



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association was held on line on November 24, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by President Dixon at 19:08.

A moment of silence was held for all the members who had passed away and for all of the first responders who have contacted the COVID-19 virus.

Chief Wallick gave the invocation.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Secretary's report.

The Treasurer's report was given, there is \$6,490.57 in the checking account. No dues, or expenses. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

Report of Committees: Chief Tim Wall gave a report on the Legislative Search Committee meeting on November 18. The committee has until the 2nd week in April to submit someone as a Legislative representative to the CSFA. John Carew followed up on Tim Wall's report.

Chief Peter Beckwith gave a report on the Flanagan Fund, the applications will go out to all the fire organizations shortly.

Chief Flynn reported from the VCOS section and the international. The meeting in March is still scheduled. VCOS will be on line on January 12 instead of January 14, 2021.

Ted Schroll gave a legislation report that the capitol building is still closed there may be a meeting on line the 1st week in January.

Fire 2025 is still in a holding pattern.

Joint council meeting will be held in December, probably on line.

We are very pleased to have Chief Ken Richards , Chief of the Old Mystic Fire Department and immediate Past President of the NE Association of Fire Chiefs, a Division of the IAFC and past CFCA President 2010-2011.

In 2011 Chief Richards was voted to serve on the NEDIAFC Board as the Connecticut Director the same year that he was serving as the CFCA President. In 2019, he was voted in as the President of the NEDIAFC and faced many challenges as an organization. He tells us that his primary concern was having two Chiefs Organizations serving the New England Fire Service. His first order of business was to meet with NEAFC President Steve Carrier to discuss the possibility of merging the two organizations. Soon after, both Steve and Ken set out to achieve this goal. Today, The New England Association of Fire Chiefs, a Division of the IAFC, is a newly formed and flourishing organization. This success is in large part due to the hard work and dedication from the boards and the membership of both organizations. Going forward, all of our departments and organizations will look to strong leadership to help navigate these unprecedented times due to COVID. Ken's hope is that The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and The New England Association of Fire Chiefs, A Division of the IAFC, will be a beacon in this journey.

The Board of Directors have met and approved a proposed budget for 2021. The budget numbers have not changed from last year. New applications and dues continue to come in and these monies have supported the budget as presented. This past year we did not spend monies on donations, travel, potential grant fee and meeting costs, totaling to over \$ 4,000.00. A motion to adapt a budget for the year 20-21 of \$18,550.00 was made, seconded and approved by the members present.

Old Business: A motion was made and passed to make the following people members of the association. Bud Meyers Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Michael Heimer Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Donald Figiela Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Kenneth Boutin Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Charles Beecher Asst. Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., and Beth Mancini Battalion Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept.

New Business: No applications were received. The January meeting is still scheduled for Grille 37 in Pomfret, we will let everyone know if anything changes. No other new business.

Chief Timothy Wall swore in Chief Gerald Schaffer as Treasurer, Chief Fred Dudek as Asst. Treasurer, Chief Richard McDonough as Secretary and Chief Jamie DiPace as Asst. Secretary. Chief Wall then swore in Chief Mark Worsman as 1st Vice President and Chief Mike Howley as 2nd Vice President.

Chief Flynn from Suffield swore in Chief Robert Duval as President of our association.

President Duval introduced the members of his family and then turned the meeting over to Past President Dixon for a few remarks.

“As my term as President comes to an end, I want to thank the CFCA members for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. As Chief Richards and Chief Flynn can attest to, COVID 19 and ZOOM have made it a very challenging year for both the leadership, and our members. CFCA is a well-respected and highly regarded association, and it has been such an honor just to be a part of a leadership team that continues to work for the betterment of all of the emergency services. It has been a valuable experience for me both personally and professionally.

I have been fortunate to have worked closely with a quality Executive board and your Board of Directors, including several of our past Presidents and I truly appreciate all they have done for CFCA during my term. Your new President, Chief Duval and the Vice Presidents have worked very closely with me over the past year. The transition should be seamless and their commitment is focused on continued improvement going forward.

Again, thank you, the membership, for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your President.”

Chief Wallick gave the benediction

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 20:02

35 members were present

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough

Secretary
