

# FLSS Board Meeting Notes

March 20, 2024

1 pm eastern



## Board Members

Chief Greg Rogers, Chair  
Chief Robert Marshall, Vice Chair  
Chief Michael O'Brian, International Director  
Chief Scott Moore, Secretary / Treasurer  
Chief Andy King, Immediate Past Chair  
Chief Ray Reynolds, At-Large Board Member  
Chief Kathy Clay, At-Large Board Member  
Chief William Hyde, At-Large Board Member  
Chief Elizabeth Bednarcik, At-Large Board Member  
Chief Shawn Hanson, At-Large Board Member  
Chief Mike Carsten, At-Large Board Member

## Appointed Board Members

Deputy Chief/Director Larry R. Cocco,  
International Position  
Not filled - Public Safety Specialty Rep.  
Karen Berard-Reed, Education Specialty Rep.  
Howard Hopper, Engineering Specialty Rep.  
Peg Paul, Ex Officio Board Member  
Vickie Pritchett, Ex Officio Board Member  
Richard Roberts, Ex Officio Board Member

Richard Miller IAFC Staff

Green Present Yellow Absent Blue Remote/Excused  
Minutes taken Richard Miller

- 1) Meeting called to order by:
  - a. Roll Call – approved
- 2) Approval of the February Meeting, minutes
  - a. Call for approval of past meetings minutes
    - i. Motion – Chief Hanson
    - ii. Second – Chief Clay
    - iii. Motion – Voice Vote Approved
- 3) Report from the Chair Greg Rogers
  - a. CRRL 2024
    - i. 184 ppl are registered with the following breakdown.
      1. Eighty members (FLSS/IAFC and IAFC)
      2. Seventy-two nonmembers
      3. Eleven exhibitors
      4. Fourteen speakers
      5. Six pre con session only Checking on validity of this number
    - ii. Chief King Chairing discussion and next steps for CRRL and the Executive Board will be meeting with Chief Waldo and Big Board
      1. Special Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>
    - b. CFSI – Report for activities at CFSI Chief Reynolds developing a flyer as talking points from FLSS
    - c. Chief Moore coordinating activities for congressional meetings
  - 4) Report from Vice Chair Robert Marshall
    - a. Is out of Country teaching in China
    - b. FCAC –

- 5) Report from International Director Michael O'Brian
  - a. Single Stair Position Paper Approved

**Reducing Stairs in Residential Buildings Higher Than Three Stories Creates Escape Hazards for Occupants and Inhibits Vital Emergency Response Operations**  
15 March 2024  
Fire, Life and Safety Section submits a position statement.  
<http://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2024/03/15/reducing-stairs-in-residential-buildings-higher-than-three-stories-creates-escape-hazards-for-occupants-and-inhibits-vital-emergency-response-operations>
  - b. Colardo Fire Service group did an excellent job presenting
  - c. NFPA Committee NFPA 1, 1300 and other
  - d. BLUF Report distributed
- 6) Treasurer Report Chief Moore absent
  - a. Report – No update to report
  - b. Reminder to send in expense report
- 7) Bylaws and Election Chief Bylaws Officer Howard Hopper
  - a. Report Election is under way
  - b. Election Information posted to FLSS <https://www.iafc.org/about-iafc/sections/fire-life-safety/flss-election>
    - i. Candidates
      - David Blenman
      - Mike Carsten
      - Landon A. Churchill
      - Matthew Henss
      - Raymond Allen Reynolds
      - Gage Schlice
      - Jason Tharp

Section should engage all the candidates

Add this as part of discussion for meeting at CRRL Board Meeting
- 8) Vision 20/20 Chief Bednarcik – No report
- 9) Richard Roberts:
  - a. Update NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF) CO alarm threshold project has achieved sufficient funding to get it started. The deadline for submitting public inputs for the 2027 edition of NFPA 1 is 4/4/2024 and the deadline for NFPA 101 is 6/4/2024.
- 10) Home O2 Safety report Chief Ray Reynolds
  - a. Grant Application process
  - b. Engaging the process in the political

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11) Communication Committee report Peg Paul – Report

- a. E Newsletter – Report for Single Stair Issue will be in our newsletter

12) NFPA Report Karen Berard-Reed –

- a. Discussion about FLSS / IAFC member on the NFPA 1300 committee
- b. Need IAFC rep on this committee
- c. NFPA Conference Orlando June 17/21
- d. <https://www.nfpa.org/conference>
- e. New England Division held a Technology Conference

Specialty Rep report Richard Roberts update from me is the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF) CO alarm threshold project has achieved sufficient funding to get it started. The deadline for submitting public inputs for the 2027 edition of NFPA 1 is 4/4/2024 and the deadline for NFPA 101 is 6/4/2024.

13) Strategic plan items – Chief Hanson Strategic Plan update will be on Agenda at CRRL Meeting

14) Old Business

15) New Business –

- a. Senate Aging Committee is looking for information about the effects of hoarding
- b. Single Stair issue in Canada
- c. Canada is developing a new concept for marketing the hazards of Lithium-ion Batteries PSA

16) Staff Report –

- a. WEBINARS
  - i. April 11th and or 16th at 12-p.m. ET,
  - ii. April 18 webinar  
<https://www.iafc.org/events/event/2024/04/18/default-calendar/an-introduction-to-low-frequency-audible-alarm-requirements-in-various-codes-standards>
- b. CFSI List sent in
- c. Housing List for CRRL updates needed
- d. FLSS Election information posted

Good of the Order Call –

Next Meeting Teams April 17<sup>th</sup> 2-p.m. EST 2023

- a. Motion to Adjourn Deputy Chief Cocco/Chief Hanson