

**Missouri Chapter  
International Association Arson Investigators  
Lake Ozark, MO  
January 17, 2009**

**Present:**

**Jim Kuticka  
Steve Russell  
Dale Straatmann  
Dave Gyger  
Brian Leuthauser  
Larry Doty  
Jim Goebel  
Past President Nichols**

**Absent:**

**Tim Cudd  
Bruce Vanderhoof  
Tim Medlin  
Steve Young  
Chris Thiemann**

**Presidents Report**

**No report at this time**

**Vice President's Report**

**No report at this time**

**Secretary's Report - Russell**

**Mr. Nichols made the motion to waive the reading of the last minutes, Mr. Doty seconded with all voting yes**

**Treasurer's Report –Straatmann**

**Mr. Straatmann reported that the bank checking accounts were moved to US Bank and are nearly completed with the exception of the savings account. Mr. Straatmann reported that seminar deposits were at \$16,559.21 total expenses for the seminar were at \$13, 895.10 for an difference of \$2664.11 net to the chapter. With the net from the seminar and the out going cost of the chapter the cash on hand stands as \$25,575.74 Discussions were held on the fact that all of the money on hand would not be needed in the checking account. \$15, 000.00 was discussed at that May 17, 2008 meeting to be transferred into a saving account. At this time discussion was held that that same amount would be transferred and reported back to the board as soon as possible. Discussion was held on obtaining credit cards for the chapter for the members to use as they travel and to help with the ease of purchasing at the seminars. This was tabled until the next meeting where further discussion would be held.**

**Education Committee – Medlin**

The instructors have been set, which include ATF Special Agent Michael Bryant and Mr. James Allen. Class information is still being gathered for POST approval. Mr. Medlin will be meeting with the POST committee with several issues from the chapter he feels this will be a positive input for the chapter and is looking forward to the meeting. As of now all chapter audio equipment appears to be working properly and should be no problems for the seminar. Work is still being completed on the merging of the training and membership database and further reports will follow.

**International Liaison –**

Mr. Bob Renton has been sending several updates from the international along with new training information communications between the chapters have been very good.

**POST –**

No report at this time

**Membership – Huffmon**

Mr. Huffmon sent a report stating that we now have 388 total members with 117 active members along with 9 lifetime members

**Legislative –**

No report at this time

**Awards – Russell**

Awards are usually received prior to the seminar and none have been sent into the chapter at this time

**CFI –Nichols**

Two tests have been issued since the last meeting. Mr. Nichols also reported that the training foundation will be making changes and until all details are worked out a full report will be given. This will be a great positive change for the international and the educational foundation.

**Attendance Prizes – Thiemann**

No report at this time

**Promotional Items – Thiemann**

No report at this time

**Nominations – Huffmon**

Three positions will be vacant at this year's seminar; Mr. Russell will be coming off of the Secretaries position this position has to be filled from within the board. Mr.

**Russell nominated Mr. Gyger with Mr. Leuthauser seconding. Mr. Huffmon has received a nomination of Mr. Jesse Sprout for board member. Mr. Nichols nominated Mr. Jim Goebel for board member with Mr. Doty seconding. Mr. Leuthauser made the nomination for Mr. Russell as board member with Mr. Gyger seconding**

**Newsletter and Website – Kuticka  
No report at this time**

**Hospitality - Medlin  
No report at this time**

**By-Laws – Straatmann  
No report at this time**

**Historical - Goebel  
No report at this time**

**Arson Awareness Week –  
No report at this time**

**Fire Marshal's Office  
No report at this time**

**Registration – Gyger  
Merging of the information for the registration and membership is still being compiles and a further report will follow**

**Courtroom Testimony – Kuticka  
Changes for the new class have been received and the information is being reviewed.  
No classes are set at this time**

**Old Business**

**Mr. Kuticka would like for the chapter help reimburse the chapters Vice-President to attend the International seminars in order to help establish repore with the chapter and the international. Discussion was held and Mr. Doty made the motion that a total of one thousand dollars for this year be allocated to help with the offset of the cost should the Vice President decide to attend Mr. Straatmann second with all voting yes.**

**Mr. Kuticka brought up the discussion on the Missouri chapter rebates being returned back to the international for off shore training accounts. This has always been done each year. Mr. Russell made the motion to give our rebates to the international with Mr. Leuthauser seconding all voted yes.**

**Discussion was held on donating \$1000.00 to MACAP as to supplement the reward foundation; this was tabled until further information could be obtained at the next meeting.**

#### **New Business**

**Mr. Russell reported that the printer that has been used for the certificates has had a problem and a new one would be needed prior to the next seminar. Discussion was held about a new bag for the computer that was returned and assigned to the secretary. All were in agreement that the purchase would be made. Mr. Kuticka stated that he would take care of these items and have them at the next meeting.**

**Mr. Kuticka ask the board to check into possibly having some of the regular board meetings via phone conference or possibly video conferencing as to see the feasibility of this verses driving each and every time to the lake. This is not to take place of regular mandatory board meetings. Discussion was held and options were discussed for the up coming meetings.**

**Mr. Nichols stated that the international elections were coming up and it was very important that all international members make a point to seek out the best candidates and vote. This has been very week in the last few years and it was our responsibility to take park in the elections.**

#### **Set next meeting**

**The next regular board meeting would be held on April 18, 2009 at the lake at the regular time.**

**Mr. Nichols made the motion to adjourn with Mr. Straatmann seconding all voted yes**