

**BELOW IS THE NON-EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2021 SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**RKIFMC Spring BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 14-18, 2021**

**ALL RKI MEETINGS BEGIN AT 0800.**

**RKR TO MEET at 1900 ON WEDNESDAY.**

**RKM TO MEET at 1900 THURSDAY.**

- **2023 CONVENTION COMMITTEE 0900 THURSDAY. Did not show.**
- **2021 CONVENTION COMMITTEE 0900 FRIDAY. Had Zoom meeting with 2021 Convention Chair 0900-1000.**
- **NOMINATION CHAIR 1100 FRIDAY. Had Zoom meeting with Nominations Chair 1104-1200. Last years election cost \$1532.00 for the Region 8 run off. Motion 2021-007 was passed to give Nominations Chair the ability to enter into a contract with VoteNet again for the 2021 International Board election.**
- **BY-LAW CHAIR 1300 ON FRIDAY. Had Zoom meeting with By-Law Chair 1301-1350, to go over the proposals for the 2021 ABM which cannot be voted on due to the cancellation of the convention.**

**PRESIDENT**

1. Meeting called to order – **0801 4/15/2021** Adjourned – **1700 4/16/2021**
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed. **Headed by Joey.**
3. Opening greeting from President. **Joey thanked everyone for attending both in person and by Zoom. Joey acknowledged and thanked Pierre and Ken for their dedication as they are late night or all night for these meetings due to the time differences.**
4. Roll Call

Joey Powell, President	<b>Present</b>	Matt Mattera, Region 1	<b>Present</b>
Spike Ostiguy, VP	<b>Present</b>	Leo Patry, Region 2	<b>Zoom</b>
Jack Jarvis, Secretary	<b>Present</b>	Trey Anderson, Region 3	<b>Present</b>
Scott Ryan, Treasurer	<b>Zoom</b>	Steve Guillot, Region 4	<b>Present</b>
Lance Coit, Region 5	<b>Present</b>	Allen Aurich, Region 6	<b>Present</b>
Pierre Halleux, Region 7	<b>Zoom</b>	Ken Mahon, Region 8	<b>Zoom</b>

Guest: **No guests attended.**

5. Rules of meeting- **Rules were gone over by Joey and asked to remain strict due to the Zoom issues of talking over one another.**
6. Convention reports – **2022 PA, 2023 MD, 2024 ?, 2025 ? Reports given and new applications received for 2024, 2025, 2026**
7. Officer reports - **completed**
8. Adjustments to Agenda – **completed**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTION ITEMS.**

1. House/Memorial update, expenditures: Roof, lighting, ramps, bathroom (grab handles). **Roof is complete. The lighting is not complete as we are waiting for the town to approve some other items. Ramps have not been completed due to waiting on quotes. We are looking at local marketplaces for metal ramps for those that are not needed any more. Grab handles have also not been installed but are in the process as soon as they are able. Smoke and CO detectors have been installed. Fire extinguishers have been installed and will be inspected by the town also.**

2. Discussion on whether to send QM to 2021 Convention.

**No need to discuss due to the cancellation of the 2021 Convention.**

#### **NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Should people be talking to the COC's in there areas representing the RKMC before they are even Chapters? Why are Chapters paying the COC in their area since we are supposed to be hands off with 1% clubs? **TREY MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
2. Discussion on emails and restricted service. **LANCE**  
**Emails should not ever be restricted even on restricted service. We also had a lot of emails shut down due to innactivity and our zip file invasion.**
3. ~~Discussion on the Heaven One notification flow chart and who it should flow through.~~ **LEO**
4. Application received for the 2025 Convention. **KEN, JACK**  
**Australia 5 has sent in an application for 2025. They already have a lot of work completed and have more information to give. With applications coming in from outside North America now, how do we choose to where all hosts applicants have equal chance at obtaining a convention. Autralia 5 has said they would except 2026 if it was necessary.**
5. See if we can form a position officially recognised by International of a Welfare Officer along with a 4 inch bottom Rocker Not every Chapter has a Chaplin or is that way inclined I believe and support this idea fully and it has merit What is required to achieve this position. **KEN**  
**This is something that does not need international discussion as it is a different definition in NZ as it does in the states. This will be handled within NZ itself with the assistance of Ken.**
6. Qualification and training to become an industrial firefighter? **STEVE**  
**According to By-Law 2:01, you must have been active or retired firefighting personnel of a fire department with a fire chief or safety chief. Chapters need to be able to make the decision with their local language due to the cutlural differences in our organization. Chapters need to be responsible and not just let people join so they can raise numbers. Remember, our mission is to enjoy the community of firefighters and our families.**
7. Information on By-Laws for incorporated Chapters. **STEVE** **Incorporated Chapters are required to have their own By-Laws but they cannot supercede anything in the International By-Laws. All non-incorporated Chapter can only have their own SOG's that also cannot supercede or change our International By-Laws or SOG's.**
8. Heaven One issues with extremely late notifications. Do we put a time limit on these or go with anything we can research? **JACK** **As long as we can do the research and find that they were in good standing, we will still give them proper Honors.**
9. Focus on notifying Chapters that Chapter By-Laws were removed from being allowed at the ABM in 2009 by the general Membership. Chapters are still oblivious to this fact. How do we fix this? **JACK**  
**A mass email blast and a PSA needs to go out on Facebook and our website. PSA could be a letter from the President posted and emailed to all Chapters. Motion 2009-064 was the motion made by the Membership to change the By-Law.**

10. Branding irons for a TMLA. Had a request and am reluctant to grant it due to how it CAN be used.  
**JACK It is not an issue and we will be very descriptive in the TMLA.**
11. By-Laws Committee. Date and time to be determined. **JOEY**  
**Moved to Friday afternoon at 1300 ZOOM.**
12. Nominations Committee Chair Tom Caisse to talk about the election. Time and date to be determined.  
**JOEY Moved to Friday morning at 1100 ZOOM.**
13. Section 16 of the International SOG's. **LEO**  
**MOTION 2021-005 passed 11-0. Jack to update SOG.**
14. International Chaplain procedure manual. **LEO**  
**Chaplain Manual has been reviewed. Changes made and approved.**
15. Email Server – I believe we need to take a hard look at other options for an email server. I would like to compare pricing of what we currently pay and what options are available. We've run into many issues over the years involving our email. Would the membership be better served by utilizing another company? **MATT**  
**Let's take a look around and get some prices. Bluetone would like to host everything. Jack and Matt will look into this and get some prices. Jack will contact Bluetone. We will need to find out cost difference, how quick do we get service, will it effect our overseas Chapters, how much storage will we have, what size mailboxes for up to 600 email addresses, and will our addresses stil remain redknightsmc.com.**
16. Website – Updates were recommended at the Fall Board Meeting. They have not been implemented. How do we correct this? **MATT**  
**Updates will be forwarded Communications Chair to be fixed. This was an overlook and will be handled. Joey will contact the Communications Chair and instruct on the needed changes.**
17. Required attendance at events/meetings by Chapters – My memory is a little fuzzy. Did we work out something in relationship to this? I'm still hearing about chapters requiring members to attend required functions or minimum number of meetings in order to maintain their membership. **MATT**  
**MOTION 2021-004 passed 11-0. Jack to update SOG. Added to SOG 12.**
18. SOG 12:07 ammendment. **12:07 Reinstatement to Good Standing**  
In order to be reinstated to good standing on items that involve monetary issues, the Chapter, Member or MAL must contact the International Treasurer to arrange for the payment and removal of any debits or the payment of any outstanding dues owed, **to a maximum of two year's dues,** to International. If placed on suspension by the International Board the Chapter, Member or MAL must contact their Regional Director or the International Secretary to find out the disposition of their suspension.  
As written, if you were on the 2010 roster and want to rejoin, you can after you pay \$187 in dues. My practice is if you were on the 2019 roster, not on the 2020 roster, you can rejoin after you pay \$34 in dues; if you were not on the 2019 or the 2020 roster, you can "rejoin" after you pay the new member rate of \$20. **SCOTT**  
**This sets a standard to where everyone does it the same. Jack to update the SOG.**  
**MOTION 2021-002 passed 10-1.**
19. Insurance covered by the International – should there be a mileage limit on events that we cover due to sponsoring the event with International or Regional funds? **JACK**  
**Leave everything as is. We will continue to fund without any limits.**

**20. Section 15: Voting 15:01 E-Mail Voting by the International Board**

Any member of the Board may put forth a motion for consideration by the International Board. The motion shall be in writing and submitted to the International Secretary who will format it, then forward it to the President. If the President, based on Roberts Rules of Order, considers the motion invalid, he will contact the author of the motion to explain his position. If valid, the Secretary will then send the motion out in the proper format to the Board. At that point a 24-hour clock starts, during that time any amendment may be proposed to the one making the motion which is then resent by the Secretary. After the initial 24-hour period has expired, a second to the motion will be entertained. If there is an amendment offered after the motion is seconded, the motion will be considered dead. Once the motion has been seconded, the Secretary will submit the motion to the International Board and the 72-hour clock will start for discussion and consideration. At the end of the 72-hour period of discussion, a vote will be called for. Officers will have 48 hours to email their vote to the International Secretary. Early votes will be accepted during the discussion phase if the International Board Member will not be available during the scheduled voting time. **The motion is lost unless a quorum of votes is received and a majority of those votes are in the affirmative.** The International Secretary will place a copy of the motion and the vote record in the Motion Ledger. All e-mail voting records will be presented at the next board meeting and will be maintained by the International Secretary. The International Secretary will submit to the Web master and/or newsletter editor any proposal that is voted on by the Executive Board that needs to go to the Members by way of the Newsletter or web site. Each proposal will be numbered, with the year (2009-000). **SCOTT**

**Jack to update the SOG. MOTION 2021-003 passed 11-0.**

21. Coordinating Newsletter timeline to our reporting time. **SPIKE**

**President to notify Communications to let the Newsletter editor know that the new newsletters will run on the same schedule as the International reports for content. Schedule will now be mid July and mid February. This will take place after the 2021 June Newsletter.**

22. If a Charter Member left after 2-3 years and has been gone from the Chapter in excess of 10 years and wants to come back how is this handled? If he is accepted back does he still get to keep his Charter rocker and considered a Charter member? **SCOTT**

**The short answer is yes. Per By-Law 2:02.**