

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Mid –Winter Conference

February 09, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Chief Crawford. Chief Crawford asked the Chairman of the Election Committee to report. Chief Ledbetter reported that the election committee had recommended Chief Forney Howard for 2nd Vice-President. There being no other nominations Chief Howard was elected by vote of the Chairman. The nomination committee nominated Chief Wade Hill for 1st Vice-President. There being no other nominations, Chief Ledbetter cast the vote for Chief Hill. The nomination committee nominated Chief Butch Zaragosa for President. There being no other nominations, Chief Ledbetter cast the vote for Chief Zaragosa for President. The nomination committee nominated Chief Steve Carroll and Chief Paul Mc Dougal for Treasurer. There being no other nominations, paper ballots were passed out to voting members.

Motion and second to accept the minutes of the Annual Conference June 30, 2005. Motion carried.

Financial Report given by Chief Carl Harper:

Account Balances December 31, 2005

Am South Checking Balance Dec. 31, 2005	\$ 41,602.46
Am South Money Market	\$ 1,263.72
Compass CD	\$ 11,652.35
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 54,518.54

Income and Expenses

October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005

Income	\$ 75,278.10	
Expenses:	\$ 56,898.89	
Net Income		\$ 18,379.21

A motion and Second to accept the financial report. Motion carried. The election committee reported the ballot results of the election for Treasurer: Chief Steve Carroll was elected. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.

Treasurer reports that \$ 15,000.00 had been moved from checking account to a certificate of deposit.

NAFCA: Chief Hill stated that the dues had been increased. The meetings have been held in the Huntsville area on a monthly basis.

SEAFCA: Larry Williams is the new president. Chief Williams stated that the Southeast would be looking at some safety programs for the region.

SWAFCA: Chief Hinton said the region was getting organized, and an election would be held within the next few weeks.

EMS Report:

Report was given by Chief Morton: Chief Morton stated the recent meeting with Dr. Williamson and Dr. Rosco had been very productive. A discussion was held concerning the possible shortening of the length of the paramedic program. A more fair process on issues concerning EMS was discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of bringing back the intermediate program to EMS.

President's Report:

Five meetings have been held. One meeting was held in Auburn concerning the Katrina response. The initiative dealing with life safety was discussed. The life safety initiative was addressed by Chief Larry Williams. A motion was made to recognize the firefighter safety resources as a key component. We offered the 16 initiatives to the membership of the association. Motion carried.

Chief Cobb addressed the membership concerning the Intratrust Mutual Aide Program.

New Business:

Chief Cobb said a vacancy would soon be coming on the Personnel and Standard Commission and asked for the membership's support. A motion and second was made to send a letter to the governor in support of Chief Cobb. Motion carried.

A resolution was read by Chief Crawford in support of the state wide concept of adopting modern statewide codes.

Be it hereby resolved that while in session at the February 6, 2006, Executive Board meeting held in conjunction with the mid-winter conference of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs as follows:

Section 1. That the Executive Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs (an elected body of representatives from all divisions of the State of Alabama) did unanimously vote to support the concept of the statewide adoption of a set of modern codes, and

Section 2. That the Executive Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs hereby requests the inclusion of a member, appointed by the Executive

Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, to serve as a voting member of the code development council

ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2006.

Chief Morton addressed the board concerning legislative house bill 556. This bill would take the Executive Director of the Personnel and Standard Commission out from the commission and place him under the post secondary education. Other legislation was discussed by Chief Morton.

A motion and second was made to oppose house bill 556 and also to send letters to the governor, legislators, county commissions and make phone calls to legislative delegation in opposition to this bill. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made that the president write a letter to the Alabama Standards and Personnel Commission and governor concerning the Executive Director of the Alabama Standards and Personnel Commission .

Resolution:

Therefore be it resolved that the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs calls upon the Alabama Standards and Personnel Commission for immediate action regarding the removal of the Executive Director.

Whereas, the Alabama Fire College is an entity critical to the safety of our citizens and firefighters.

Whereas, the Executive Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standard Commission has lost touch with the needs of the Alabama Fire Service community,

Whereas, in its Mid-Winter Conference the full membership of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs has overwhelmingly passed a vote of “no confidence” in the Executive Director.

Whereas, the executive director serves at the discretion of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standard Commission.

Meeting Adjourned.