

**MINUTES  
MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS UNION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM FORMAT  
October 12, 2020**

***Members Present:***

Mark Docherty, President  
Terrence H. Chesney, Secretary/Treasurer  
Aileen Pettinger, Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Shaun Abbey, Vice President, Second District  
Steven Heim, Vice President, Fourth District  
Monty Nye, Vice President, Fifth District  
Matthew Sahr, Vice President, Sixth District  
Richard Clark, Trustee, Western District  
Mickey Wiewiura, Trustee, Eastern District  
Justin Fox, Northern Trustee

**Call to Order**

President Docherty called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

President Docherty stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming IAFF elections.

President Docherty stated that the MPFFU Executive Board had previously made endorsements for IAFF candidates at our December 2019 Executive Board meeting. At that meeting, we endorsed Harold Schaitberger for GP, Ed Kelly for GST, Mark Sanders for IAFF 8<sup>th</sup> DVP, and Daniel Fortuna for IAFF Eastern Trustee.

Due to the fact that the IAFF Convention has been postponed and because GP Schaitberger has announced that he is not going to run for re-election, several new candidates have announced that they are going to run for various IAFF offices.

There are currently two candidates that have announced for the position of IAFF General President and three candidates that have announced for the position of IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer.

Members offered opinions and discussed the rationale for their opinions on each of the following motions prior to voting:

**Motion 30-2020: Moved by Abbey, supported by Pettinger to endorse Mark Sanders for IAFF 8<sup>th</sup> District Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion 31-2020: Moved by Abbey, supported by Chesney to endorse Frank Lima for IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion 32-2020: Moved by Sahr, supported by Abbey to endorse Ed Kelly for IAFF General President.**

Several members voiced their extreme displeasure with the way GST Kelly presented his concerns and accusations on allegedly improper internal issues. Everyone felt that these matters should have been taken to the IAFF Executive Board to resolve them before going public, dividing our membership, and accumulating thousands of dollars in legal expenses. Some members felt that they wanted to ask GST Kelly questions regarding these issues. Some members also wanted to give other GP candidates an opportunity to

Speak to us before we decide to endorse anyone for IAFF General President. Due to these factors, Motion 32-2020 was withdrawn by the maker of the motion.

**Motion 33-2020: Moved by Chesney, support by Pettinger to invite all IAFF General President candidates to speak to the MPFFU Executive Board via a Zoom meeting during the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Docherty stated he would contact the candidates to schedule the meetings.

**Motion 34-2020: Moved by Sahr, supported by Heim to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.**