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59th Annual IFBA Convention Report

By Jerry Traub, *Turn Out* editor

Photos contributed by Jerry Traub, Chuck Liedtke, William Mokros, Gerry Mahoney, John Degenhardt, and Carolyn Wignall

The 59th annual IFBA meeting and convention began under a rainy sky and soggy ground on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The Fire Buff Association of New Jersey hosted this year's activities in the shadow



Paul Schaetzle presides at the Executive Board Meeting on September 6, 2011. Pictured, near side: Gerry Mahoney, IFBA secretary; Marc Wallace, VP, Region 9; Wally Banks, VP, Region 5; Rick Cutts, Convention Comte. Chair. Far side: Bill Mokros, Exec VP, IFBA; Bill Celentano Jr., East Coast VP at Large; Stuart Nathan, IFBA director of Publicity.

of Ground Zero nearing the 10th anniversary of that memorable day of 09-11-01.

Registration began midday, and the Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Paul



Jersey City Pipes and Drums present the colors at the 59th Annual IFBA Convention, Sept. 7, 2011.

Schaetzle at 7 p.m. Minutes of that gathering are published elsewhere in this issue.

Wednesday morning began with a breakfast buffet in the Sheraton Hotel, followed by opening ceremonies. Jersey City Pipes and Drums led the assembly. Greetings were exchanged and dignitaries introduced. Our traditional Necrology ceremony announced the names of those who answered their last alarm since our 2010 meeting.

Three seminars followed during the day. Chief John Salka, FDNY retired, spoke of his time at the Ground Zero site on 09-11-01. Many facts were shared, many unknown to attendees. The second plane struck Tower #2 at 100 mph faster speed than the first and caused it to come down sooner. 140 units responded from FDNY to the scene. #7 World Trade Center is rarely discussed, yet it was a 60 story building that caught fire and collapsed—a major event on any other day. A



steel framing member removed from within “the pile” on Christmas Day, 2001, combusted upon reaching fresh air. FDNY now has 45 watt radios in chiefs’ buggies for communication, compared to 2 watt radios in use that day. 70% of today’s

FDNY personnel were not on the job in 2001.

Retired chief Bob Cobb of FDJC (Jersey City) presented about mutual aid from surrounding cities and departments. Their initial assignment involved the PATH tunnel leading to the WTC. It is estimated that 5-6,000 people safely escaped from the Mall beneath the WTC before the collapses. Lastly, Ira Cohen of the Gong Club presented the Fire Buff responses from the New Jersey clubs. While their preparation was complete for survivors, their service was limited to mostly public safety personnel. Ira also shared the tactics we all need to follow when involved in major disasters.

Wednesday evening was highlighted by a Hudson



"The Gals" aboard the dinner cruise. Left to right: Juli Degenhardt; Renate Liedtke; Vicki Mokros; Susie Quick. Renate and Vicki barely made it to the boat on time following a short delay in their plane trip from Milwaukee.

River dinner cruise that gave many their first sightings of lower Manhattan, New York and the New Jersey waterfronts.

Thursday, September 8, began with an early hotel breakfast, as convention-

eers boarded busses to Port Newark, NJ, (the largest container port on the East Coast) and the UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) Neptune Foam System demonstration. Before that show, we were allowed to greet FDNY fireboat 343 as it docked nearby to off-board a contingent of firefighter bicycle riders doing a 343 mile ride as a fundraiser. A buffet lunch followed at the Iberia (Portuguese) Restaurant in Newark, where the local public safety and city leaders were introduced. An apparatus display in the parking lot, along with units from Newark PD, were well received by our folks.

After lunch, we headed for the 9/11 Tear Drop Memorial at Peninsula Harbor, Bayonne. A to-



President Paul Schaetzle and guest, Barb Abbruzzese, work the crowd aboard the IFBA Dinner Cruise Wednesday evening.

tally awesome site, this gift of the Russian people to the residents of the area stands 100 ft. above the landscape, with lower Manhattan as a backdrop, looking toward Ground Zero. UASI Urban Search & Rescue operations were later presented by Chief Rogers from

Bayonne FD.



The lower Manhattan skyline, as seen from the deck of the dinner cruise yacht. Being a cloudy and rainy night, the full effect of the twin beams shining from the site of the collapsed World Trade Center loses some clarity, but is impressive nevertheless.

Following dinner on our own, the 2012 convention preview for Toronto and the 2013 intro to Milwaukee's anniversary presentation were viewed. Toronto members introduced a nifty 50-50 fundraiser among atten-



(Above) Ladder companies and a flag display greet NYC fireboat *Three Four Three* as it docked to discharge firefighters riding a 343 mile bike fundraising marathon. The number 343 is symbolic as it is the number of firefighters lost at the World Trade Center on 9-11-01. The new fireboat was dedicated in their honor.



dees, to generate starting funds for their convention efforts next year. Winning ticket was to be pulled at the Saturday banquet.

Friday dawned sunny and bright as breakfast was served and the annual Business meeting



President Paul Schaetzle conducts the 59th Annual IFBA Business Meeting on September 9, 2011, flanked by Executive Vice President William Mokros (left) and Gerry Mahoney, IFBA Secretary (right).

began at 0900. The report of that meeting is in

this edition.

At 1100, we boarded busses again, this time for Liberty State Park ferry terminal, for a ride to Ellis Island and (Statue of) Liberty State Park. We were granted access to the Empty Sky memorial a day before its official opening on Saturday. This monument lists 746 New Jersey residents who perished on 09-11. Twin 30 feet high rectangular towers measure 208 feet, 10 inches long—the exact width of WTC towers. Names are inscribed in 4

inch high letters on stainless steel. The view between the towers leads to Ground Zero across the river.

On the return trip to the hotel, we stopped at the Gong Club headquarters in Jersey City to see the

tribute and mural unveiling to honor Joe Laverio, Gong Club member who was killed in the collapse of the South Tower on 9-11-01. Rafael Torres, 24-year veteran firefighter and Richard LaRovere hosted the program.

Saturday's September 10 program began with a flea market and muster at the next-door office parking lot. Not as much equipment was available as hoped, as many of the area's departments were attending memorial events for the next day's tenth

anniversary observance. Many chose this as a travel day and visited nearby attractions. An overflowing buffet table of multiple meats, seafood, veggies and such greeted us for the closing banquet that evening. A flowing chocolate fountain was the highlight of the dessert choices. Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy (and formerly Jersey City FD), was the speaker. Rick Cutts of Lynn, MA, with Box 52, Box 41 Associates and SPAAMFAA, was announced as Hank Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year.

Meet your new President: Gary Wignall

By Jerry Traub

2011 IFBA president Gary Wignall from the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association is a native Canadian, born in Hamilton, Ontario, during the latter days of the World War II era.

He called that area home until after high school, when he moved to Toronto in 1965. Various jobs led to a two-year stint with that city's Police force. In 1967, Gary applied to the Toronto Fire Dept.. Although he did start on a Friday, January 13, luck was on his side and 38 ½ short years later, he retired.

He was a frontline firefighter as a truckman on a '56 LaFrance open-cab 100' aerial for 10 years.

That part of his service changed abruptly during a third alarm office building fire. A nasty backdraft sent Gary and his entire company down the steps backwards. He survived, but his knees didn't do as well. As he recovered from that injury, he was offered a position in Communications where he worked up to acting Captain as a Dispatcher for almost 11 years. In 1988, a Toronto Fire Department district chief was looking for a permanent aide on TFD car 41 downtown. Gary was that guy. That district's four shifts responded to 5,400

runs his last year.

In June, 2005, Gary retired to become primary caregiver for his first wife Faye, fighting a terminal disease. She deceased June 10, 2006.



Looking for a new start, Gary attended the IFBA convention in Seattle in 2006, as he had many others as IFBA Region 10 Vice-president. (His first convention was at Milwaukee in 1973.) In Seattle, he met Carolyn Franz, sparking a relationship that resulted in their marriage in May, 2009.

Toronto is their hometown, where his retired years have been good to him.

Carolyn is busy as a billing administrator for Total Security Management. Gary looks forward to an eventful year as your president, with Carolyn (now serving as Region 10's Vice-president) hoping to travel with him as often as possible to IFBA events.

You can meet the presidential couple in Toronto at the 2012 convention August 14-18. He reminds all those stateside to be sure to have a passport or passport card to make your visit seamless. Before that, you can reach them at thewignalls @Sympatico.ca.

Outgoing President Paul Schaetzle was recognized, and incoming President Gary Wignall and his officers, Regional Vice-presidents and Vice-president At-Large were sworn in.

A good time was had by most; especially noted were the kind words exchanged by the leader of the National Fire Academy and his obviously good friends and past associates from Jersey City. The winner of the 50-50 raffle took home almost \$1,000 away from the meal, as did the GTMAA for next year's convention.

See you in Toronto, August 14-18, 2012!

(Right) Incoming IFBA President Gary Wigall takes the oath of office administered by William Mokros, IFBA Executive VP as out-going IFBA President Paul Schaetzle looks on.



(Left) IFBA Regional Vice Presidents are sworn in for the 2011/2012 term. Left to right: Reg 1, Ken Beliveau; Reg 3, Chris Oliphant; Reg 4, Frank Novak (absent); Reg 5, Wally Banks; Reg 6, Chuck Liedtke; Reg 7, Kenn Smith; Reg 8, Ed McMichael; Reg 9, Pat Spellman; Reg 10, Carolyn F. Wignall; Reg 11, Noel Kerkhoff.

(Right) Rick Cutts addresses conventioners after being named the Hank Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year. Phil Reid presented the award on behalf of the IFBA.



(Right) Banquet participants were treated to a chocolate fountain where fruits and cakes are dipped in flowing chocolate ... and enjoyed! This may be the start of a new tradition! Pictured are Carlton Winslow and Phil Reid Jr.

(Left) IFBA Past

President Jim Williamson "talks shop" during the 9/10 Flea Market and Muster.





MINUTES

IFBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NJ SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

1915 hours Meeting called to order by President Schaetzle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Executive Board Members

Minutes of previous meeting. Motion to accept as previously published, passed.

Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept as read. Passed.

President and Executive Vice-President Reports deferred to General Business Meeting.

Convention Report by Tom Pelaia. 110 Full Registrations, 85 Partial Registrations. Tom also reviewed some logistical issues and changes in some times on convention schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS: Chris Oliphant and Bill Celentano reported on the matter of the position of East Coast Vice-President at Large.

EDUCATION: Gary Wignall (excused due to automobile emergency) and Noel Kerkhoff reported on following sub-committees:

CFSI-Stu Nathan reported on exploring FEMA Grant opportunities as part of Rehab Operations. There is a question if IFBA member clubs are eligible. He will continue to pursue the matter. He also reported on looking into IFBA becoming a participant in the National Fire Heritage Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

CONVENTION FACILITATOR- Rick Cutts reported on developing a standardized form on which convention committees could report on their recently held convention, and working on a set list of criteria on which future convention bidders must comply with.

FINANCE: Marc Wallace and Chuck Liedtke reported their examination of the financial reports showed all to be in order. Also discussed using different financial products for IFBA investments.

MOTION: Place the funds from the two CD's that mature in December 2011 into Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund pending review of penalties for early withdrawal. Motion passed.

MEMBER SERVICES: Ken Belliveau reported on the general need to increase visibility of the IFBA to the fire service. He also

reported along with chairs of following sub-committees:

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY: Gerry Mahoney reported all is in order for Hasbrouck Heights and reviewed the Life Safety Resolution requirements for future sites.

NOMINATING: Bill Celentano will have a slate of officers for the General Business Meeting.

PUBLICITY: Stu Nathan reported on excellent pre-convention article in Fire Apparatus Journal by Ron Jeffers, courtesy of FAJ publisher Jack Calderone.

TURN-OUT: Jerry Traub reported on deadlines, (November 1, 2011) and requirements.

WEB PAGE: Bill Mokros reported that new site is working well and he will add content on departed members.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Wally Banks and Frank Novak (excused) reported there is difficulty in recruitment and retention of new members in many clubs due to cultural and generational issues. Also reported with following sub-committees.:

FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR: Phil Reid reported there were several nominees this year and a candidate has been selected by the committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Ira Rubin recommends the following club for membership: South Florida Rehab and Emergency Support Team; Dania Beach, FL.

NEWSLETTER: Ira Cohen reports there will be no award this year.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Jim Williamson, Stu Nathan, Tom McDonald and Ed McMichael reported on several issues including the following:

Possibly placing a notice in upcoming edition of Turn-Out regarding the Rasmussen Award.
Discussion on the status of Region 7 Vice-Presidency

FUTURE CONVENTION SITES

2012-Toronto, Ontario
2013-Milwaukee, WI
2014-Dallas, TX
2015- A verbal bid was submitted by Region One VP Ken Beliveau to host the 2015 IFBA Convention in the Greater Hartford, CT area.
Motion by Ira Cohen; 2nd by Chuck Liedtke to accept the bid. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Vice President has received correspondence from Mr. Lew Siegler of California regarding proper recognition on the IFBA web site of deceased

members of the organization. The matter will be handled by Executive Vice-President Mokros.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 2125 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerard E. Mahoney
Secretary



MINUTES

IFBA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NJ
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

Called to order by President at 0845

Nominating Committee report by Bill Celentano. Motion to accept. Passed.

Fire Exits pointed out by President.

Presidents report, deferred to banquet.

Roll Call

Correspondence from Monaghan Family

Treasurer Report Accepted as read.

Executive Vice President

Regional Vice Presidents reports. Most submitted electronically.

Region 1-Ken Belliveau: Mass Statewide has dissolved.

Region 3-Chris Oliphant Regional Meeting in June

Region 4-

Region 5-Wally Banks. Region Meeting held in New Orleans, LA. 2012 Regional Meeting to be held in Shreveport, LA at a date TBD.

Region 6-Chuck Liedtke. Regional Meeting held in Racine, WI. Much discussion on canteen operations.

2012 Regional Meeting to be held in Moline, IL.

Region 7-Will utilize conference calls to coordinate with Regional Clubs due to large geographical area.

Region 8-Ed McMichael- Box 8 Club in St. Louis is down to fewer than 10 members, canteen turned over to a private organization. Box 55 in Nashville is struggling as well. Indianapolis club doing well, fairly active. Extremely warm summer in Indianapolis. President reported that a Nashville Fire House will be named in honor of Bill Ketchum.

Region 9- Been working on convention.

Region 10-Gary Wignall. GTMAA is doing well. 2012 Board meeting is April 21, 2012. Hotel rate is \$149.00 April 21, 2012 is also Earth Day in Toronto. Ontario Fire Buffs is 40 years old. Annual meeting and Banquet November 5, 2011. Web Site for convention is www.torcon2012.com

Region 11-Noel Kerkhoff. One new club coming into IFBA from South Florida. Potential for another club to come into organization from Central Florida.

East-Coast Regional Vice-President: Bill Celentano. Always available to lend a hand.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Publicity-Stu Nathan. Pre-Convention publicity was good this year thanks to FAJ and Ron Jeffers.

Turn-Out. Jerry Traub. May 20, 2011 edition largest ever produced. 14 clubs represented in the edition. Deadline of November 1, 2011. Hoping to upgrade via new laptop and software in the near future.

IFBA Web Site-Bill Mokros. Web page will be updated with memorial information on deceased members of organization, as well as listing of all Fire Buff of the Year recipients. www.ifba.org

Insurance Advisory-Paul Schaetzle. Policy renewed at a cost of \$535.00. Covers all IFBA activities.

Newsletter-Rick Cutts. No award this year. Club websites will also be considered in the future.

Convention Facilitator-Rick Cutts. Has met and/or discussed with upcoming convention committees. Available to assist committees. Those driving into Canada should obtain a Canadian Liability Card from their insurance carrier.

Financial-Chuck Liedtke. Review of records all is in order.

Membership-Ira Rubin. Recommended South Florida Rehab and Emergency Support Team for membership. Based in Dania Beach, south of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Motion to accept. Passed.

Historical-Bill Mokros. Videos will soon be placed on web site.

CFSI-Stu Nathan. Continue to sit on advisory committee. Currently IFBA clubs are not eligible for grant stream funding. National Fire Heritage Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Will be a repository for oral and written history of the fire service in America. Vito Maggiolo also added that Region 3 clubs provide canteen service for National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend in October.

Future Conventions-

Toronto-Dave McDonald-Plans are well underway. Itinerary is pretty well set.

Milwaukee- Chuck Liedtke-July 10-13, 2013 Airport Wyndham Hotel; \$99.00 per night.

Dallas-Wally Banks- In planning stages. Date will be in October of 2014.

Hartford CT-Ken Belliveau. Will be in the Greater Hartford, CT area in 2016.

By-Law Amendment: Motion by Kerkhoff, Second by Oliphant. Passed.

Much discussion on the issue of the Canadian Flag being improperly displayed. Hilton Hotel was unable to provide a second flagpole.

Several people commented on the issue of Handicap Accessibility at the hotel and also during the New York Harbor Cruise.

Election of Officers. Unanimous approval of the slate of officers nominated by the nominating committee.

Charlie Womack rose to thank the membership for the many expressions of sympathy upon the death of his wife Molly. President Schaetzle also thanked the membership for the many

expressions of sympathy upon the death of his mother.

Noel Kerkhoff rose in appreciation of the Conference Calls that were hosted for the Executive Board.

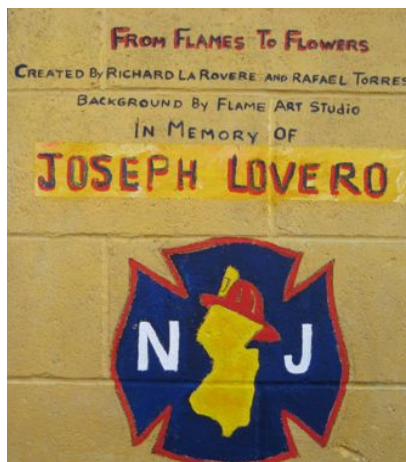
Tom Pelaia addressed the group on the logistics for the remaining activities.

Motion to adjourn at 1023 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerard E. Mahoney
Secretary



Reg 6 VP Chuck Liedtke and his young wife Renate pose in front of Liberty Park. Renate was nine years old the first time she arrived at Ellis Island as a German immigrant to the U. S. She was so deep in the ship she didn't see the Statue of Liberty the first time.



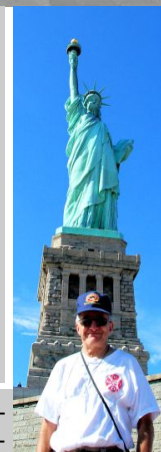
Above: Memorial wording across from Jersey City Gong Club quarters, dedicated September 9, 2011. Below: Mural commemorating Joseph Lovero, Gong Club member who was killed at the 9-11 tragedy.



Empty Sky Memorial at Jersey City, dedicated September 10, 2011. It honors 746 New Jerseyans who died in the WTC disaster, with each name etched in stainless steel in 4-inch-high letters. Granite walkway dividing the towers face on a line to the Trade Center site in Manhattan. Steel beams from "Ground Zero" complete the memorial. IFBA members toured the site on 9/9/11.



Our Canadian friend Gordie Fitzpatrick visited the Statue of Liberty on Friday's tour.



(Left two pictures): 9/11 Tear Drop Memorial, a gift of the Russian people, at Peninsula Harbor, Bayonne. Dedication plaque at Tear Drop memorial, written in English and Russian scripts.

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> Charles Ashley, Past Club President	Box 414, Baltimore, MD
> George F. "Smoky" Bass, Past Club President	Box 15 Club of Los Angeles, CA
> Vincent Augustine Bolger Sr. Founding Member	Boston Sparks Association, MA
> Mel Bugenhagen, Member	Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, WI
> Bill Carritte, Member	Box 52 Association, Boston, MA
> Eugene Dailley, Member	Box 414, Baltimore, MD
> Peter Foley, Member	5-11 Club, Chicago IL
> Michel Froderick, Member	Club Appel 99, Quebec City, Canada
> John Lee Gill, Member	Fire Bell Club of New York, NY
> Harvey W. Gurland, Active Member	Fire Bell Club of New York, NY
> Joyce Haynie, Member	Box 414, Baltimore, MD
> Jordan Krigest, Life Member	Box 52 Association, Boston, MA
> John E. "Jack" Monaghan, IFBA President, Member	1970 Indianapolis Fire Buffs, IN
> George (Bob) Riegel	Box 414, Baltimore, MD
> Rubin Samorls, Member	Box 414, Baltimore, MD
> Robert "Buffalo Bob" Smith, Member	Box 54, Teaneck, NJ
> Holly Wageman, Member	Greater Houston Fire Battalion, TX
> Thomas Walters, Member	Fire Bell Club of New York, NY
> Hank Wegner, Past Club President	Third Alarm Association, NY
> Richard C. Weizler, Life Member Life Member	Box 52 Association, Boston, MA Gong Club, Jersey City, NJ
> Barry White, Member	Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

