

**CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Washington Hilton
Washington, D.C.

May 6, 2016

Breakfast

Call to Order (Jim Dalton), Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

- Moment of silence
- Introductions

Comments – Jim Estep

- Great job at the dinner last night
- Thanks for everyone's support for CFSI

Reports

Chairman – Jim Dalton

- NAC abridged version of 2016-2019 strategic plan
- NFSA donated \$126,000 to CFSI, primarily to help with their office move and fundraising efforts

Vice Chairman – Doug Aiken

- Not in attendance

Executive Director – Bill Webb

- Thanks to everyone
- We will stay at the Hilton through 2021
- We are moving our office to Arlington, VA
- Bill and Sean travel around spreading CFSI's message
- Introduction for Vice President's staff

Presentation – Lyric Jorgenson, PhD, & Greg Schultz; Vice President's Cancer Task Force

- Schultz:
 - President Obama formed a Cancer Task Force
 - The Vice President will be actively involved with curing cancer for the rest of his life
 - They are going to come up with a document by the end of the calendar year that reports on what is being done and what are some goals for the future
 - We have too many incentive problems and culture problems; VP will use the bully pulpit and come up with a roadmap for the future
- Dr. Jorgenson:
 - Researching patients' experience with cancer, at many points along the way
 - Work on getting different groups to collaborate and bring different perspectives (get as many as possible that are related to this problem)
 - Question (Meri-K): How will you engage the nonprofit groups and those in the cancer field?

- Dr. Jorgenson- Patient advocacy community will be front and center; national conversations; every state will be given the chance to contribute in a meaningful way
- Meri-K: Is the longevity of the program contingent on results of this coming election?
 - Schultz: We don't know what will happen, but we hope that there will still be integrated efforts for this issue
- Bobby Halton: What about studies with GMOs, dietary issues, and alternative forms of medicine? Will the data be presented to people in ways that they can understand? Data dumps are very difficult to grasp and process.
 - Dr. Jorgenson: We are trying to find ways to integrate the data and present options to the patient that are more easy to understand
- Steve Edwards: Are you going to analyze the data and come up with a list of the occupations with the most risk?
 - Dr. Jorgenson: Yes, we must do that in order to assess the data and figure out the most effective solutions
- Greg Cade: Interagency Board is part of research side. It would be helpful for that group to talk to the VP's office.
- Denny Compton: There is a significant cultural issue. There is an inclination to disqualify your claim because then the employer has to qualify other people and there isn't enough money to cover everyone. The Federal Government does not acknowledge cancer as a job-related risk.
- Barry Kasinitz: This is one reason why the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act is so important. It's also worth pointing out that federal fire fighters do not have cancer presumption.

Presentation – Julie Rochman, President and CEO, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety

- What gap can the insurance industry fill?
- WUI is a risk that we can still get ahead of
- If we talk about fire conditions, then realtors will also
- IBHS runs tests at their facility to determine the effects of wind and other hazards and how we can prevent structural damage
- We have to create self-defense systems for their homes so that people don't try to stay and defend their property, because that's when people die
- Created a full scale wildfire ember storm test. The goal is to see what systems and parts fail so that they can fix them
- A lot of structural protection comes back to maintenance and taking care of your house

Break

Reports

Legislative/Programmatic – Sean Carroll

Programmatic

- We had a lot of great proposals for the seminar panels
- Thanks to Columbia Southern for providing CEUs at no cost
- Average attendance is still down over the past few years, but it is steady

Legislative

- FY17 budget from the White House recommended cuts to critical fire service programs
- We are going to be working with the committees to get the funding back to where they were
- Starting groundwork for reauthorization for FIRE and SAFER grants
- Pascrell: HR 5125 – reforms to Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program

Subcommittee Reports

Ethics – Doug Aiken – not here

Programmatic – Doug Aiken – not here, Sean already talked about it

Fundraising – Bobby Halton

- Associate's Club program is still running
- Proposals for fundraising are in the strategic plan
- White House Ornament fundraising effort

Membership – Dennis Compton

- Went back to NAC members we have lost over the years and contacted the ones who still exist
- Fire Department Safety Officers' Association was approved by the Board of Directors for reappointment

Resolutions – Steve Austin

- We have one resolution
- Went over resolution process
- Barry Kasinitz explains the resolution
 - Drug Enforcement Administration has recently expressed the view that the Controlled Substances Act forbids paramedics from administering controlled substances except under direct orders for a physician
 - The Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act would preserve the status quo, and allow paramedics to continue operating under standing orders
 - John Granby – motion; Bobby Halton – second; passed unanimously

Presentation – Dave Moore, Africa Fire Mission

- Increase sustainable firefighting capabilities in Africa
- Send equipment and resources to African fire departments
- Teach proper techniques and how to use equipment
- Working on changing the culture so that firefighters are not looked down on in communities
- They need us, our resources, and our knowledge to help countries in Africa

Election – Steve Austin leads

- Tony O'Neal nominates Doug Aiken for Chairman of the NAC
- Barry Kasinitz nominates Greg Cade for Vice Chair of the NAC
- Bobby Halton seconds the motion, unanimous approval

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- Special presentation by the Board to Jim Dalton, outgoing chair of the NAC
- Jenna Pritchett: NFSA is honoring Jim Dalton with a brick at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial

11:13 a.m. Adjournment

- Denny Compton - motion, Bobby Halton – second

CFSI NAC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Lou Amabili; CFSI Board of Directors

Justin Arnold; International Society of Fire Service Instructors

Steve Austin; International Association of Arson Investigators

Preet Bassi; Center for Public Safety Excellence

John Buckman; FireRescue1

Greg Cade; National Fire Protection Association

Sean Carroll; Congressional Fire Services Institute

Kathy Clay; International Association of Wildland Fire

Douglas Cline; International Society of Fire Service Instructors

Diane Collins Eggerman; Center for Campus Fire Safety

Dennis Compton; International Fire Service Training Association

Jim Dalton; National Fire Sprinkler Association

Steve Edwards; North American Fire Training Directors

Jim Estep; CFSI Board of Directors/National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications

James F. Hill, II; International Association of Black Professional Firefighters

Eriks Gabliks; North American Fire Training Directors

Hugh "Skip" Gibson; Insurance Services Office

John Granby; Fire and Emergency Manufacturers Services Association

Allison Hahn; Congressional Fire Services Institute

Bobby Halton; Fire Engineering

Craig Hannan; International Fire Service Training Association/Fire Protection Publications

Ed Hartin; Institute of Fire Engineers – USA Branch

Chris Jelenewicz; Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Bruce Johnson; Underwriters Laboratories

Barry Kasinitz; International Association of Fire Fighters

Roger Krupp; International Association of Arson Investigators

Ken LaSala; International Association of Fire Chiefs

Richard Maddox; Fire Department Safety Officers' Association

Rich Marinucci; Fire Department Safety Officers' Association

Richard Mason; National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Dave Moore; International Association of Wildland Fire

Lee Morris; Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association

Frank Mortl, III; American Fire Sprinkler Association

Peter Mulvihill; International Fire Marshals Association

Steve Muncy; American Fire Sprinkler Association

Stuart Nathan; International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

Chris Neal; CFSI Board of Directors
Rob Neale; International Code Council
Anthony O'Neill; National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
Phil Ostrander; National Volunteer Fire Council
Sarah Owen; Underwriters Laboratories
Lindsey Plummer; International Association of Black Professional Firefighters
Jenna Pritchett, Common Voices
Allan Rice; North American Fire Training Directors
Randy Roxson; USA Sprinkler Fitters
Tim Sendelbach; Firehouse
Debbie Sobotka; Center for Public Safety Excellence
Michael Swain; Center for Campus Fire Safety
Giff Swayne; CFSI Board of Directors
Steven Tramel; Congressional Fire Services Institute
Bill Webb; Congressional Fire Services Institute
Tom Weber; Insurance Services Office
Greg Yost; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

GUESTS:

Meri-K Appy; Vision 20/20
Daniel Carrier; Hockessin Fire Company
Matt Lay; Oklahoma State Firefighters Association
Dr. Lyric Jorgenson; Office of the Vice President
Nancy Moore; Africa Fire Mission
Brenda O'Connor; Insurance Institute of Business and Home Safety
Anthony R. Guzzo; Hockessin Fire Company
Julie Rochman; Insurance Institute of Business and Home Safety
Ernest Rojahn; Lancaster County PA Fire Association
Greg Schultz; Office of the Vice President