Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting

NC Department of Insurance – OSFM

April 1, 2019

Attendees:	Freddy Johnson	Matt Davis
	Jeff Key	Kevin Oliver
	Lee Newcomb	Ken Hair
	Scott Merritt	
Absent:	Barry Overman	
Staff:	Kim Williams	Matt Thorpe
	Jessica Lashbrook	Mike Williams
	Derrick Clouston	

Guest: Thomas Felling, Asst. Attorney General – DOJ Insurance Division

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Matt Davis delivered the Invocation.

Agenda Topics:

Welcome Thomas Felling, Asst. Attorney General with the DOJ Insurance Division.

Mr. Felling discussed Fire & Rescue Commission rule-making authority provisions that were submitted to the General Assembly and included in HB220 and Senate Bill 211. Once adopted, the Commission would have the power to make and adopt rules relating to the scope of the Board. Small changes would be made at the CFI Board level and formal recommendations would be submitted to the Fire & Rescue Commission who would have the power to suspend and revoke certifications.

Lee Newcomb reported there were no By-Law updates.

Old Business:

Recertification application recommendations such as making CFI recertification less cumbersome and removing the points system were addressed. Making the recertification process similar to the Chief 101 upgrade was suggested using a course designed either by OSFM or by a panel of experts, that would be

updated with changing times. Also suggested was keeping Fire Scene participation requirements and moving the recertification process to every two years rather than five should it be run as an upgrade.

Some concerns were insufficient subject matter or delivery capabilities.

Jeff Key, Matt Davis, and Ken Hair will bring a mission statement or plan for recertification change options to the next Board meeting.

Jeff will also look at rewording the verbiage on the certification recertification applications.

Also suggested was the CFI certification becoming IFSAC and/or Pro Board certified.

The question was posed on whether the current FIT course could be the only Origin and Cause course for accreditation by IFSAC or Pro Board.

Matt Thorpe reported on Pro Board and IFSAC policies and noted that, regarding FIT, neither accrediting body mandates a specific course however the policy does state there must be a policy and the policy in place must be adhered to. Currently the Fire and Rescue Commission statutes dictate the policy. Currently, FIT is the only accepted course.

Lee Newcomb proposed a vote on equivalent FIT classes and after some discussion, Kevin Oliver proposed to vote to pursue accreditation. Upon further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Ken Hair made a motion to pursue accreditation. Matt Davis seconded the motion. The Board was divided in a tie. Motion died.

Jessica Lashbrook will create a spreadsheet for Year-to-Date CFI certification record keeping.

New Business:

Finalization of CFI Certification and Recertification packets.

Applications submitted:

	Certifications:	Recertifications:	
Approved:	5	12	
<u>Denied:</u>	3	0	
Pending:	0	5	
Total Packets Submitted: 25			

Motion to approve Certification and Recertification applications proposed by Lee Newcomb and seconded by Kevin Oliver. Certification and Recertification application packets approved.

The next CFI Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in Raleigh, NC.

With no further issues to discuss, Matt Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ken Hair seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Lashbrook