Call to Order
- The meeting was called to order on April 26, 2019, at 8:32 a.m. by Chief Greg Cade, Chair of the National Advisory Committee.
- Chief Cade led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call was taken

Dr. William Jenaway, President of the CFSI Board of Directors
- Thank you to everyone in the room for support of CFSI and a great program last night.
- Need to be active in recruiting more members of Congress to the Fire Caucus
  - We’ve had some success this year, we need to keep it up
- Was on Capitol Hill Thursday and had a successful day

Chair’s Report
- Chief Greg Cade delivered the Chair’s report
- Congratulations to CFSI staff for work on symposium and dinner
- Looking for input on how to make the fire service a safer profession
  - Not just here, but around the world
  - The U.S. continues to provide leadership, but also need to bring back excellent ideas from other countries
- We’ll continue to reach out to you to help get the message to Capitol Hill

Vice-Chair’s Report
- Chief Ron Siarnicki delivered the Vice-Chair’s report
- Hosted a two-hour program engaging emerging leaders in the fire service
  - Many first-time attendees to the Symposium/Dinner
  - Our responsibility to mentor the next generation of leaders

Executive Director’s Report
- Bill Webb, CFSI’s Executive Director, delivered a report
- Thank you for everyone’s support in putting on the dinner
  - MFRI, IFSTA, NFFF
  - Master of Ceremonies Denny Compton
- Good attendance at the event
- New support – Anheuser-Busch water program
  - They want to expand the program. CFSI offered its support with this effort
- We’ve been stressing the educational portion of the event
- Send your ideas to the Programmatic Subcommittee
Congratulations to award recipients
  ○ If you know of individuals and organizations deserving recognition, please let us know

Trying to expand exposure for our sponsors – reach out to Steven

Will be releasing a 2019 holiday ornament

17th Annual Harry S. Truman Legacy Symposium and the Truman Fire Forum

Community Risk Reduction Symposium with Vision 20/20 – recognized Meri-K Appy
  ○ Appy - Vision 2020 received a grant to host a symposium with CFSI to prepare the future leaders of community risk reduction
  ○ Appy – Recent smoke alarm summit in Baltimore to identify gaps practices and behavior research

Legislative Report

Sean Carroll, CFSI’s Director of Government Affairs, delivered a report

Folders contain our recent legislative memo
  ○ Snapshot of some of the issues we have been and will be working on
  ○ Legislative Outlook and list of legislation is posted on our website

Congressional Fire Services Caucus –
  ○ Began the year with 199 members
  ○ Co-Chairs have led an aggressive recruitment campaign in conjunction with local, grassroots outreach
  ○ Currently at 221 members
  ○ Senator Thomas Carper (DE) is the current chair

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations
  ○ Working with Congressional allies to increase appropriations for FIRE/SAFER, USFA, the Urban Search & Rescue System, and to fully fund the Firefighter Cancer Registry

Technical correction so qualified improvement properties (QIP), including fire sprinkler retrofits, are eligible for accelerated depreciation (S. 803/H.R. 1869)

Will be working with Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9) on a high-rise fire sprinkler retrofit bill

Several initiatives contained in resolutions that will be discussed later today

Many more initiatives covered in the legislative memo and on our website

Presentation – Pamela Williams, BuildStrong Coalition

December 2018 report from the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), the benefit-cost ratios for mitigation strategies studied found:
  ○ Adopting model codes saves $11 per $1 spent
  ○ Federal mitigation grants save $6 per $1 spent
  ○ Exceeding codes saves $4 per $1 spent
  ○ Mitigating Infrastructure saves $4 per $1 spent

2018 Congress passed the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA)
  ○ $1-3 billion in the hands of states/locals to invest in mitigation
  ○ Allows FEMA to fund the implementation and enforcement of codes
  ○ Clarifies that mitigation efforts in post-wildland fire areas are allowable expenses

BuildStrong is working with FEMA to draft guidance
• Working with states that have taken proactive measures that allow them to tap into an extra 10% of disaster funds
• BRIC – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
  ○ Build capacity across the country – small investments can make a difference
  ○ FEMA is wholly embracing these concepts and working with the Coalition
• Power/water/infrastructure is where we need to invest
• None of these assistance programs exist in a vacuum
  ○ Pre-disaster mitigation conversation flows right into the disaster recovery conversation and all these programs are being leveraged with funds from other agencies and departments
    ■ Finally, connect more dots than ever before
  ○ The burden still lies with the state and local levels
  ○ BuildStrong Coalition is trying to highlight best practices
• Other issues discussed include the surface transportation package, potential infrastructure package, appropriations for disaster programs, and the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) authorization
• July 22nd - Forum on Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
• Q&A – Julius Hallas (NASFM) – Is the focus on new construction or retrofit?
  ○ Williams – It absolutely needs to be a combination. There is an opportunity for retrofitting. We need to look at new construction, but we have such a stock of older properties. Need to address human behavior and educate on why we need to invest in codes.

Presentation – Mike Varney & Chief Richard Carrizzo (FirstNet) and Guerdy Charles (AT&T) –
• Varney - Looking at ways to continue to improve the network and meet the needs of public safety
  ○ Looking to the future to ensure FirstNet is meeting the needs of the public safety community
  ○ Leveraging LTE technology: Need to increase coverage and capacity, improve situational awareness, and integrate voice communication
    ■ Need to do all of this in a secure information exchange environment
• Carrizzo – This is a 25-year program and we’re only 18 months into it. We’re still building the system.
  ○ Takes approximately $81 million annually to run the general operations of the system
    ■ FirstNet Authority takes another $81 million in a contingency in case anything happens
    ■ First reinvestment check for $78 million came last year
    ■ Should receive another $78 million this October
    ■ Over the next 25 years, FirstNet Authority will take in a little less than $30 billion
  ○ Developing a roadmap to determine where we need to go
  ○ First Responder Network Authority governs AT&T
• Charles – Personal survivor of multiple fires
Served at World Trade Center for three weeks following the September 11th attacks

The year prior to FirstNet was instituted, AT&T’s emergency response team responded to 27 emergencies
  - AT&T participated in more 272 emergencies last year

FirstNet is the fastest growing telecommunications network in the United States
  - Over 575,000 FirstNet connections with over 7,200 agencies

The pace of adoption is increasing

Q&A – Justin Daniels (CCFS) – Heard statement that FirstNet expected to reach 60% adoption by the end of the year. Is that accurate?
  - Charles – That is probably a little low. We are on pace to eclipse that.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Ethics** – No report
- **Programmatic** – Ron Siarnicki
  - Thank you to the Programmatic Subcommittee
  - Opened Call-For-Proposals in the summer;
    - Received nearly 40 proposals
    - Increased number of seminars we offered this year
    - Will do another call this summer, so start thinking of some ideas
  - Continued our partnership with Columbia Southern University;
    - CSU provides CEUs for the seminars at no additional cost to CFSI or the participants
  - Hosted 18 Seminars over two days
    - The most comprehensive program we’ve hosted
    - Town Hall meeting was well attended and had some good discussions
- **Fundraising** – Vickie Pritchett
  - Fundraising subcommittee has been working with Steven Tramel to enhance existing fundraising programs
  - What more can our organizations do as members of the National Advisory Committee to financially support CFSI?
    - Please consider joining the Associates Club if you are not already a member
  - Continuing holiday ornament program
  - Please share your ideas with the Fundraising Subcommittee – we want your ideas
- **Membership** – Tony O’Neill – No new applications for membership
  - If you are aware of any national fire service organizations that may benefit from joining the National Advisory Committee, please contact Bill Webb
- **Resolutions** – Four resolutions were considered by the National Advisory Committee
  - A resolution expressing support for requiring federal infrastructure investments be designed and constructed to the latest codes and standards
    - Offered by the International Code Council, and cosponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and the National Volunteer Fire Council
    - Motion: International Code Council
Second: UL

Seth Statler – recommend an amendment
- Change language where it reads “Model codes” to “consensus-based codes”
- Motion second – National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
- Motion to amend unanimously approved

Unanimously approved

- A resolution expressing concern about growing damage from wildfires and encouraging increased support for coordinated community risk reduction, research, and suppression efforts, including adequate equipment as well as personnel resources
  - Offered by the National Fire Protection Association, and cosponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the International Code Council
  - Motion: National Fire Protection Association
  - Second: International Association of Wildland Fire
  - Sean DeCrane – recommend an amendment to use “consensus-based” so the resolution is consistent with the previous resolution
  - National Association of State Fire Marshals and International Association of Wildland Fire requested to be listed as co-sponsors
  - Unanimously approved

- A resolution in support of the Helping Emergency Responders Overcome (HERO) Act
  - Offered by the International Association of Fire Fighters, and cosponsored by the National Volunteer Fire Council
  - Motion: International Association of Fire Fighters
  - Second: National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
  - Unanimously approved

- A Resolution in support of legislation extending the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act
  - Offered by the International Association of Fire Fighters, and cosponsored by the National Fire Protection Association
  - Motion: International Association of Fire Fighters
  - Second: UL
  - Unanimously Approved

Election of Officers

- Chair
  - Motion to nominate Greg Cade made by Tony O’Neill
  - Second by Paul Brooks
  - Second by Sean DeCrane
  - Unanimously approved

- Vice-Chair
  - Motion to nominate Ron Siarnicki made by Tony O’Neill
  - Second by Bobby Halton
  - Second by Marc Bashoor
Unanimously approved

Unfinished Business
- No unfinished business was discussed

New Business
- No new business was discussed

Adjournment
- Upon motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Cade, Greg National Fire Protection Association (NAC Chair)
Siarnicki, Ron National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NAC Vice-Chair)
Jenaway, Bill Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors (President)
Neal, Chris Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors (Secretary/Treasurer)
Austin, Steve Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Echols, Peggy Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Webb, Bill Congressional Fire Services Institute (Executive Director)
Carroll, Sean Congressional Fire Services Institute (Director of Government Affairs)
Banks, Wally International Fire Buff Associates
Bassi, Preet Center for Public Safety Excellence
Brooks, Paul Institution of Fire Engineers - USA Branch
Carroll, Sean Congressional Fire Services Institute
Compton, Dennis International Fire Service Training Association
Daniels, Justin Center for Campus Fire Safety
DeCrane, Sean Underwriters Laboratories
Drennan, Vina Common Voices
Finger, Dave National Volunteer Fire Council
Gibson, Hugh “Skip” ISO
Granby, John Fire and Emergency Manufacturers’ and Services Association
Halas, Julius National Association of State Fire Marshals
Halton, Bobby Fire Engineering/FDIC
Hannan, Craig International Fire Service Training Association
Krupp, Roger International Association of Arson Investigators
Lang, Dave International Association of Fire Fighters
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