

**Minutes of the  
MABAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
1300 – 1434 Hrs.  
MABAS Readiness Center • Wheeling, Illinois**

1) Call to Order – Sign In – Roll Call – Pledge

President Jeff Macko called the meeting to order at 1300 hours. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Divisions Present: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 5, Division 8, Division 10, Division 12, Division 13, Division 15, Division 16, Division 19, Division 20, Division 21, Division 26, Division 27, Division 28, Division 29, Division 30, Division 31, Division 32, Division 33, Division 35, Division 36, Division 38, Division 41, Division 43, Division 45, Division 48, Division 50, Division 54, Division 56, Division 62, Division 66.

Divisions Absent: Division 6, Division 7, Division 9, Division 11, Division 14, Division 17, Division 18, Division 22, Division 23, Division 24, Division 25, Division 34, Division 37, Division 39, Division 40, Division 42, Division 44, Division 46, Division 47, Division 49, Division 51, Division 52, Division 53, Division 55, Division 57, Division 58, Division 59, Division 60, Division 61, Division 63, Division 64, Division 65, Division 67, Division 68, Division 69.

Quorum: With 34 of 69 divisions represented, a quorum (1/3 of 69) was present.

MABAS Staff Present Included:

Jeff Macko, Don Davids, Harry Tallacksen, Paul Maplethorpe, Jay Reardon, Glenn Ericksen, Joe Cluchey, Darin Beckman, Dave Fleege, Mike Forrest, Michael Graves, Dave Haywood, Spence Kimura, Jim Klinefelter, Kevin Lyne, John Michalesko, Johnathan Pahlke.

2) Agenda – Additions, Deletions, Amendments

None.

3) Minutes – Motion to Approve/Amend June 15, 2016\*

**Motion:** (Division 54, Division 20) made to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 15, 2016 as published.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Vote:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

4) Guests – Introductions – Welcome

Pete Smith of ILEAS; Deputy IL State Fire Marshal Alix Armstead; Kent Tomlin of the OSFM; Chief Mike Mavrogeorge, our Great Lakes representative to the Illinois Fire Chiefs; John Millner, our lobbyist; and. Atty. Shawn Flaherty.

5) Public Comment Period – Non-Agenda Items

None.

6) Agency Representative Remarks

a) ILEAS representative Pete Smith announced their annual conference date has been moved back to March 12-14, 2017.

b) OSFM  
Nothing.

c) IEMA  
Nothing.

7) Finance – Budget – Comptroller's Report\*

a) Funds Status Report\*

Treasurer/Comptroller Paul Maplethorpe commented that grant receipts exceed expenses by approximately \$400K, but reminded everyone this is a dynamic number with money constantly flowing in and out. MABAS is working on closing Chase accounts, hopefully by the end of 2016 due to having changed to Wintrust. There are

some negative figures in the Operations Fund, partially due to the process of deciding which MRC expenses are to come out of Dues and which out of Operations. Enterprise Fund shows a negative in part due to having to pay upcoming Summit expenses in the previous fiscal year. Dues shows a negative balance in part because we made the last MRC purchase payment of \$200K in February. All in all, MABSAS is in good shape financially.

**Motion:** (Division 21 Division 35) made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Vote:** The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

b) Dues Report 2016\*  
No report.

c) Grant Matrix – 2015 – Current  
(4-1-16 / 3-31-17)\*

Jay Reardon commented 2015 funds run through 3/31/17. MABAS has requested a 3-month extension on the current grant cycle in order to better coordinate with the 2016 "extended" grant cycle. MABAS is making allocation adjustments in an attempt to bridge the rest of the current grant cycle by making it a 15-month cycle. Then we'll delay spending 2016 funds until 7/1/17. (See next subject.)

d) 2016 Grant Submittal – Pending – Status Report (4-1-17 / 3-31-18)

The 2016 grant matrix for the period beginning 4/1/17 was in the June meeting packet and was approved since that meeting. That next grant cycle is a 15-month cycle, but at 12-month funding limits, representing about an 8-13% reduction in funds. Right now we're able to maintain our current levels of service through the next grant cycle, but we don't know what's going to happen beyond that. The Presidential election will have an unknown effect.

8) Attorney & Legislation

a) MABAS/ILEAS License Plate Legislation\*

1) 2017 – Reintroduction – Summit 10-28-16

Jay Reardon explained this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year we've submitted legislation proposing a \$3 surcharge on license plate renewals which would generate \$9M/year for MABAS. Because the Governor has not been willing to talk about any revenue bills until the expense deadlock is resolved, sponsors have pulled it to keep our proposal from being killed.

2) Transportation Coalition – Constitutional Amendment Ballot Question

The Transportation Coalition (mostly road builders) wants to have control of all money dealing with transportation-related items; which would include license plate renewal fees. They pushed to make this a Constitutional Amendment issue mandating that "transportation money" be only spent on transportation items.

Lobbyist John Millner shared further background information. The Senate and House passed the bill to have a Constitutional Amendment, and the Governor signed it. John was assured this morning by Senator Haine our license plate surcharge bill will still be okay because there's a clear nexus with transportation. Although those are just words without guarantees, John thinks we would be okay. But would such action be in keeping with the intent of the Constitutional Amendment? The question is whether MABAS-IL support, or opposition, to the Constitutional Amendment would create friends or create enemies that could harm us down the road?

Atty. Shawn Flaherty stated he believes the content of the legislation is not very promising and suggested we try to get something in writing.

Someone asked if MABAS has ever before taken a Constitutional Amendment stance, asking if we take a stance on this one would we need to take a stance on future ones. Jay Reardon opined there would be no future expectation. He further stated we use the Illinois Fire Services Association as the caucus for all major fire services in Illinois.

Mike Mavrogeorge of the IFSA commented that a MABAS stance would carry much more weight than that of a single organization.

In response to a question from the floor Jay Reardon commented that if MABAS doesn't take a position we won't have a tool to negotiate with them, and silence would suggest we're not concerned with the outcome. The outcome of the Constitutional Amendment is now in the hands of the voters.

**Motion:** (Division 48, Division20) made to give the Leadership Team the authority to take a public stance for, against, or remain silent regarding the Constitutional Amendment.

**Discussion:** None additional.

**Motion Action:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

b) Current Budget Deadlock – Approval Actions

1) OSFM Budget & MABAS Grant

We received and appreciate the 2016 grant from the OSFM.

2) Federal Grant Funds Pass Through Approval

The pass through of FEMA funds has been approved again this year despite the IL budget deadlock.

c) MABAS-IL & MABAS-WI Interstate (EMS) MOA – In Process – Legal Actions Pending

There was a meeting in July at which time an agreement between IDPH and Wisconsin EMS was drafted. There some legal tweaks being worked on. We hope we'll have a solid document for approval at our February meeting.

d) MABAS-IL & MABAS Indiana Interstate (MAMA-C) MOA – In Process Legal Review

The same type of agreement (as above) is still in process with Indiana.

e) MABAS Contract Addendum Progress Report\*

Joe Cluchey reported activity has slowed down quite a bit. There's less than 25% to complete. If there are concerns, get in touch with your Branch Chief to discuss the issues. Branch Chiefs are working hard to try to get this business wrapped up.

9) Policy Considerations

a) MABAS Dues Work Group Report Draft Policy Introduction Only With PowerPoint\*

Work group co-chairs John Kachanuk and Sean Maloy reported the work group did a lot of research, not desiring to change simply to make a change. The proposal today is based on the rate of inflation since 2008. They are proposing a second fund (Capital Fund) be added to give some flexibility to the MABAS board when trying to set the budget. They are proposing an initial review in three years and then every five years after that. A PowerPoint® (shown, and in the meeting packet) was developed to highlight the numerous values of being a MABAS member to give comfort to questions about the increase. The statewide dues hardship clause has been maintained. The proposal is to be voted on at the February Executive Board meeting. There were no reactionary comments, and no discussion.

b) MABAS New Division – Agency Transfers – Divisional Separations Work Group Report and Draft Policy Introduction Only\*

Work group co-chairs Rob DeFrance and Rick Welle explained the proposed new policy. The goal to keep all divisions equal in ability and equipment available to be deployed. The work group listed cost-items that would have to be considered when creating (or splitting) a division. The work group encourages divisions with a large number of member agencies to create subcommittees to consider the issues if wanting/needing to break up into smaller divisions. Jay Reardon explained that a "new" division will have to work with MABAS staff to hammer out how to deal with the cost of setting up a new division and running at an equivalent deployable level as other divisions. The proposed policy is to be reviewed prior to taking action at the February Executive Board meeting.

c) Division 12 Petition For Primary Member Agency Separation For the Intent to Create a New MABAS Division\*

A petition from Division 12 has been filed for some departments to split off to form a new division. The issue is to be on the February meeting agenda for action. MABAS will be using the draft standard as the yardstick to measure the pending action. MABAS staff will be getting together with both groups.

- d) MABAS Staff Uniform Policy Update Introduction Only\*  
Proposed for review and subsequent action at the February 2017 Executive Board meeting is a draft policy covering clothing for staff personnel.

10) Committee Matters and Reports  
None.

11) CEO Report

- a) MABAS Non-For-Profit Exploration\*  
The Elected Committee is proposing creation of a 501(c)(3) arm of MABAS allowing us to receive tax-deductible donations of money that could help us fund things not covered by grant money, such as the annual summit, training seminars, etc. Legal has advised such an organization with a cap of \$50K/year income can be set up at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,000.  
**Motion:** (Division 20, Division 43) to move forward with establishing a 501(c)(3) organization at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.  
**Discussion:** None.  
**Motion Action:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- b) CCDHSEM – MABAS Swift Water Teams (2) Development  
Two swift water teams are in the process of being established through UASI funding, one being a Cook County team and the other a multi-divisional team. Spence Kimura reported the Cook County team began forming February 2016. Divisions 1, 3 and 24 joined together to form the second team, with 28 members making the final selection. MOU's have been signed. The first joint training activity was last month, and more are planned. The teams have a projected time of mid-2017 to be operationally ready, depending on available funding.
- c) MABAS Annual Training Summit
  - 1) February 6-10, 2017 – Bloomington-Normal  
The 2017 Annual Training Summit is scheduled for the week of February 6, 2017. This year's line item for the Summit is about \$60K compared to last year at \$120K. Next year's appears to be at \$10-12K, which demonstrates the need for additional funding methods.
  - 2) Summit Theme – Recent Terrorist Strikes  
Planned presentations include: ● Sandy Hook: a mother speaking on what it is to be a survivor after the loss of a child; ● The Mumbai attacks: FBI doing an overview; ● The Paris attacks multi location strike; ● Dallas sniper attack: a tactical officer and two 911 dispatchers; ● Orlando Pulse: police officer & 911 dispatchers; ● San Bernardino terrorist attack from vehicles to fixed sites to gun battle; ● Suspicious indicators & facility hardening; ● Command Perspective on a bombing event that will become interactive with audience members; ● Anatomy of a Disaster (working lunch) walk-through.
  - 3) Command Feb 6-8, 2017 (Executive Board 2-8-2017)\*
  - 4) Dispatchers Feb 8-10, 2017\*
  - 5) Committee Work Session 2017 – Feb 6, 2017  
Monday morning.
  - 6) Registrations Open December, 2016  
Online registrations.
  - 7) No OT/BF Available  
Mainly applies to dispatchers. They've already been informed.
- d) ITTF Consideration To Restructure  
The IL Public Safety Director is considering changes to the ITTF structure. No information is ready to be released.

e) IAFC Request of MABAS-IL Active Shooter Tool Kit – IAFC Website

The IAFC asked MABAS to help develop an active shooter tool box. Plans Branch Chief Tim Littlefield did a lot of work on this with chiefs from across the country. MABAS will be the maintainer of a new IAFC website about to be turned on. The site should be a good library of up-to-date resource information.

12) Capital/Major Projects Review

None on the table right now.

13) Old Business

None.

14) New Business

- Because the Tier 2 credentialing is considered by many to be too cumbersome, the process is being reviewed for simplification with an eye toward improvement.
- The question was raised if divisions could be looked at separately to assess individual needs with the intention of achieving better allocation of assets. Jeff Macko explained it's thus far been the goal to have all divisions be equally equipped to respond/help, but suggested during the SAV Branch Chiefs could discuss such issues.

15) Divisional Reports

- Division 35 announced STARRS (St. Louis Area Regional Response System) is having its annual luncheon Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Collinsville Gateway Convention Center in conjunction with a showing available equipment. The event is expected to include discussion about moving equipment across the state border.
- Division 54 announced there will be an outdoor concert bringing 15-19K people into Effingham in a span of 12 hours. They will be using their ILEAS Command Center, 4 MABAS tent cities & 4 MABAS generators, and UTV's.

16) Public Comment – Non Agenda Items

Pete Smith of ILEAS: asked for support for the ILEAS Foundation Brothers in Blue by purchasing meals at Chili's restaurants thru Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> where 15% of the bill will go back to the ILEAS Foundation. The form is available from ILEAS.org.

17) Adjournment: NLT 1500 Hours – Target

**Motion:** (Division 43, Division 27) to adjourn at 1434 hrs.

**Discussion:** None.

**Motion Action:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

18) Next Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

1300 – 1500 Bloomington-Normal Marriott

Hotel & Conference Center

(In Conjunction with MABAS Annual Training Summit)

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Tallacksen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

\* A printed report is included in the meeting packet.

***Minutes approved by action of the Executive Board at its February 8, 2017 meeting.***