

**Congressional Fire Services Institute  
National Advisory Committee Meeting  
Phoenix Park Hotel  
520 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC  
December 14, 2017**

**Call to Order - Greg Cade**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions

**Opening Remarks - Bill Jenaway, President of the CFSI Board of Directors**

- Board appointed Greg Cade as acting chair
- Greg can seek full time position of chair in April of 2018
- Each year, CFSI presents the Mason Lankford National Fire Service Leadership Award. The board has selected two recipients for next year at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual program:
  - Tony O'Neill
  - Steve Austin
- On September 28<sup>th</sup>, CFSI board member Lou Amabili passed away. His seat will be filled by the dinner in April of 2018

**Reports-**

**Acting Chairman - Greg Cade**

- Greg is honored to fill in as Acting Chair over the next couple of months
- Wanted to thank Denny Compton for allowing him be a part of the kitchen cabinet

**Executive Report - Bill Webb**

- Congratulations to Steve and Tony
- Remembrance of Lou Amabili
  - Selected by President Nixon to serve on the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
  - Formed the Delaware State Fire School and served as Director from 1964 to 1996
  - Served on the CFSI Board of Directors since 1994

**2017 Year in Review**

- Advocacy
  - Work up on Capitol Hill on the AFG/SAFER reauthorization and other and legislation
  - Fire Caucus leadership working to recruit new members
  - Congressional Ride Along Program for staff -- had a great response from the participants. Thank you to Chief Dean and DC Fire and EMS for helping make this program possible
  - BuildStrong coalition - participated in a forum with them on June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - CFSI Whitepaper: Convened a panel chaired by Denny Compton to develop the paper. Denny will discuss the paper later in the meeting
- Education and outreach
  - Been busy traveling and conducting presentations at conferences and tradeshow
  - Involved in the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium

- Tributes and recognition
  - In October, CFSI and NFFF conducted the annual Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony on Capitol Hill
  - CFSI/Masimo Fire Service-Based EMS Awards will open soon
  - Nominations are now open for the Dr. Anne Phillips Award for Leadership in Fire Safety Education
  - Senator John McCain is the recipient of the 2018 CFSI Legislator of the Year Award
- Communications
  - The website has gone through changes and has a whole new look
  - Email updates have new design, including a Corporate Spotlight feature
- Corporate Partners program
  - Making changes to the program to enhance the benefits CFSI can offer to everyone
- Fundraising programs
  - Selling White House Christmas ornaments this year, and have the Silent Auction
  - Fundraising is 87% dependent on the dinner
- Dinner theme is “Engaging Future Leaders”
  - Need to look toward the next generation of people and how to get them involved.
  - Tony Jackson is performing at the dinner
  - Award presentations include videos
  - Bistro Bash the night before the dinner that will include the silent auction.
  - Looking to develop a new seminar program for future leaders
  - Like to recognize Sean, Shannon, Dave, Ken, and Lee for extraordinary work on AFG and SAFER reauthorization

#### **Development Report - Steven Tramel**

- CFSI opened registration for the dinner
- Working on a new project for a 2018 Christmas ornament that pays tribute to the fire service
  - Designs can be submitted by anyone through a design competition currently being conducted
  - The winner will be selected by a panel of judges.
  - Will order 2500 ornaments and will offer bulk pricing at \$20, \$18, \$16
  - Any organization, whether local or national, can resell these ornaments as fundraisers
  - Sponsorship of the program is available at \$25,000
- Question - Steve Edwards: Can these be sold on Amazon or eBay?
  - Steven: Yes, CFSI has an account on eBay for Charities and we can sell through there, our website and on Amazon as well.

#### **Programmatic and Legislative Report - Sean Carroll**

- Had a survey to see what we can improve on the upcoming symposium
- We did another open call for proposals for the seminars program
  - For the 2018 program we will have 10 seminars available for CEUs, as well as the Opening Session and Town Hall Meeting
- Seeing membership of the Fire Caucus decline over the years

- Beginning of the year, we had 201 members on the fire caucus; now we have 238 members
- AFG/SAFER reauthorization was approved by the Senate by unanimous consent
  - Still working to pass in the House
  - Have a very short amount of time to get it approved
  - Talk to your member of Congress to make it clear that we need this approved by the end of the year
- Question- Denny Compton: Has there been any discussion about what course of action we might take in the future with regards to this in the House?
 

Sean: Yes, but first we need to reauthorize the program and after that occurs that would be a great discussion to have.
- Tax legislation moving through Congress. Senate and House have passed differing tax bills
  - Senate-passed version includes provisions from the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act
  - Senators Collins and Carper are working hard to get these provisions included in the final tax bill
  - On September 12<sup>th</sup> the House unanimously approved the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act

### **Lori Moore - The Opioid Crisis**

- Addictions largely involve individuals who get opioids through doctor's prescription for pain management
  - Doctors due a poor job monitoring prescriptions
- IAFF working with DEA to get more information to understand epidemic
- 144 people die every day from opioid overdoses
- Fentanyl is an analog of drugs like heroin
- Legal drug used for surgeries and prescription drugs
  - One of the leading causes of opioid deaths in the US
  - A deadly dose of fentanyl is equal to 1/1000th the amount of sugar in a sugar packet
  - Carfentanyl is used in veterinary medicine
  - 10,000 times more potent
  - Can be absorbed through the skin
  - Hand sanitizer should not be used if you have carfentanyl on your skin
- DEA has released a first responders guide for fentanyl response
- Naloxone (Narcan) is the lone drug that will reverse the effects of an overdose from fentanyl
  - Boston firefighters began carrying Narcan on every fire apparatus beginning in 2014
  - Boston Fire has saved 1,500 lives administering Narcan (Naloxone) in 2015/2016
  - As of April 2017, 59% increase in overdoses in the city of Boston.
  - In 2016, over half of the overdoses occurred in homes.
- Boston Fire has introduced Knock and Talk Program to provide education, information, and resources to individuals that have experienced an overdose.
  - 73% of participants that are home are willing to talk to Boston Fire
- Boston Fire has helped patients get beds in recovery homes
- IAFF working with IAFC and Metro Chiefs on safety recommendations
- Three arenas where the fire service can engage -
  - Administer naloxone (everyone should carry Narcan on apparatus)

- Scene safety (work with law enforcement)
- Public education resources
- All states allow paramedics to administer naloxone.
  - Around 20 states will not allow an EMT to use Narcan on overdosed people
- Education programs and toolkits are available through the IAFF

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Ethics – No Report
- Memberships – No applications for membership
- Programmatic – Report provided by Sean Carroll
- Fundraising— Report provided by Steven Tramel
- Resolutions – No resolutions submitted for consideration

#### **Unfinished Business - Denny**

- White paper has been developed and structured so it can be used in multiple ways
- Cancer symposium in Phoenix was not a NFFF event. Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance chose the NFFF to facilitate the Symposium
  - 541 people registered for the event

#### **New Business – Steve Edwards**

- Recognized Sean Carroll and presented him with a clock from the NAFTD for all his work on Capitol Hill.

#### **Adjournment**

#### **Attendance:**

Steve Austin; IAAI  
 Preet Bassi; CPSE  
 Paul Brooks; IFE-USA Branch  
 Greg Cade; NFPA  
 Sean Carroll; CFSI  
 Dennis Compton; IFSTA & NFFF  
 Bob Cumberland; CVVFA  
 Kevin D. Quinn; NVFC  
 Vina Drennan; Common Voices  
 Steve Edwards; NAFTD  
 Diane Eggerman; CCFS  
 Dave Finger; NVFC  
 Hugh “Skip” Gibson; ISO  
 John Granby; FEMSA  
 Leigh Hubbard; ISFSI  
 Bill Jenaway; CFSI Board of Directors  
 Roger Krupp; IAAI  
 Dave Lang; IAFF  
 Ken LaSala; IAFC  
 Shannon Meissner; IAFF

Jeff Merryman; FDSOA  
Dave Moore; IAWF  
Lee Morris; FAMA  
Chris Neal; CFSI Board of Directors  
Tony O'Neill; Pro Board  
Sarah Owen; UL  
Ryan Pietzsch; VFIS  
Vickie Pritchett; NFSA  
Nathan Queen; IABPFF  
Michael R. Granados, Sr.; IMSA  
Shane Ray; NFSA  
Bill Spencer; NASFM  
Steven Tramel; CFSI  
Bill Webb; CFSI  
Tom Weber; ISO