



ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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Teleconference call-in number is 907-459-6769.

I. **Call to order** – President Jeff Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Officers

President, Jeff Tucker (present)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
1 st Vice President, Rocky Ansell (present)	Alaska Division of Forestry
2 nd Vice President, James Baisden	Nikiski Fire Department
Sec/Treasurer, Sue Sanborn (present)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
Seat A / 07-10, Jack Smith	North Slope Borough Fire Department
Seat B / 07-10, Matt Johnson (present)	Nome Volunteer Fire Department
Seat C / 08-11, Robert Himes	Kodiak Fire Department
Seat D / 08-11, Mark Barker (present)	
Seat E / 09-12, Michelle Weston (present)	Anchorage Fire Department
Past President, Doug Schrage (present)	Anchorage Fire Department

Roll Call Members – Dave Hull, John McNutt, Mark Hall, Dave Squires, Eddie Athey, Corky Matthews, Gordon Descutner, Warren Cummings, Scott Elmer, Tony Prior, Jason Elson, Betty Svensson

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Rocky Ansell moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Warren Cummings. Agenda approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes – Rocky Ansell made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2009, second by Scott Elmer. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer Report – Sue Sanborn

Operating Account Balance: \$15,002.64 (bank statement ending 12-18-09)

Gaming Account Balance: \$5,209.36 (bank statement ending 12-22-09)

Membership Report

08/09 Active Members (89)

09/10 Active Members (81)

08/09 Active Life/Honorary Members (65)

09/10 Life/Honorary Members (68) Total 'Active' Life / Honorary (24)

08/09 Sustaining Member (5)

09/10 Sustaining Members (2)

08/09 Associates Members (4)

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Totals: 08/09 – 163 total membership 09/10 - 153 total membership to date

(See membership roster on web site: www.alaskafirechiefs.org)

President's report - Jeff Tucker / ALMR & AML- Funding for local governments ALMR was in the budget presented to the governor; fight is not over – still issue as some local legislators feel the municipalities should pay for their share instead of the state. AML – Legislative meeting in Juneau week before our Spring Conference. At their Fall Conference, AML did adopt and do support resolutions that are pertinent to AFCA - Ready, Set, Go; ALMR funding; and Sprinkler Systems went through with a lot of discussion – same resolution we passed with the addition of one word “Option”. New one to watch - AML Resolution #2010-08 “An initiative creating an Alaska anti-corruption Act” (Prop #7) to be placed on the 2010 ballot – if this initiative were to pass we, as an association, would be precluded from having the ability to lobby our legislatures.

1st Vice President's report- Rocky Ansell / Health and Safety – Rocky stated in reviewing info and statistics from 2009 we need to continue and to reinforce our efforts in educating the public about the dangers of uncontrolled fire. 93 line of duty deaths in US in 2009, which is down significantly from the 118 in 2008. Rocky also reinforced the need to take care of ourselves, exercise, eat right. Reinforce the need to take care of our equipment.

2nd Vice President's report

James Baisden / Membership & Recruiting

Seat A

Jack Smith / Fundraising

Seat B

Matt Johnson

Seat C

Robert Himes

Seat D - Mark Barker / Fallen Firefighter Memorial – Moving forward – contractor lined up and it appears he will do the work gratuity. Fundraising: \$43,000 in bank account. Actual engraved bricks still have to pay for. Anchorage Fire Chief Mark Hall advised he has someone who will do the electrical and landscaping. President Tucker thanked Mark and the Anchorage Fire Department, as well as everyone else who has put so much effort into the memorial.

Seat E

Michelle Weston / Government Relations

Past President's report

Doug Schrage

WFCA Representative's report -Warren Cummings / Grants – Chief Cummings encouraged everyone to continue supporting the Fire Service Book Store, as the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association received \$9,241 in sales through the book store last year. Chief Cummings thanked everyone who supported operations of the Fire Service Book Store. Daily Dispatch is having minor financial problems.

Warren encouraged everyone who may have job openings or items to sell to post it through the Daily Dispatch. This is an important tool for us to keep going. We lost Crosby Grindle to NFPA – we lost him through WFCA but gained him through NFPA. Ray Bizal will handle the southwestern region and Crosby Grindle will handle the northwestern region of NFPA. SAFER grant was extended – made a few changes to make it more acceptable for communities to apply. Encourage you to take advantage of these changes and apply.

IV. Special Reports

- a. ASFA/AFCA Fall Conference 2009 – Doug Schrage said the video from the 2009 Fall Conference can be viewed on GCI network Channel 10 and state-wide on the satellite on channel 360. Will make copies of the disk available – just send Doug Schrage an email (SchrageDR@ci.anchorage.ak.us) Fall Conference financials – actual status all bills have been paid – AFCA's share \$15,025.15. Still waiting for payment from some of the Fall Conference attendees/registrants.

- b. Michael Branum – State EMS Training Committee. Dave Hull spoke on behalf of Mike Branum and advised the State EMS Training Committee meet next week. Will discuss a regulations re-write. Few other issues regarding questions on EMS tests, etc. State EMS – Dave received a few interesting phone calls regarding the rumor that there was a move to put EMS under Public Safety or Fire Service. Not the vision of the current administration to go under the Fire Service. Not that we disapprove of our brothers and sisters, but I think we all recognize there are significant administrative issues that require these two entities to be separate. Big issue - Code Blue funding has been taken out of the Governor's budget. Need to add that to the list of things we discuss with our legislatures next month.

V. New Business

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- Spring Conference 2010 – February 9th – 12th – Jeff Tucker reported we currently have 23 registrations for the Spring Conference. Looks like Brian Ipsen will not be able to attend the legislative Spring Conference; vendors have stepped up to the plate and sponsoring lunch, breakfast, coffee breaks, etc.; legislative reception was to be in the Treadwell Room; now, however, we will be next door to the Baranof in a restaurant called Latinos. Michelle Weston will send out invitation cards to all our legislators about the reception. Jason Elson felt that even though it is a lot of work to set up legislative contacts, it is a good idea. Jason felt to hit key leadership individuals in both the house and senate with the AFCA Board is important. Rocky Ansell felt it was important to get feedback from those individuals who have met with legislators; who was missed, etc. General discussion followed. Jeff Tucker spoke about available sources of funding to bring rural fire chiefs to the conferences. Fund partial or all travel arrangements for a rural fire chief to conferences? Doug Schrage reminder Jeff Tucker \$750 was donated by L.N. Curtis at the Fall Conference for that purpose. Warren Cummings advised we have done this in the past because it is important. Warren Cummings made a motion that we spend up to \$1250 toward bringing a Rural Fire Chief to the conference, second by Rocky Ansell. Discussion followed on the right individuals coming to the conference. Individual chosen to accept the \$1250.00 will be up to President Tucker. Motion carries. Fall Conference 2010 – Seward, Alaska. Dave Squires and Eddie Athey talked briefly with Doug Schrage regarding guidance on the Fall Conference. Doug Schrage stated he is personally available to Seward with planning of the Fall Conference. Still in search of local talent for instructors – please have them contact Eddie Athey with fees, what they teach, what they need, etc. If the Chiefs have a special class they would like to see at the Fall Conference, please let Eddie Athey know. Eddie Athey's email address is: eathey@cityofseward.net Two items high on punch list is the web site and getting CVENT up and running so folks can begin registering for the Conference.

- VII. Good of the Order** – Sue Sanborn will be placing an order for AFCA logo shirts on Friday. If you are interested in getting an AFCA logo shirt please let Sue know.

Jason Elson said Conoco Phillips has 300, 2216 Scott bottles for surplus; if interested contact Jason at Jason.A.Elson@conocophillips.com

Discussion followed on the inclusion of the 40-hour HazMat class in Firefighter I.

- VIII. Adjournment:** Rocky Ansell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Next teleconference will be Thursday, February 4, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Sanborn, Secretary/Treasurer