

# NAEFO UPDATE



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## ***Our Mission***

Our primary purpose is to represent and inform elected officials of national issues and provide assistance to state associations. The Association's Vision Statement is:

*"The National Association of Elected Fire Officials is a forward thinking national organization that speaks with a unified voice for all elected fire officials for the purpose of influencing policies, regulations and legislation relating to the fire service."*

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### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

#### **NAEFO BOARD MEETING:**

April 14, 2012 starting at 10:00 AM

Held at Clark County Fire & Rescue—Station 21, 911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield, WA 98642

#### **ANNUAL NAEFO CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING:**

September 24 and 25, 2012

Program held at the Clark County Fire Department Training Center

Host Hotel will be The Orleans Casino & Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

For more Upcoming Events, please visit the NAEFO Website at [www.naefo.org](http://www.naefo.org)

## President's Corner

Dear NAEFO Members,

Please allow me to take a moment to explain the reasoning of NAEFO announcing a second Annual Membership Meeting that was to be held on January 7, 2012, as well as the cancellation of that meeting.

According to the NAEFO ByLaws:

**ARTICLE III.  
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Meetings.** *An annual meeting of all Members will be called by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting will be to present the Members with a financial statement for the fiscal year then ending, to elect Individual Directors, and to consider proposed Bylaw changes and any other business that the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate.*

The Annual Meeting reference above is typically held during the NAEFO conference in September and is specified as the Annual Membership Business Meeting.

However, during the 2011 conference, I mentioned to The NAEFO Board of possibly hosting a second Membership Meeting in January 2012. The Board agreed and the meeting planning was started upon return from the conference.

The meeting was intended to be held after the January Board meeting and would allow the members to review, discuss and approve the 2012 budget. As well as discuss any important matters for the upcoming year.

However, during the January Board Meeting, it was brought to my attention that there was confusion regarding the announcement of the second Membership Meeting. Members had expressed their confusion and concern as to why NAEFO was hosting an Annual Membership Business Meeting in January when they had just attended one in September. It was also confirmed that The Board does not need the approval of the membership to approve the budget.

Also included in the NAEFO ByLaws is:

**ARTICLE III.  
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 2. Other Meetings.** *Meetings of the Members may be called from time to time by the Board of Directors. The time and place of any meeting will be set by the Board of Directors in a reasonably expeditious and timely manner.*

According to the above reference section, the NAEFO Board can call a meeting of the Members at anytime with proper notification. It is my goal that NAEFO can host periodic meetings for the members to encourage more involvement, nationally, locally and in general. These meetings would not be held as Annual Membership Business Meetings, rather as General Membership Business Meetings. I believe that some of the confusions came from NAEFO announcing the January 2012, meeting as an Annual Meeting.

I will work with the ByLaws Committee Chair, Communication Committee Chair and Membership Chair in the future to determine a better course of action regarding other meetings involving the membership.

NAEFO cancelled the General Membership Meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

According to the NAEFO ByLaws:

**ARTICLE III.  
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 4. Quorum.** *Twenty percent (20%) of the active Members present in person or by proxy at any duly called membership meeting will constitute a quorum.*

As of December 30<sup>th</sup>, there were only 10 members registered to attend the meeting, which resulted in a shortage of members required to form a quorum. It was felt that it was better to cancel the meeting than to have members attend knowing we did not have the required number of members for a quorum.

After further discussion of the details during the January Board Meeting, it was determined that the meeting could have taken place as there was no need for a membership quorum and the meeting was set and expedited in a timely matter.

NAEFO apologizes for the inconvenience to those members who were planning to attend and to those members who expressed confusion and concern.

NAEFO encourages and welcomes members and non-members to attend the quarterly Board Meetings. The next Board Meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clark County Fire & Rescue Station located at 911 N 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridgefield, WA 98642.



Mark Kreutzer  
President, NAEFO

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## January Board Meeting

The Board Meeting of the National Association of Elected Fire Officials took place on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Clark County Fire & Rescue station in Ridgefield, Washington.

The Board of Directors meeting started at 10:45 AM with President, Mark Kreutzer welcoming The Board, Committee Chairman and guests. The minutes from the September 19th Board Meeting were reviewed, approved and voted in as presented. The 2011 Year End Financials and the 2012 Budget were reviewed and voted in.

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 14th at the Clark County Fire & Rescue station.

To review the draft meeting minutes from the January 2012 Board Meeting and to review the approved meeting minutes from the September 19, 2011 Board Meeting, please visit the NAEFO Website at [www.naefo.org](http://www.naefo.org)

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