

RIAFM Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 2023

Date: September 20, 2023

Call to order: 9:43 hrs.

Pledge / Moment of Silence: Completed

Previous minutes: None from June 2023 due to no Secretary at meeting

Communications: President Manni & Sec. Hawksley reported:

- 1). Letter Rec'd. Brad Cronin now Chairperson of Residential Committee on NFPA 101 & 5000 – Congratulations
- 2). Letter of Resignation of Ami CinqMars, left for new position.
- 3). Resignation of Scott Corio, our representative to R.I. Fire Ed. & Training Board, is now Chief of Charlton, MA

Treasurer's Report: by Joe Houle, Treasurer

Fees Paid – Wild Apricot monthly cost & expenses for meeting,

Checking \$ 2529.17, Money Market \$ 12,041.08

Motion to accept as read made and seconded - PASSED

Reports of Organizations

RISFMO: DSFM William Leahy reported that the office has four (4) vacant positions and if anyone knows someone who would like the job to advise them to apply.

FBOAAR: No report, Exe. Director Burlingame not at meeting

RI AFC: No Report, no Chief at the meeting

NFPA: No report, Bob Duval not at meeting

NEAFM: Steve Mann, Coventry, reported that the 2-day Car Fire Investigation class by NEAFM will be held 10/25 & 10/26 at the Union Training building in S.K. Speaker/Instructor is David West, ret. Kentucky State Police Arson Investigator, cost is \$215 and space is limited. Brochures emailed today.

FCOARI: Disbanded

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee: Mark Vincent reported that the General Assembly is not in sessions at this time. He found nothing new on the 2 bills we were following last session: School Fire Drills & Gas Powered Lawn Equipment phase-out.

NFPA Technical Committee: Brad Cronin noted that Sept./Oct. are busy months, NFPA 25 (Insp., Test., & Maintenance) & 303 (Marinas) are in cycle now (303 discussion include shrink wrapping boats due to some big fires in the last year)

Fire Education, Training & Coord. Board (FETCB): Scott Corio resigned, as mentioned under Correspondence. President Manni opened it up to the floor asking if anyone wanted to serve on that Board. The only person to indicate interest (59 attendees) was John Woodard. A letter will be sent to the Governor asking for John to be appointed.

Professional Development / Education Committee: No Report

Social Committee: N/A

Nominating Committee: N/A

Election Committee: N/A

Auditing Committee: N/A

By Law Committee: N/A

Old Business: None

New Business:

a). Pres. Manni reported that Sue Hawksley has agreed to fulfill the Secretary's position for the remainder of Ami's term.

b). President Manni brought up his wish to hold a 1 or 2 day training/educational seminar, like we used to do at the Crown Plaza. His thoughts were that we could perhaps work with the R.I. Fire Chief's and get together a committee of 4 to 6 people to plan it. As there were no takers when asked if anyone was willing to serve, Pres. Manni said he would send follow up email out before our next meeting.

c). There is a class being given by Fire Equipment Inc. (FEI) on 10/4 on Code Compliant Kitchen Supp. Systems – see their website for details.

For the Good of the Order:

1). After a 10 minute break, John Ireland of Jensen Hughes will do a class on the Fire Inspection Process, per Pres. Manni.

2). John Woodard has RIAFM patches and challenge coins for sale, cash only, see him after the Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:06 hours

Submitted by: *Susan L. Hawksley*, Secretary (replaced Ami Cinqmars for remainder of term)