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60th Annual IFBA Convention Report

By Jerry Traub, *Turn Out* editor

Photos contributed by Jerry Traub, Chuck Liedtke, and Ed McMichael

From high above the 43rd floor of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, IFBA's 60th annual convention began with the Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. President Gary Wignall called the meeting to order shortly after 1900 and reviewed the events of the last year. This included minutes of previous meetings, and Treasurer's report for the period ending June 30, 2012

Meeting progressed with Regional Vice-Presidents' reports and Committee updates. Items of note included new IFBA Club Website Recognition Award, first to be given in 2013. Two new clubs were presented for membership, one in Canada and one in Virginia; five clubs were reported resigned or disbanded. Future conventions: 2013, Milwaukee, WI; 2014, Dallas, TX; 2015, Hartford, CT.; 2016, open. Motion to consolidate Region 8 (Indy, Nashville, St. Louis) with Region 6 (Great Lakes area) presented, to be voted at Friday's annual meeting. Meeting concluded at 2100. Hospitality Room was open.

Wednesday morning: Breakfast at hotel was held, as it was available every day in the lobby restaurant. Attendees boarded buses to Toronto Fire Academy for 9:30 opening ceremony. Recognizing the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reed from Scotland, Leo Leach opened with the singing of three anthems—Scottish,



"Hear ye, Hear ye!" was the voice from the Town Crier. "Welcome to Toronto, and ye better have fun!" He said it a bit differently, but too fast for a direct quote.



Pipe Major Donna Bakewell and members of the Toronto Fire Service Pipe Band assisted with the Opening Ceremonies of the 60th Annual Convention.

United States, and Canada! Toronto Fire Service Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Donna Bakewell of TFS Fire Prevention played, and speakers and guests—interim chief Ron Jenkins, Union Local 3888 president Ed Kennedy, and Paul Hensley, City Councilor representing Mayor Rob Ford were introduced. A necrology service for deceased members during 2011-12 followed.

Apparatus displays and demonstrations were presented at the same site. Lunch was provided by Local 3888 in the meeting hall. Members were shuttled back to the Sheraton Hotel after more displays and a group photo.

Wednesday evening's dinner cruise was aboard the Yankee Lady in Toronto Bay. A salute was provided by TFS fireboat William Lyon MacKenzie.

Thursday started with another hotel breakfast. It was followed by a bus trip to St. Catharines (no apostrophe) and Niagara Falls, Canada Fire departments. After an apparatus display in the city of St. Catharines, buses left for Niagara Falls Station 4, for more pictures and lunch. This station's museum room held the antique engine used in the CHRISTMAS STORY movie (fire dept. called to get the child's tongue unstuck from the frozen flag pole). All were then taken to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls for photos and Visitor's



Some of the transportation was provided on the Toronto Fire Services motor coach, driven by Capt. Al Thomas. He very thoughtfully gave up a number of vacation days to support GTMAA's convention.

Centre.

Wednesday evening included dinners downtown and several conventioners going to the Chicago White Sox/ Blue Jays baseball game at the Rogers Centre. Game stopped in later innings for EMS response to front row seats beyond third base for medical emergency—CPR being done on male fan. Toronto newspaper next day said he was DOA at hospital. White Sox beat the home team, 7-2. There were lots of home runs, but no souvenir foul balls.

After Friday's breakfast, annual IFBA Business Meeting was conducted. All items from Executive Board on Tuesday were presented. INDY PUBLISHING GROUP received authorization to order new laptop computer and necessary software to assist staff to replace six-year-old original equipment when TURN OUT started as an online magazine. Afternoon workshops included retired TFS chief William Stewart who discussed consolidation into today's 83 stations and 3,000 personnel. Division

chief Bob Anselmi talked of the challenge of combining apparatus and equipment from all the consolidated cities and what they are using today.

Future convention presentations—Milwaukee in 2013 (July 9-13); Dallas in 2014 (Sep 3-7). There was an open discussion about future conventions and possible meetings in non-IFBA cities—Phoenix, Las Vegas.

Saturday's breakfast was followed by bus trip to FESTI (Fire & Emergency Services Training Institute) located next to Toronto Pearson International airport. Apparatus were staged for photo shoot, first from airport department, followed by city of Mississauga units. Also, brand new Pierce engine for Training Institute. It was so new (how new was it?) that the cardboard was still on the rear compartment floor and SCBA tank instructions were still in plastic bags. We saw a handler on airport property practicing with a falcon, one



"Where's the wireless service?" Members of the 2012 Executive Board prepare for the 60th Annual IFBA Business Meeting. Left to right: William Mokros, Gary Wignall, Paul Schaetzle, and Gerry Mahoney.

of several used to keep birds and critters off the airfield. Lunch at FESTI was followed by a return to hotel for evening banquet.

A very tasty banquet was provided at 1900 Saturday at the Sheraton. Meal was followed by presentation of membership certificates to: **Tacoma, WA, 25 years; Indianapolis Fire Buffs, 50 years; Box 52, Boston, MA, first 100 years'**



Most of the Conventioneers that attended the Opening Ceremonies lined up for a group photo. It was after lunch, so everyone was smiling!

club.

Chuck Liedtke of **Milwaukee Fire Bells** named **Fire Buff of the Year**. 2012-13 officers sworn in: **Carolyn Wignall, President** (daughter of long-time IFBA member and past national officer and SPAAMFAA member Keith Franz). Ed McMichael was appointed 1st Vice President during the next year. All regional vice-presidents were sworn in.



(Above) 2012 Fire Buff of the Year Chuck Liedtke is presented the silver trumpet from Phil Reid. (Left) Carolyn Wignall is sworn in as IFBA President for 2012-2013 by William Mokros.



Meet your new President: Carolyn Wignall

By Ed McMichael

IFBA's 2012-2013 President sets several records: she is the first daughter of an IFBA past-president to also become IFBA's chief executive, she and immediate past-president Gary Wignall are the first husband-wife team succeeding each other, and she may be the youngest IFBA President.

So, who is she, and what are her roots?

Daughter of Keith and Mary Franz, Carolyn Franz Wignall was introduced to fire buffing and the fire community at a young age. She and brother, Owen, were two of the first junior members of SPAAMFAA. She and Owen also attended many IFBA conventions as they were growing up. "I have attended 25 conventions in the last 29 years," she said, "And my first convention was in Milwaukee in 1983." Laughing, "I was only a couple of months old for that one!"

She credits both her parents, but especially her father, for her interest in buffing. Polishing trucks at the Venerable Fire Collection museum and listening to her father give tours helped Carolyn understand the fire service.

"What I enjoy the most about the fire service is the camaraderie that is shared amongst the firefighters," she said. It is something "you don't often see in other professions."

Early years were spent in Slinger (Town of Polk), Wisconsin. She was sponsored by Doug Hanke in 2001 to become a member of the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club. She was graduated from Principia College in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and currently works as a billing administration supervisor at Total Security Management Services in Toronto. She and Gary were married on May 30, 2009.

Carolyn's interests outside of fire buffing include church, hockey (she is a fan of the Milwaukee Admirals, farm club of the Nashville Predators), football, most other sports, spending time at the cottage, gardening, travel, reading, and listening to all kinds of music.

She is looking forward to the Milwaukee convention, July 9-13, 2013. She wants to continue the ideals of fire buffing expressed by her husband, "Fire buffing should be a hobby, not a business." She wants all buffs to enjoy themselves. "Firefighters we serve with the canteen are very thankful for the work we do. Be proud of what we do."

2011—2012 REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS



Ken Beliveau,
Region 1



Chris Oliphant,
Region 3



Wally Banks,
Region 5



Chuck Liedtke,
Region 6



Ed McMichael,
Region 8



Pat Spellman,
Region 9



C. Wignall,
Region 10



Ira Rubin,
Membership



Tom McDonald,
Past-Pres. Comm.



Ira Cohen
Resource (Canteen)



Stuart Nathan,
Publicity Dir.



Rick Cutts,
Conv. Facilitator



Retired Chief William Stewart TFS explained the challenges of amalgamation of Toronto Fire Services, during Friday afternoon's seminars.

Division Chief Rob Anselmi, TFS Mechanical Maintenance spoke on the combining of differing apparatus manufacturers for the aspect of parts and service. He also conducted a seminar on Friday afternoon.



Chippawa Volunteer Fire Department furnished the engine that appeared in *Christmas Story*. It is now on display at the museum at Niagara Falls Fire Department Station 4. It is a 1938 Ford.



The *Maid of the Mist* tour boat approaches the Canadian branch of the Niagara Falls, necessitating rain gear and a hearty disposition ... and wipers for your glasses!



MINUTES

IFBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Canada**

August 14, 2012 7:00pm

Called to order by President Wignall
National Anthems of USA and Canada

Motion to amend the minutes of Spring 2012 Board Meeting to reflect the negative balance as being for the operating year. Second, Passed.

Treasurers Report: Paul Schaetzle: Presented in writing.
Motion to accept. Second, Passed.

Presidents Report. Complete Report to be given on Friday.

Fire and Life Safety Committee: All is in order.

Executive Vice President: Full Report to follow.

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Most reports submitted electronically. Full details to be given at Business Meeting.

Region 6: Chuck Liedtke: Possibility of merging Regions 6 and 8. Discussion held among clubs in both regions.

Constitution and By-Laws. Nothing to report.

CFSI: Stu Nathan attended dinner on April 26, 2012 and meeting on April 27, 2012. IFBA clubs would be eligible for surplus vehicles/equipment.

Convention Facilitator: Report submitted electronically.
Concern about attendance issues etc. Smaller hotels, fewer amenities, smaller cities etc.

Resources: Progress according to Ira Cohen.

Extensive discussion on the issue of what topics/seminars need to be offered at conventions.

Financial Review: Chuck Liedtke, all is in order.

Insurance: Paul Schaetzle. Policy renewed, all is in order.

Publicity: Stu Nathan: Attempted to increase publicity. FAJ

will do article if received.

Turn-Out: Jerry Traub: 13 issues done on-line so far. 10 clubs submitted articles for last edition. Indy Publishing Group is requesting new hardware and software. Motion under new business to authorize the purchase of what is needed. Motion made and seconded, passed.

Fire Buff of The Year: Phil Reid. Several nominations received.

Membership: Ira Rubin. One prospective club to be nominated.

Chris Oliphant reports that Old Dominion Fire Historical Society submitted application in fall of 2011. Ira Rubin will research the matter.

Newsletter: Ira Cohen. Movement to Club Web Site Recognition Award as opposed to strictly newsletter award. Board encourages to move forward.

Past President's Committee: Tom McDonald. Issues with member retention etc. are everywhere. Issue with Fire Departments going to different frequencies, i.e. encrypted frequencies contributes to the problem.

Ira Cohen raised the issue of the Rasmussen Scholarship. Bell & Siren of Newark nominated an individual and never received an answer. Bill Mokros forwarded the nomination to Steve Hansen, and never heard back from Steve. Lengthy discussion on the matter.

Convention Update: Registrations are less than expected. Slight change to itinerary. Tours of Communication Center being offered as well.

Milwaukee Convention: July 9 to 13, 2013. Tour of Pierce Factory, Fire Bell Farm, Slinger FD.
Spring Board Meeting April 19, 2013

Dallas Convention: September 2 to 7, 2014.
Spring Board Meeting April 11 to 14, 2014.

Old Business: Discussion on merging Region 8 into Region 6. Motion on same, seconded, passed.

Jerry Traub spoke about Ron Huff and his recent health issues.

Ira Cohen spoke on Krammes Kustom Bodies, St. Claire, PA has gone bankrupt. Built many canteens for IFBA clubs over the years. Baltimore County club has a large sum deposit with the company and is examining their options.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm.



MINUTES
IFBA GENERAL
BUSINESS MEETING
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Canada
Friday August 17, 2012

0905 Called to Order by President Wignall.

National Anthems of USA and Canada

Roll Call of Officers and Delegates by Secretary Mahoney.

Minutes of previous meetings. Dispensed on motion of S. Nathan, second by V. Maggiolo, amended by C. Liedtke, motion passed.

Fire and Life Safety Committee. Gerry Mahoney. All is in order.

Treasurers Report. Paul Schaetzle. Organization is solvent. Treasurer explained how funds from CD's were moved into a Vanguard Fund. Motion to accept by W. Banks, second by C. Liedtke. Motion passed.

Executive Vice-President Report. Bill Mokros.

Region Vice-Presidents:

- 1- Ken Belliveau
 - 3- Chris Oliphant
 - 4- None
 - 5- Wally Banks
 - 6- Chuck Liedtke
 - 7- None
 - 8- Ed McMichael
 - 9- Pat Spellman
 - 10- Carolyn Wignall
 - 11- None
- VP at Large; Bill Celentano (Excused)

Committee Reports:

Past Presidents Advisory: Tom McDonald.
Discussion on the Rasmussen Fund which is under the control of Steve Hansen. Matter discussed at length at E-Board Meeting on 8/14/2012.

Recruitment and Retention. The issue is the same in many organizations. Young people don't seem to have the interest in buffing for many reasons.

Publicity: Stuart Nathan.
IFBA is now a part of the National Fire Heritage

Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Stuart has made a donation on behalf of the IFBA. Keith Franz suggested Stuart contact the Fire Museum Network to augment the work with NFHC.

Motion: To have IFBA donate \$250.00 to NFHC to match the donation of Stuart Nathan to NFHC. Motion by W. Banks, second by J. Traub, motion passed.

Turn-Out: Jerry Traub.

Publication continues to be well done by the staff of the Indy Publishing Group. Group is in need of new, updated hardware and software. Executive Board discussed matter at length on 8/14/2012. Funds for purchase have been authorized.

IFBA Web Page: Bill Mokros.

Web is visited often. Receives several thousand hits per month.

Resource and Canteens: Ira Cohen.

Committee is going to survey Regional VP's on the issue of recruit and retention.

Newsletter and Club Web Sites: Ira Cohen.

Award will now cover member club web sites as well as newsletters. Self nomination process. Award will be a "virtual award" that club can place on their web site.

Insurance Report: Paul Schaetzle.

Annual Policy with Zurich renewed. No issues to report.

Convention Facilitator: Rick Cutts.

Recent convention agendas focus on recreational as opposed to educational time. Form has been developed for Convention Host Committees to complete after the convention. The issue of cost for hotels in major cities is something that will continue. Ira Cohen suggested that low or no-cost Wi-Fi internet access be part of convention package. Carleton Winslow suggested that Emergency Contact Information be part of registration forms. Tom McDonald suggested IFBA look into the possibility of the IFBA hosting a convention in a neutral location for a convention. Bob Bowers spoke on the possibility of Phoenix where he now resides as a possible location.

Financial Review: Chuck Liedtke.

All is in order.

Membership Committee: Ira Rubin.

Two organizations have applied for membership.

Old Dominion Historical Fire Society

Pompier Auxiliaires De Montreal

Motion made by Ira Rubin and seconded by Wally Banks to approve the applications. Motion passed.

Historical: Bill Mokros.

Nothing to report.

CFSI: Stu Nathan.

Represented at the dinner and the caucus meeting the following day.

Conventions:

2013-Milwaukee, WI July 9 to July 13, 2013.

Board Meeting April 19 and 20, 2013.

2014- Dallas Easily accessible via Light Rail to downtown. 9/2/2014 to 9/7/2014.

2015- Hartford, CT.

2016- No offers

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Box 52 Association 100th Anniversary Dinner November 16, 2012 Florian Hall Boston, MA.

Consolidation of Region 8 and Region 6 is recom-

mended to the body. Motion by Chuck Liedtke, second by Bob Bowers. Motion passed.

Nominations: Carolyn Wignall (for Bill Celentano).

President: Carolyn Wignall

1st Vice-President: Ed McMichael

2nd Vice-President: Charles Liedtke

Immediate Past President: Gary Wignall

Secretary: Gerard Mahoney

Treasurer: Paul Schaetzle

Regional Vice-Presidents:

Region 1: Ken Beliveau

Region 3: Chris Oliphant

Region 4: Frank Novak

Region 5: Wallace Banks

Region 6: Roz Dimoff

Region 7: Kenn Smith

Region 9: Connie Spellman

Region 10: Denis Choquette

Region 11: Peter DeJesse

Motion to close Ira Rubin. Motion to elect by acclamation by Wally Banks, second by Carleton Winslow. Motion passed.

Good and Welfare. Dave McDonald spoke on the matter of George Slattery's medical emergency. He has been hospitalized at St. Michaels Hospital.

Motion to adjourn at 1105 hours.



Members of the IFBA Executive Board meet on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, presided by President Gary Wignall.



Where's Gordie? He was last seen, apparently trying to bum a ride on Engine 26. At least he was home in Canada this year!





International Fire Buff Associates 2011 / 2012 Necrology Report



Hal Bruno, 2009 IFBA Fire Buff of the Year	Friendship Fire Association, Washington DC
Mike Clikas, Member	Signal 51 Group, Shreveport, LA
Harold W. "Harry" Doyle, Jr., Member	Boston Sparks Association, MA
Harold Holtzman, Past President 1972/73 Past President International Fire Buff Associates 1986 IFBA Fire Buff of the Year	Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Milwaukee, WI
Eugene "Gene" A. Lichtman, Member	Friendship Fire Association, Washington DC
Dennis Linehan, Member	Box 41, Lynn, MA
Gordon Merritt, Charter Member	Central Alarmers, Baltimore, MD
Ronald Pearson, Member	Extra Alarm Association Twin Cities, MN
John Peyton, Life Member	Central Alarmers, Baltimore, MD
Maureen Ruppertsberger, Active Member	Central Alarmers, Baltimore, MD
G. Marshall Sanford, Member	SPAAMFAA
Chaplain Stephen Short, Honorary Member	Friendship Fire Association, Washington DC
Glenn Smeltzer, Member	Ontario Fire Buff Association, Canada
Benjamin Susserman, Member	Box 414 Association, Baltimore, MD
Joeseeph F. Walsh III, Member	Box 52 Association, Boston, MA
Dr. Norman Anthony Zaffater, Sr., President	Signal 51 Group, Shreveport, LA

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FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2012

6:00 pm

COMMISSIONER (RET) PAUL CHRISTIAN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Make a weekend of it and buff the BFD!