, IAFC Government Relations and Policy Director
Mr. Steven Alonzo, IAFC Government Relations Senior Manager

Call to Order

Chief Shivers chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1311 hrs ET.

Chief Shivers welcomed all in attendance and recognized Chief Wamsley, IAFC Board Advocate to EVMS.

Treasurer Report

Chief J. McDonald has the September 2023 EVMS financial report sent separately to the Board via email.

Chair Report

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair

Chief Shivers reported that the EVMS blurb for the 150th Commemorative Book has been submitted and thanked Chief Rice for providing pictures of DCFEMS Apparatus Shop. He encouraged all Board members to submit their bio and send their head shot picture to Chief Gray.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Ed Rice, Vice Chair

Chief Rice reported that Cummins is not communicating any updates regarding the new diesel motor.

Supply Chain Issue

Chief Shivers provided an overview of the meeting held with FAMA regarding the supply chain issue to understand the next steps that should be considered. It appears that there is not yet enough support at the political level to seek resolutions, primarily due to the complexity of the problems with the supply chain.

Chief Shivers appointed Chief Pellitier and Chief Gray to join him to create a draft Fire Chiefs Guide to The Supply Chain Crisis that can serve to help the fire service manage through the challenges and uncertainties of the fire apparatus and vehicle supply chain issues. Chief Shivers welcomes any Board member who has an interest in providing input to join the task group.

Old Business

NHSTA Large Vehicle Emergency Breaking Regulation Process – Mr. LaSala thanked the Board for their contribution to the letter that was sent to NHSTA. Mr. McGee will share the letter with the Board.

Electric Emergency Fire Service Vehicle Videos – Chief Shivers reported on behalf of Chief Souders that we are still waiting for the videos from the pre-conference from the producer. Chief Souders is continuing to prod the completion.

Web Site – Chief Gray received more photos to post on the web site. The Award winner section will be removed as the award program was discontinued. Chief J. McDonald is writing a history of the EVMS piece for the web site. K. McGee will coordinate a meeting with IAFC staff to do the web page update.

2023-2024 Work Plan – The Section continues to make progress with the Work Plan. No additional work is needed currently with the work plan as the section is fulfilling the action steps at a reasonable pace as previously agreed to.

By-Laws – Chief Shivers intends to form a By-Laws Review Committee to prepare for the 2024 election cycle to assure that the by-laws are fully up to date. He drafted wording for an Immediate Past President position on the Board. If the Immediate Past President's Board term has lapsed, they would serve as a non-voting member. The justification for the position is to assure Board leadership continuity.

New Business

FRI Program Input – Chief Shivers seeks input from Board members for topic ideas that can be submitted for FRI 2024 and if the deadline passes, for FRI 2025. The sessions are 1 – 1.5 hours each.

Emission Control Exemption - Chief Wamsley suggested that consideration be given to pursue agriculture exemptions for fire service large vehicles to relieve fire departments from the escalating high costs of fire apparatus due to emission control and other systems that complicate the specification of fire apparatus.

Good of the Order

Nothing further for the good of the order.

The meeting ended at 1408 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee

EVMS Staff Liaison

Chief Jason Shivers

EVMS, Chair