

# Summary of 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union

The 49th Biennial Convention of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union was held on May 5-6-7, 2010 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Detroit.

Two hundred and eleven (211) delegates, fifty-nine (59) alternates, and 148 guests attended the Convention.

Elections were held for two-year terms for all positions.

## President

164 – **Mark Docherty**

117 – Daniel McNamara

## 4<sup>th</sup> District Vice President

53 – **Steven Heim**

25 – Mickey Wiewiura

## 6<sup>th</sup> District Vice President

46 – **Daniel Dawe**

27 – Scott Halleck

**The following individuals were elected by acclamation:**

- Secretary-Treasurer: **Terrence Chesney**
- 2nd District VP: **Shaun Abbey**
- 3rd District VP: **Chris Reynolds**
- 5th District VP: **Jim Leve**
- Eastern Trustee: **Edward Hosmer**
- Western Trustee: **David Weisenberg**
- Northern Trustee: **Aileen Pettinger**

Past President **Paul Hufnagel** was granted President Emeritus Status.

**Kevin Pirlot** was granted Lifetime Membership Status.

Delegates approved resolutions that will increase the monthly per capita for the MPFFU to **\$11.08 on July 1, 2010.**

Delegates approved a resolution that will decrease the number of MPFFU District Vice Presidents from six to five. The Third District and the First District will be represented by the same District Vice President on the MPFFU Executive Board.

Delegates took action on 17 Resolutions. Additionally, two resolutions were withdrawn and one resolution was rejected by the Resolutions Committee because it did not meet the requirements for submission of a late resolution. Prior to adjournment, two additional late

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resolutions were accepted by the convention floor and adopted. A copy of each of the final resolutions in their entirety will soon be available for viewing on the MPFFU website.

Lansing – Local 421 was the only local from the 5<sup>th</sup> District to submit a bid to host the 2012 MPFFU Convention. The Convention will be held at the Lansing Radisson Hotel and the Lansing Convention Center. The dates of the 2012 are May 2-3-4, 2012.

Delegates also heard the remarks and presentations of several guest speakers throughout the course of the convention:

- The Honorable Dave Bing, Mayor – City of Detroit
- The Honorable Charles Pugh, Council President – City of Detroit
- Harold Schaitberger, General President - IAFF
- Thomas Miller, General Secretary-Treasurer – IAFF
- Paul Hufnagel, 8<sup>th</sup> District Vice President – IAFF
- The Honorable Andy Dillon - State Representative & Speaker of the House
- The Honorable Jennifer Haase – State Representative
- The Honorable Bert Johnson – State Representative
- The Honorable Virgil Bernero – Mayor of the City of Lansing
- Melissa Yutzey, Kelley-Cawthorne
- Ron Farr, State Fire Marshal & Director-Bureau of Fire Services
- Leon LaBrecque, Labrecque, Jackson, Price, & Roehl, LLC
- Michael O’Hearon, MPFFU General Counsel
- Mark Munger – IAFF Financial Corporation
- John Piper, Nationwide
- Michelle Damstra - Muscular Dystrophy Association

The Honorable Senator Michael Prusi was scheduled to receive the “Presidents Award for Outstanding Legislative Service” but he was unable to attend the Convention.

The Detroit Fire Department Honor Guard opened the convention. Karen Newman sang the national Anthem. Detroit Fire Department Chaplin Reverend McNeely gave the invocation.

Fifty-seven MPFFU members served on various Convention Committees which were integral to making this Convention a great success.

The Convention Staff of Ed Rigley, Michelle Chesney, Laura Jensen, and Darcy Moore worked diligently behind the scenes to make sure everything got done in a professional and timely fashion.

A complete verbatim transcript of the entire convention will soon be file at the MPFFU Office and it will be available for review upon request.