

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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As with every new year, many folks make new year resolutions and try to focus more on one or more things they would like to change in the year ahead.

This tradition is similar in the association management realm. They may not be deemed New Year resolutions, but the leaders of the IAFFPD work together to set goals, review progress, and apply focus on areas needing improvement.

With that thought in mind, I am pleased to report we have received some helpful feedback from our membership via program and conference evaluations, membership survey, and most recently, a poll question that can help share insight with lawmakers and fire service leaders who are appointed to the Recruiting and Retaining Firefighters Task Force (SJR 7).

If you want a quick summary of the Statewide Task Force legislative action, please read Brittan Bolin's Legislative Update published in the previous issue (Fall 2023) of *The Fire Call*.

As you know, the data collected is evaluated by the Board of Directors and used as a guide when planning and making decisions on programs, activities, events, locations, and dates. What is equally important are the responses that tell us what IAFFPD resources members value most and how we may better serve the needs of our members. We are listening and learning about fire districts' challenges and want to find solutions that may address these challenges.

If you still need to complete the member survey we mailed along with your member renewal, please do this before February 15 using the electronic

version on our website's home page. This process streamlines the data much easier and more effectively.

Unsurprisingly, most member survey responses reported Recruitment and Retention as their greatest challenge and one issue we, as your Association, should be paying attention to. While we all recognize no one-size-fits-all solution, we hope that by working with the legislators and other state leaders, we may have productive conversations in the year ahead. We invite you (the membership) to provide more insight on this question. A poll question our office sent via email blast can be found on the Advocacy page of the website IAFFPD.org.

Coincidentally, if you are not receiving the blast emails Karrie sends monthly, we strongly encourage you to subscribe using this website URL: <https://www.iaffpd.org/elettersignup.html>. These blasts are intended to inform you about how IAFFPD is involved and offer ways to be more involved with the Association.

One final worthy mention of the survey responses I am delighted to see is that 67% of the respondents indicated The Fire Call is one of the benefits they value most! We hear you and will continue doing our best to deliver timely and informative content to your mailbox. Thank you for supporting the IAFFPD in 2024! ■

2024 IAFFPD

Calendar and Checklist of Annual Responsibilities for Districts & Firefighters

Calendar & Checklist

EVENT	REFERENCE AND/OR Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) except as noted	DUPLICATE	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE ACCOMPLISHED
1. First day that elected trustee nomination papers may be circulated for April 6, 2021 election		9/22/20	N/A	N/A
2. Filing period for trustee nominating petitions for April 6, 2021 election Board Secretary to certify to election authority (Illinois law) (ILCS 120/21)		12/14/20 12/22/20	Society	
3. Last day to file petitions for affidavits or questions of public policy for April 6, 2021 election (example: nomination referendum) (must be certified to election authority by 1/28/21)		1/4/21		
4. Deadline to adopt resolutions in place question on the ballot for the April 6, 2021 election (example: tax rate referendum) (must be certified to election authority by 1/28/21)		1/19/21		
5. File Certificate of agent of property with County Supervisor of Assessment for District owned real estate (ILCS 200/15-16)		1/13/21		
6. Post notice of regularly scheduled meetings of board, send copy to any news media which have filed a request (ILCS 120/22)				See last of fiscal year
7. Perform annual review of all Minutes of Closed Sessions which have not been opened to the public to determine if some or all of those minutes may be opened to the public			Jan.	
8. Post report of injuries (OSHA) logs for prior year (Title 34, Section 350.250 (i) Adm. Code)		2/1/21		
9. File names of persons referred to file Economic Interest Statements with County Clerk (ILCS 420/1A-105)		2/1/21		
10. File OSHA 305A Report, if required			Mar.	
11. Submit names for appointment or reappointment of appointed trustees whose terms expire in 2021 (70 ILCS 705/4)				
12. Appointed trustees to be reappointed by appointing authority (70 ILCS 705/4) (Not applicable to elected boards)		2nd Mon. April (4/12/21)		
13. File statements of Economic Interest with County Clerk (ILCS 420/1A-105)		1st Mon. May (5/3/21)		
14. Newly appointed and reappointed trustees (all office) (70 ILCS 705/4)		3rd Mon. May (5/17/21)		
15. Newly appointed and elected trustees must complete Open Meetings Act training within 90 days of taking office (ILCS 120/1-105)				
17. Reorganize Board of Trustees following appointment or election of trustee and elect officers (70 ILCS 705/6)				1st Meeting After Training Office
18. If applicable, appoint Fire Commissioner(s) (70 ILCS 705/16/20)				First to 1st Meet. After 1st
19. Prepare Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (70 ILCS 330/1-330/3)				1st Of Official Year
A. Gather and set actual expenditures and revenues for prior year				
B. Prepare Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance				
C. Post Tentative for public appropriation ordinance for 180 days prior to adoption of final appropriation ordinance (70 ILCS 330/1-330/3)				
D. Adopt Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance				
E. Prepare and include estimate of revenues certification with budget (regularly) (21 ILCS 200/18-50)				
F. Finalize budget and appropriation ordinance (70 ILCS 330/1-330/3)				

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