

**Minutes of the  
MABAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday October 14, 2020**

**10:24 hrs. – 11:30 Hrs.**

*Due to current pandemic conditions, meeting held virtually at three locations*

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

President Don Davids called the meeting to order at 10:00 hrs. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Divisions Present at MABAS Readiness Center (MRC): Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 6, Division 8, Division 12, Division 13, Division 17, Division 20, Division 21, Division 22, Division 25, Division 27, Division 29, Division 30, Division 31, MABAS Staff Al Vrshek, Dave Fleege, Don Davids, Joe Holomy, Rob Martin, Kevin Lyne, Ed Murphy, Patrick Hardin, Glenn Erickson. Guests Don Champlex, RED Center, Mike Rothecker South Elgin FD, Pete Smith from ILEAS, Karl Ottosen, Attorney.

Divisions Present at Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI): Division 26, Division 28, Division 46, Division 54, Division 62, MABAS Staff Michael Graves, Chip Wilmont, Mike Forrest, and Alix Armstead from OSFM.

Divisions Present at Southern Illinois Airport (SIA), Division 32, Division 45, Division 47, Division 56, Division 68, Division 69, MABAS Staff Darin Beckman, John Michalesko.

Divisions Absent: Division 5, Division 7, Division 9, Division 10, Division 11, Division 14, Division 15, Division 16, Division 18, Division 19, Division 23, Division 24, Division 33, Division 34, Division 35, Division 36, Division 37, Division 38, Division 39, Division 40, Division 41, Division 42, Division 43, Division 44, Division 48, Division 49, Division 50, 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 66, Division 67.

**2) Agenda – Additions, Deletions, Amendments**

None.

**3) Minutes – Motion to Approve/Amend**

Minutes approved at previous meeting

**4) Guests – Introductions – Welcome**

General introductions done from/to all locations

**5) Public Comment Period – Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**6) Agency Representative Remarks**

ILEAS – Pete gave a brief overview of the current COVID and Riot Requests and the need for STARCOM radios. Each requested will be vetted and considered on the individual need/merit. Request should be done through respective dispatch centers. Consider taking the load of dispatch centers, specifically staffing at four sites to further support/vet out/allocations of law enforcement resources available across the state. Ramping up for upcoming election and potential gatherings.

OSFM – Alix remarked on the accomplishment of changing the State Fire Code in August and commended the support OSFM received from across the fire service community. OSFM offered training on the new updated fire code of which 133 local authorities participated. OSFM has great financial support over the last two budget years. The DECON program/initiative in cooperation with IFSI and MABAS is ongoing with the distribution of “DECON BUCKETS” to all fire departments in the state. IFSI developed and is providing training via on-line to all agencies in order to receive the buckets. COVID continues to be an issue across the state and OSFM is tracking information on fire service personnel. Latest guidance on PPE is on the OSFM website.

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**7) Finance**

- a) Sean Maloy made general remarks on the balances on page 12. Both are detailed in reports found in the meeting packets
- b) Dues status report detail in the packet on page 13– general comments
- c) Glenn spoke on the grants Matrix making general comments
- d) Grant Submittal – general comments – detail found in the packet
  - 1) No word on the 2021 federal grant appropriations
  - 2) Signed the 2019 UASI Grant
  - 3) Approval on the 2020 UASI
  - 4) \$125,000 grant from OSFM covering MABAS insurance costs

Motion by Division 6 to accept the Treasurers report as submitted, second by Division 30. MRC location Yea, IFSI location Yea, SIA location Yea. Motion passed

**8) Attorney, Legal Counsel, Legislative Matters**

- a) Work continue on revamping/updating the master mutual aid agreement. Committed to final review over the next month.
- b) No update on the Interstate agreement with Indiana
- c) Nothing further

**9) Policy Considerations**

None

**10) Committee Matters and Reports**

- a) During the Summit in February, it was recommended to disband the US&R Committee. A motion by Division 22 to disband the US&R Committee, second by Division 27. MRC location Yea, IFSI location Yea, SIA location Yea. Motion passed.
- b) During the Summit in February, it was recommended to consolidate the Operations Committee and the MIST Committee. A motion by Division 21 to consolidate the Operations Committee and the Mist Committee, second by Division 6. MRC location Yea, IFSI location Yea, SIA location Yea. Motion passed.

By-Laws Committee – Chief Tallacksen stated the committee is currently reviewing the draft document

Fleet-Mechanics – No report

MIST – No report

TRT – No report

Operations – No report

Water Rescue – No report

TCD – Chief Keinhaus reported a training is scheduled in November in Springfield

US&R – No report

Haz Mat – No report

FILO – No report

UAV – No report

**11) CEO Report**

- a) 2021 Summit is still scheduled however with COVID restrictions in place the Summit is in doubt. We have reviewed with the hotel on options. The final decision will be made in early November. State does not believe they will be in Stage 5 by February 2021. Survey sent out provided positive results at that time. Have also been speaking with vendors. We are keeping all options open at this time.
- b) RFP Process for Future Summits – poor return due to uncertainty with COVID and commitments.
- c) MABAS Non-Profit Foundation Status Report – the foundation is up and running. Received a large donation from Air-One, Darley, and Union Pacific. Chief Reardon continues to work with the Foundation Board.
- d) Union Pacific RR Grant Program – Sufficient PPE grant, focused on COVID Decon Systems for each Division. Will provide each Division funding for exercises and training opportunities

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- e) Special Teams Report – in packet – outlines teams status, staffing, and opportunities for teams to consolidate.
- f) COVID Response Report – Currently at 218 sustained separate operations across the state. Currently 70 shelter tent systems, 11 generator/light towers are still out in the field. Working with IDPH and IEMA on expectations. We are receiving funding from IEMA for any repairs needed. Departments having expenses related to COVID are beginning to receive reimbursements from IEMA. IEMA is utilizing an outside vendor to process all expenses and reimbursements which is expediting the process.
- g) 2020 ITTF Unmet Needs Document – copy in packet – Glenn made general comments.
  - 1) Stressed the need for departments to report on use/needs. When/how being used with monthly reporting. See page 36 and page 37 for participating Divisions who have submitted reports.
- h) Deputy Section Chief – Operations Position – Has been filled by Spencer Kimura
- i) Operations Branch Chief – Assignments – Currently under review
- j) Intel Specialist STIC Position Opening – Currently posted and accepted applications

**12) Capital/Major Projects Review**

- a) The carpet, flooring, and roof repairs at the MRC have all been completed. Currently no other projects are in progress.

**13) Old Business**

- a) New MABAS Inter-Governmental Agreement – no action at this time
- b) CIMS Registration Update – CIMS 3.0 – Have been working with a new vendor to make the necessary changes/updates. More to follow
- c) MABAS Divisional Insurance Support
  - Current insurance costs are \$140,000 to \$150,000 annually
  - State PAR Grant Funding – Insurance costs above what is received from OSFM. We continue to investigate and consider alternatives, if any.

**14) New Business**

- a) New MABAS Merchandise Vendor – Eagle Engraving. General comments
- b) Updated Illinois Recommended Rescue Task Force (RFT) Guidelines and Standards – IFSI has guidelines, to include responses to Active Shooter incidents. Adding to MABAS Rescue Task Force. Further information can be found on IFSI website.
- c) Upcoming Elections – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President currently held by Chief Martin, and Secretary currently held by Chief Holomy. Accepting nominations
- d) MABAS Dues Policy – 2021 through 2023 – information in packet – Recommended to extend the current practice. Motion by Division 8 to extend the current dues policy with no changes, second by Division 2. MRC location Yea, IFSI location Yea, SIA location Yea. Motion passed.
- e) Membership was notified the Noble Wakefield Fire Protection District in Division 54 has given notice of their departure from the MABAS system. Discussion on any agency wishing to have mutual aid with Noble Wakefield Fire Protection District will need to sign a separate mutual-aid agreement as the Fire District will no longer have the protections afforded by the MABAS agreement/system.

**15) Divisional Reports**

Division 4 inquired on the updating of response plans/SOP's/Policies. General comments provided.

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**16) Public Comment**

None

**17) For the Good of the Order**

All Divisions notified Wheeling FD is running daily operations out to the MRC during the next several months while a new Fire Station is being built.

**18) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Division 3, second by Division 30. MRC location Yea, IFSI location Yea, SIA location Yea. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 hours.

Next Executive Board Meeting TENTATIVELY

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

13:00 hours

MABAS Annual Summit

Marriott Bloomington/Normal Hotel

Normal, IL

Respectfully submitted by:

Chief Joseph C. Holomy  
Secretary