

Section V



Summary of 2017 Annual IFA Conference

**ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER'S
ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, October 20, 2017
Wyndham Gardens Urbana
Urbana, IL**

President John Swan welcomed everyone to the annual conference.



Chaplain Kevin Coffey

Chaplain Kevin Coffey had opening remarks and gave the invocation wishing safety for all.



Pres. John Swan

President Swan gave opening remarks about the history of the association. The IFA has garnered partnerships that help keep costs low. We have several new departments attending.

OSFM Update: Deputy Director Alix Armstead gave the update to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He gave a report of which funds were raided by state. Trying to get some funds returned. Ambulance loans were increased. Operation Chief Kent Tomlin spent time in northern Illinois due to flooding. Due to increased number of arson investigation requests, try to do preliminary determination and only call if you need help or find possible arson. Terry Ohms, new acting Arson Division Director—217-785-4713. New acting Legislative Liaison Catherine Nunez—312-814-8959.



Dep. Director Alix Armstead



Colonel Mortensen

IFSI Update: Colonel Mortensen gave the IFSI update. Colonel Mortensen thanked President Swan for the work and support he does for the institute. IFSI is working with OSFM to work on some significant items. AFG grant is now available for state training organizations. IFSI will be receiving driving simulator. Recently

received a pump simulator. Got a fire simulator. Got a new compressor and can fill bottles better and faster. Also have mobile compressor. Looking at getting a new engine. IFSI was present at the cancer symposium in Phoenix. Working on a resiliency program due to the burdens we see. One hour presentation on any class that is 24 hours or longer. Working on other programs. New marketing director Jill Sauer. Looking at short term and long term goals and strategic direction. Now have eight live burn facilities. Was at Firehouse Expo in Nashville providing the IFSI RIT program.

BUSINESS MEETING

President's Report: Our 127th year, of our organization. IFA is on represented on several boards. President Swan and Vice-President Ford attend the National Benefits Summit. Able to get the Volunteer Fire Tire Bill passed that allows firefighters to get 1 set of tires every 3 years at state contract pricing.

Resolutions: IFSI has great support through its library. IFSI has an outstanding librarian. Librarian Lian Ruan, who is currently in China, was presented with a white helmet and resolution. Motion by Spring Bay to approve the resolution, second by Medora, motion carried. Dave Erinheart read a letter from Librarian Ruan thanking the IFA for honoring her.



Resolution honoring Dave Hanbaum past president of the Madison County Firemen's Association, who hosted the IFA Hospitality room at many conferences and recently passed away. Motion by East Dubuque to

accept the resolution, second by Terry Ford, motion carried.



Vice President's Report:

Terry & John went to the volunteer benefits summit. First subject was cancer, second was suicide, third was diversity. Not really benefits but important to the volunteer fire service. Cancer is a new issue. Firefighters more subject to cancer than normal people. Wear SCBA throughout fire and overhaul, Gross decontamination of gear, baby wipes to clean exposed skin, change and wash clothes, decontamination of fire equipment, keep contaminated clothes out of auto and home. Keep gear CLEAN. BUDA program. (Buckle up Dumbass.) Most firefighter deaths are caused by firefighters not being seat belted. Need to be pro-active. Should have trash bags to store gear.



VP Terry Ford

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary Treasurer Kerry Federer gave a financial report from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Foundation \$101,878.93 to \$111,446.30 an increase of \$9567.37, General Fund \$25,297.54 to \$22,931.42 and decrease of \$2,366.12 Indemnity Fund \$141,732.24 to \$146,239.14, an increase of \$4,506.90. PAC Fund \$1,977.17 to \$128.31, a decrease of \$1,848.86. Total last year, \$270,885.88, this year \$280,745.17, an increase of \$9,895.29. Financially, we are stable because of partnerships and fundraising. PAC does not



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come out of conference and dues fund. Our organization does not endorse, we support. Motion by Sauk Village and second by West Peoria to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bulletin-Redbook: Bulletin is mailed 6 times a year to member department and is emailed to anyone that I have the email address of. Redbook gets mailed to every member department. It is the history, by-laws and membership list of the IFA. (Editors note: The board has decided to no longer print The Bulletin and Redbook, will be available online.)

Education and Training: Jeff Stuck gave update. Peer Support instructor got held over. Can take tomorrow and take another class today. What classes do you want?

Conference: Busses load 12:15 today, 7:15 tomorrow. Trying to work on roundtable. Need to have a grant writing class. Next year conference October 18-21. Lunch with vendors after the meeting. Saturday night, beer and wine, comedian, basket raffle.

Legislative: Margaret not here. Working on no man's land bill. Trying to get passed around Governor's veto. Legislative summit at OSFM next week.

Vendors: Each of this year's vendors gave a little talk about their business. Thanks to all of the vendors. The vendor fees help defray conference costs. Please visit the vendors and check out their products. 1-800-BoardUp, Simon Fire Equipment, DynamicScrip (Firefighter Pay), Dinges Fire Company, California Casualty. Other vendors too shy to present in front of group.

Historical: Rose Malone-Arvia is the first female board member and on the historical committee. She has been given the task of updating the historical book of the IFA, Badges of Courage.

Membership: Did not lose any members. Trying to get better communication. The training you are taking is not costing you

anything. Your only cost is the conference registration. If you go to fire college, you are paying \$100 to \$300 just for the class, and here you get the same training and the same instructors as fire college.

Benefits: Many benefits available but need to get funding.

Indemnity Fund: Is separate from membership. It requires an assessment that is sent out annually. 11 claims in past year, 4 paid, 1 line of duty death, 2 denied, did not meet proper filing, the rest are still open. To join the indemnity fund just requires an application and an assessment. The fund pays \$10 per day for every day you are unable to work due to on the job injury, up to \$3000. Line of duty death pay \$3000. This is paid in addition to any other payments you receive.

Firefighter Pay: Rebate app that your department can use to make money. For more info, contact Kerry Federer.

Discount Drug Card: If you are not on a prescription drug plan, this card can save you money on prescriptions.

California Casualty: Check out their booth. They have insurance plans for firefighters and the IFA receives a portion to help provide other benefits. They gave 4 registrations and hotel rooms for the conference. Had to draw for winners as the people that they gave them to, didn't use them. Amboy received one and attended. Lawrence Allison, Northwest and Venice were drawn to receive the registrations.

NVFC: If your department is not a member of the NVFC, your department should look into it. IFA Directors Bill Offerman and Bob Reason are our representatives to the NVFC. They are the catalyst for the AFG grants. There are many training opportunities on the NVFC website.

Memorial: If you had a member pass away, September 1 last year to September 1 this year, let memorial committee know. Sunday morning 9:30 am, proper dress

required.

Election of Officers: No opposition. Kerry Federer for Secretary/Treasurer, Directors Jeff Bryant, Joe Mandarino, Joe Heim, Jeff Stuck. Entertained a motion to accept vote by acclamation, motion by Jim Stecher of West Peoria, and second by Tom Brent of Venice, motion carried.

By-Laws: Change of by-laws to change how letter of intent is received. Article 11 Section 3, "Said letter to be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer by email, fax, mail or in person. If by email, fax or mail, a record of the transaction should be made and kept." Prior by-laws required registered or certified mail. Amboy motioned to accept the change, Venice second, motion carried.

Presentation by MCFA: MCFA representative Kerry Federer presented a check for \$500. The Madison County Firemen's Association has been a strong supporter of the IFA for many years, supporting the Redbook and the hospitality room.

Donation: Received a \$2000 check from Tru-Bilt to help cover conference.

Conference Sponsors: Dinges Fire Company, Madison County Firemen's Association, California Casualty, CHS, 1-800-BoardUp, 3M Firefighters Association, West Peoria Fireman's Association, South Roxana Firefighters.

Vendors: Please take time to visit the vendors.

Next Year's Conference October 18-21.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

2017 Memorial Roll Call

CLARENCE ADELHARDT	TROY	ROBERT FORAKER	SOUTH ROXANA
JOHN J ADROWSKI	CHICAGO	RONALD D FORAN	CHICAGO
JIM ALEXANDER	COLONA	ROBERT FRANKO	MITCHELL
WILLIAM C ALLETTO	CHICAGO	JOSEPH FURLANO	MIDLOTHIAN
MICHAEL ANDERSON	CHICAGO	CARL E GARNES	CHICAGO
CARL ASHAUER	WORDEN	MICHAEL J GARRITY	CHICAGO
JAMES AUGUSTINE	OLIVE DISTRICT	JOHN R GLENNON	CHICAGO
THOMAS M BATTISTELLA	CALUMET PARK	FREDERICK J GOODWIN	CHICAGO
GERALD BEERS	ROSEWOOD HEIGHTS	WILLIAM F GRAVES	CHICAGO
WILLIAM BERGDOLLD	CHICAGO	RUSSELL J HALEY	CHICAGO
WILLIAM H BIELSKIS	CHICAGO	HAROLD HANBAUM	SOUTH ROXANA
WILLIAM BLAKEMORE	MIDLOTHIAN	DONALD HASKEN	EAST DUBUQUE
VERNON BLOM	ALHAMBRA	EARL HASKEN	EAST DUBUQUE
LEEMON E BOATNER	CHICAGO	THOMAS A HERLING	CHICAGO
RICHARD J BONK	CHICAGO	NORMAN S HOLLAND	CHICAGO
HARRY M BOOTH	CHICAGO	ROBERT HOLLENKAMP	HIGHLAND-PIERRON
HENRY BORGARDT	CHICAGO	WALTER G HUBER	CHICAGO
KEVIN BRASWELL	CHICAGO	JEROME F HUTCHISON	CHICAGO
MICHAEL BREEN	HAMEL	MICHAEL J JAKAITIS	CHICAGO
JOHN W BURKE	CHICAGO	MICHAEL K JAZWIEC	CHICAGO
WILLARD J BURTON	CHICAGO	EDWARD M JOHNSON	CHICAGO
ALFRED BURTON	LONG LAKE	RALPH JOHNSON	CHICAGO
ROBERT M BUSH	CHICAGO	PETER M KELLY	CHICAGO
EARL E CANNEDY	CHICAGO	JOSEPH P KELLY	CHICAGO
DANNY R CARBOL	CHICAGO	ROBERT KEMPER	CHICAGO
DAVID CARNAGHI	EDWARDSVILLE	GEORGE K KIRWAN	CHICAGO
JOSEPH M CARSO	CHICAGO	BERNARD KLIMAS	CHICAGO
FRANK CARVER	CHICAGO	DAVID A KNAPEREK	CHICAGO
ALBERT J CASANOVA	CHICAGO	RICHARD KOSCIANSKI	CHICAGO
LEONARD CHRISTENSEN	CHICAGO	THOMAS KOWALSKY	GLEN CARBON
RUDOLPH A CIZMAR	CHICAGO	FRANK KRALJ JR	CHICAGO
GARY CLAXTON	ALTON	JOHN T KYLE	CHICAGO
JOSEPH B CONNOLLY	CHICAGO	BERNARD F LACEY	CHICAGO
PAUL COPELAND	ALTON	JAMES A LAGRECA	CHICAGO
FRANK W CORBET	CHICAGO	GEORGE LAMPARTER	MEADOWBROOK
WILLIAM J CREWS	CHICAGO	THOMAS LOONEY	CHICAGO
JOHN J CRONIN	CHICAGO	PATRICIA J MAHONEY	CHICAGO
JAMES H CROSS	CHICAGO	ANDREW J MALITO	CHICAGO
GERALD A CUDAR	CHICAGO	EDWIN G MALONE	CHICAGO
DONALD C DAME	CHICAGO	JOHN MAROLDA	CHICAGO
P JOSEPH DAVIS	CHICAGO	IRVING J MATONIK	CHICAGO
THOMAS P DAWSON	CHICAGO	MIKE MATTOON	PALATINE
THOMAS DELFAVERO	CHICAGO	JERRY MCCORMACK	CHICAGO
DAVID DEPEDER	CHICAGO	ARDEL V MCKENNA	CHICAGO
RAYMOND DOELKER	CHICAGO	JOHN T MEURIS	CHICAGO
RICHARD E DONATI	CHICAGO	TODD MIDDENDORF	CARPENTERSVILLE
PATRICK J DONNELLY	CHICAGO	WALTER J MILLER	CHICAGO
JAMES K DOWNING	CHICAGO	BERNARD MITCHELL	CHICAGO
EDWARD DUFFY	CHICAGO	PATRICK J MORAN	CHICAGO
NICK J DUICH	CHICAGO	DANIEL J MORIARTY	CHICAGO
DENNY DYKSTRA	MIDLOTHIAN	JOSEPH T MORRISON	CHICAGO
JOHN S DYRCON	CHICAGO	PATRICK J MULLEN	CHICAGO
JAMES W FARRELL	CHICAGO	MICHAEL MULLIGAN	COTTAGE HILLS
DAVID FERGUSON	CHICAGO	ROGER T MURAWSKI	CHICAGO
CLINTON B FIELDS	CHICAGO	JOHN M MURPHY	CHICAGO
JOHN L FITZGERALD	CHICAGO	PATRICK C MURPHY	CHICAGO

MICHAEL V MURPHY	CHICAGO	JAMES D SMITH	CHICAGO
BRIAN E MURPHY	CHICAGO	THOMAS F SMITH	CHICAGO
JOHN P MURRAY	CHICAGO	FRANK SOLIZ	COLONA
WILLIAM G NATICK	CHICAGO	ROBERT SPARKS	COTTAGE HILLS
WALTER G NOCKELS	CHICAGO	JACK C SPENCER	CHICAGO
CLAUDE NORWOOD	CHICAGO	ROBERT D SPOON	CHICAGO
RICHARD E OLSON	CHICAGO	DAVID E STACK	CHICAGO
RORY W OSHEA	CHICAGO	RICHARD O STERLING	CHICAGO
GENE S OWCARZ	CHICAGO	GERALD STOEFLER	EAST DUBUQUE
ERNEST W PENTEK	CHICAGO	STUART STONE	GLEN ELLYN
ANTHONY C PESAVENTO	CHICAGO	ED SWITALSKI	PLEASANTVIEW
SAM PIPITONE	CHICAGO	JAMES J TAYLOR	CHICAGO
JOHN S PONCE	CHICAGO	ROBERT J UHLAR	CHICAGO
FREDERICK O POSS	CHICAGO	LAWRENCE F URBANIAK	CHICAGO
KENNETH QUICK	CHICAGO	JAMES E VOVES JR	CHICAGO
DANIEL D QUINN	CHICAGO	THOMAS VOYLES	COTTAGE HILLS
CLARENCE REINKE	HAMEL	DONALD WAGNER	CHICAGO
PHILLIP L ROSS	CHICAGO	MICAH WAKEMAN	DECATUR/MOUNT PULASKI
ROBERT RUZEVICH	OLIVE DISTRICT	GERALD N WALSH	CHICAGO
JAMES J RYAN	CHICAGO	HARRY WASHINGTON	CHICAGO
JOHN F SAMPEY	CHICAGO	HERBERT J WEYER	CHICAGO
KEITH SANDERS	GODFREY	WILLIAM J WEYER	CHICAGO
THOMAS C SCHWARTZ	CHICAGO	MICHAEL F WHITE	CHICAGO
FRED SCOTT	MONMOUTH	LEROY WILLIAMS	CHICAGO
EDMUND R SELIGA	CHICAGO	ROBERT L WILLIS	CHICAGO
THOMAS E SHEU	CHICAGO	RAYMOND F ZIELAZNY	CHICAGO
DALE SHIRLEY	EAST ALTON	RONALD S ZIELINSKI	CHICAGO
JOHN F SKAGERBERG	CHICAGO		
JAMES R SKALA	CHICAGO	DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY	
GEORGE SLIFKA	OLIVE DISTRICT	JOHN CUMMINS	HOMER
		LAWRENCE MATTHEWS	DOLTON



Honor Fallen Comrades at the Annual Conference Memorial Service

The memorial service is held on Sunday morning, during the annual conference in October. Please send all names of active and retired personnel from departments that have passed away from September 1, 2017 - September 1, 2018. The names and department info can be emailed to Memorial Chairman Joe Heim at edfire18@yahoo.com.

The IFA reads the names of ALL firefighters from the State of Illinois, not just IFA members, that have passed away during the year, at their annual conference Memorial Service. If you know of ANY firefighter that has passed away, even from other departments, please let us know. We would like to honor them at the memorial service. The names can be sent to us throughout the year and we can keep track of them to be read at the service.

Thanks,

Joe Heim
Memorial Chairman
Illinois Firefighter's Association