

**Resolution No.**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

**Re: IAFF Designated Seats on the CoAEMSP Board  
and the National Registry of EMTs Board**

1 WHEREAS, the EMS Agenda for the Future was  
2 established in 1996 as a document for use by EMS  
3 provider agencies as a guide for planning, decision  
4 making and policy in regard to EMS; and

5 WHEREAS, the EMS Agenda for the Future gave  
6 rise to the EMS Education Agenda that sets forth a  
7 vision for the future of EMS education that is  
8 intended to enhance consistency in paramedic  
9 education quality and lead to greater graduate  
10 competence; and

11 WHEREAS, the Education Agenda sets forth five  
12 system components including EMS education core  
13 content, scope of practice, education standards,  
14 education program accreditation, and EMS provider  
15 certification of competency; and

16 WHEREAS, the core content, scope of practice  
17 and education standards have been established and  
18 are in use in EMS training programs throughout the  
19 United States; and

20 WHEREAS, the education program accreditation  
21 and the EMS provider certification of competency  
22 are in the midst of implementation, and

23 WHEREAS, these components of the Education  
24 Agenda for the Future directly affect IAFF members  
25 attending paramedic school and local fire  
26 departments that train their own paramedics; and

27 WHEREAS, the current organization overseeing  
28 education program accreditation is the Committee on

29 Accreditation of Education Programs for EMS  
30 Professionals (CoAEMSP); and  
31 WHEREAS, the current organization conducting  
32 national board testing to certify the competency of  
33 paramedics is the National Registry of EMTs; and  
34 WHEREAS, both these organizations have voting  
35 boards that make decisions and set policies that  
36 directly affect IAFF members in states that choose to  
37 observe these components of the EMS Education  
38 Agenda; be it therefore  
39 RESOLVED, That the IAFF pursue two seats on  
40 the CoAEMSP Board for EMS Education program  
41 accreditation to assure that fire departments seeking  
42 accreditation have the necessary votes to be  
43 successful; and be it further  
44 RESOLVED, That the IAFF contact the National  
45 Registry of EMTs and petition a seat on the Board of  
46 Directors to assure a fire-based EMS influence in that  
47 organization.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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**Re: IAFF Fire Ground Survival Program**

1 WHEREAS, fire fighting remains one of the most  
2 hazardous occupations where fire fighters are still  
3 being killed at an alarming rate; and

4 WHEREAS, despite the advances made in many  
5 safety and health areas, fire fighting has an injury  
6 rate more than eight times that of other occupations;

7 WHEREAS, the implementation of  
8 wellness/fitness programs has helped to lower the  
9 rate of cardiac related line-of-duty deaths, but the  
10 number of traumatic line-of-duty deaths continues to  
11 increase; and

12 WHEREAS, fire fighter fatality data shows these  
13 traumatic line-of-duty deaths are attributed to fire  
14 fighters becoming lost, disoriented, trapped,  
15 entangled or out of air; and

16 WHEREAS, the IAFF researched and determined  
17 the need for a comprehensive and standardized  
18 program to train fire fighters to perform potentially  
19 life-saving actions if they become involved in a  
20 Mayday situation; and

21 WHEREAS, the IAFF researched and reviewed  
22 all fire fighter survival training programs currently  
23 available and determined that there was no  
24 consistent, comprehensive or standardized program  
25 to train fire fighters to perform these potentially life-  
26 saving actions; and

27 WHEREAS, the IAFF sought and received  
28 funding from the Department of Homeland Security  
29 to assist in developing a comprehensive fire fighter

30 survival training program; and

31 WHEREAS, the IAFF has now worked for almost  
32 3 years on the IAFF Fire Ground Survival training  
33 program to ensure that training for Mayday  
34 prevention and Mayday operations are consistent  
35 between all fire fighters, company officers, and chief  
36 officers; and

37 WHEREAS, our guiding philosophy has been that  
38 fire fighters must be trained in and practice a  
39 standard set of skills and procedures they can rely on  
40 when things do go wrong; and

41 WHEREAS, the comprehensive IAFF Fire  
42 Ground Survival (FGS) training program applies the  
43 lessons learned from Fire Fighter Fatality  
44 Investigations conducted by the National Institute for  
45 Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and we  
46 were assisted in the development by a committee of  
47 subject matter experts from the International  
48 Association of Fire Fighters, the International  
49 Association of Fire Chiefs, NIOSH, and IAFF  
50 members from over 30 IAFF affiliates across the  
51 United States and Canada; and

52 WHEREAS, through classroom and hands-on  
53 exercises, the FGS training program provides  
54 materials on Preventing a Mayday, Being Ready for  
55 the Mayday, Fire Fighter Self-Survival Procedures,  
56 Fire Fighter Self-Survival Skills, Skills Necessary to  
57 Self Rescue, and Fire Fighter's Expectations of  
58 Command; and

59 WHEREAS, there are many other less  
60 comprehensive and non-consistent programs being  
61 delivered through departmental, local, state, national  
62 and private training agencies; and

63           WHEREAS, some departmental, local, state,  
64 national and private training agencies are reluctant to,  
65 or have discontinued to, provide fire fighter survival  
66 training due to the unsubstantiated and perceived risk  
67 of injury during training; and

68           WHEREAS, it is the position of the IAFF that all  
69 fire fighters must be required to participate in fire  
70 fighter survival training to prevent injury and/or  
71 death; therefore be it

72           RESOLVED, That the International Association  
73 of Fire Fighters recognizes, supports and encourages  
74 the adoption of the IAFF FGS Program at all  
75 departmental, local, state, provincial, national and  
76 private training agencies; and be it further

77           RESOLVED, That all affiliates support and  
78 encourage the delivery of this FGS Train the Trainer  
79 program for their local fire department by IAFF FGS  
80 instructors.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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**Re: IAFF Reimbursable Expenses – Travel (Canada)**

1           WHEREAS, the IAFF currently compensates  
2 members travelling via private automobile at the  
3 current Internal Revenue Service allowable rate; and

4           WHEREAS, the cost of operating an automobile  
5 is higher in Canada than the United States of  
6 America; and

7           WHEREAS, travel in a personal vehicle in  
8 Canada is currently compensated by the IAFF at 36  
9 cents per kilometre; therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That the IAFF adopt the Canadian  
11 Revenue Agency’s reasonable per-kilometre  
12 allowance for travel in Canada.

Submitted by: Canadian Policy Conference

Cost Estimate: Minimal

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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**Re: Disaster Relief Operations**

1 WHEREAS, after hurricanes Katrina, Rita and  
2 Wilma in 2005, the IAFF Disaster Relief Fund  
3 disbursed more than \$1,750,000 to IAFF members in  
4 Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Florida  
5 who were displaced by the storms; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2005, the IAFF also assisted 48  
7 local affiliates and more than 5,000 members in the  
8 disaster area, and provided incident command staff,  
9 communications, evacuation, food, medicine  
10 (including vaccinations and baseline medical  
11 evaluations), behavioral health and counseling,  
12 building materials, crews for house repairs,  
13 transportation, and housing support through an IAFF  
14 Operations and Command Center. The Fund  
15 provided over \$500,000 for these disaster response  
16 operations; and

17 WHEREAS, to ensure that there is continued  
18 funding for disaster relief operations, the delegates at  
19 the 2006 IAFF Convention approved a 10 cents per  
20 capita allocation for Disaster Relief Operations to  
21 provide dedicated funding for such operations and  
22 command centers so that the Disaster Relief Fund  
23 remains economically viable for direct and  
24 immediate disaster financial assistance to members;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the 2006 Resolution provided for a  
27 rollover of unused funds to remain in the Disaster  
28 Reliefs Operations budget line; and

29 WHEREAS, Disaster Relief Operations funds

30 available with the adoption of the 2010 budget now  
31 total \$1.2 million dollars; therefore be it

32 RESOLVED, That the per capita allocated for  
33 Disaster Relief Operations be changed to 4 cents  
34 (\$.04); and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the six cents (\$.06) reduction  
36 in the Disaster Relief Operations be reallocated to the  
37 Disaster Relief Fund to provide direct financial  
38 assistance to members in accordance with the IAFF  
39 Disaster Relief Fund Policy; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That these changes will be effective  
41 September 1, 2010.

Submitted by: Danny Todd, IAFF 14th District Vice President  
Professional Fire Fighters of Louisiana on behalf  
of all Louisiana State Association Locals  
Local 632, New Orleans, LA  
Local 1349, Mobile, AL

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

**Re: IAFF Local Leadership Award**

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF established the IAFF Local  
2 Leadership Award to recognize and honor Local  
3 2665 President Dennis J. Murray, one of the longest-  
4 serving local presidents in IAFF history; and

5 WHEREAS, the delegates at the 49th Convention  
6 conferred upon Dennis J. Murray the first IAFF  
7 Local Leadership Award; and

8 WHEREAS, the IAFF Local Leadership Award  
9 pays tribute to the standard of leadership set by  
10 Dennis J. Murray; and

11 WHEREAS, the IAFF received nearly 100  
12 nominations for the 2010 Local Leadership Award;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Local Leadership Award is  
15 presented to not more than eight local officers who  
16 have served greater than 15 years; and

17 WHEREAS, the IAFF Executive Board cannot  
18 adequately recognize all of the deserving local  
19 leaders nominated; be it therefore

20 RESOLVED, That the IAFF Local Leadership  
21 Award be presented to eight recipients at the 2010  
22 Convention; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the IAFF Local Leadership  
24 Award is eliminated.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**



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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

**Re: Joint Harvard Law School/University of Ottawa  
Executive Development Program Scholarship**

1 WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Canadian  
2 Police Association (CPA) the Harvard Law School  
3 and the University of Ottawa have recently joined  
4 forces to deliver an Executive Development Program  
5 at the University of Ottawa, and

6 WHEREAS, this program is being delivered by  
7 Dr. Elaine Bernard of the Harvard Law School and  
8 Mr. Bill Cole, currently from Nelligan O'Brien  
9 Payne, and former Ottawa IAFF Local 162 President;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the current pilot project enrollment  
12 from Canadian Police Association (CPA) members  
13 has steadily increased with each course, and

14 WHEREAS, there is a desire by the program  
15 sponsors to expand this course to include those  
16 professions within essential services, including fire  
17 Fighters; and

18 WHEREAS, the IAFF currently supports  
19 member opportunities for this type of top quality  
20 education through two scholarships in the United  
21 States, one at the Harvard University Trade Union  
22 Program at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA  
23 and the second at the National Labor College in  
24 Silver Spring, Maryland; and

25 WHEREAS, Canadian IAFF members have in the  
26 past taken advantage of a scholarship provided by the  
27 IAFF for the Labour College of Canada Intensive  
28 Program in Ottawa Ontario, and

29           WHEREAS, there have been very few  
30 opportunities for Canadian IAFF members to attain  
31 the IAFF scholarship for the prestigious Harvard  
32 University Trade Union Program, and

33           WHEREAS, this new Executive Development  
34 Program can offer a second option with Harvard  
35 credentials located in Canada which will take place  
36 over 24 months consisting of 4 courses, each course  
37 lasting 4 days; therefore be it

38           RESOLVED, That the IAFF award an additional  
39 scholarship to support IAFF members attending the  
40 Executive Development Program offered at the  
41 University of Ottawa; and be it further

42           RESOLVED, That the amount of the scholarship  
43 shall include the cost of tuition \$1,800 per course x 4  
44 courses = \$7, 200 and approximately \$7,800 to cover  
45 travel, accommodations and incidental expenses for a  
46 total of \$15,000.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: ½ cent

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

#### **Re: Care Enough to Wear Pink Resolution**

1 WHEREAS, cancer affects millions of people all  
2 over the world, and the fact that there is a proven  
3 correlation between fire fighting and cancer, confirm  
4 both the need to eradicate the terrible disease and,  
5 until a cure is found, help alleviate the suffering of its  
6 victims; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2009 the American Cancer  
8 Society expected about 1,479,350 new cancers to be  
9 diagnosed in the U.S. This year about 562,340  
10 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than  
11 1,500 people a day; and

12 WHEREAS, cancer is one of the deadliest  
13 diseases of them all, we need to come together to  
14 fight it, which means more of us who haven't been  
15 affected need to step up and lead the way. Therefore,  
16 fire fighters will don pink to show women that we  
17 care enough to wear their color; and

18 WHEREAS, fire fighters normally wear blue  
19 shirts 365 days a year, for three days we can wear  
20 pink, and give an image of hope and encouragement  
21 to those who fear being alone in their battle for life;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That The International Association  
24 of Fire Fighters recognize, support, and encourage its  
25 members to participate in the "Cares Enough to Wear  
26 Pink" campaign in honor of women fighting cancer.  
27 Each local will create its own pink shirts to wear for  
28 three days in early October (on duty if approved by  
29 its department), and sell to the public throughout the

30 month of October. Each local will donate at least  
31 50% of funds raised to women's cancer organizations  
32 of its choice; the remaining funds will be used for our  
33 fire fighters and their dependents battling cancer  
34 including the "Fire Fighters Cancer Support  
35 Network".

Submitted by: Texas State Association of Fire Fighters  
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois  
Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of  
Connecticut  
Kentucky Professional Fire Fighters  
Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union  
Montana State Council of Fire Fighters  
New Mexico Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maine  
Professional Fire Fighters Association of New  
Jersey  
Iowa Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire  
Federated Fire Fighters of Wyoming  
Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana  
Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Professional Fire Fighters Association of  
Alabama  
Professional Fire Fighters of Vermont  
Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Louisiana  
Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada  
Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of  
North Carolina  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland  
Professional Fire Fighters of Georgia

Professional Fire Fighters of West Virginia  
Professional Fire Fighters of Utah  
Professional Fire Fighters of Oklahoma  
Virginia Professional Fire Fighters  
Colorado Professional Fire Fighters  
Washington State Council of Fire Fighters  
New York State Professional Fire Fighters  
Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters  
Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho  
Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters  
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona  
Florida Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota  
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council  
Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

**Re: Union Made Products**

1           WHEREAS, by policy, the International  
2 Association of Fire Fighters requires that all IAFF  
3 goods and promotional items sold or distributed to  
4 the membership be American/Canadian Union Made;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, IAFF members are proud of the  
7 IAFF logo because it is a symbol of our work to raise  
8 the quality of life for all of our union brothers and  
9 sisters; and

10          WHEREAS, it is our goal that the IAFF logo or  
11 ‘brand’ is not displayed on substandard merchandise  
12 made offshore by non-union labor, and

13          WHEREAS, The IAFF is the biggest supporter of  
14 MDA’s important work; and

15          WHEREAS, MDA sponsors and/or supplies  
16 goods, promotional clothing and novelty items to  
17 IAFF affiliate locals and state and provincial  
18 associations; and

19          WHEREAS, The delegates assembled at the 47th  
20 Biennial Conference of the Ohio Association of  
21 Professional Fire Fighters voted unanimously to  
22 bring this resolution to the 50th IAFF Convention;  
23 therefore be it

24          RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish a policy  
25 requiring any/all items distributed by MDA for  
26 IAFF membership use shall be American/Canadian  
27 Union Made.

Submitted by: Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

**Re: Support for The Retired Professional Fire Fighters  
Cancer Fund, Inc.**

1 WHEREAS, cancer is recognized as one of the  
2 deadliest diseases known to man; and

3 WHEREAS, cancer does not discriminate, but  
4 affects people from all walks of life regardless of  
5 age, gender or health; and

6 WHEREAS, fire fighters face the risk of  
7 contracting certain types of cancer with occurrence  
8 rates being two to four times greater than the general  
9 population, as per a number of bona fide medical  
10 studies; and

11 WHEREAS, experts from the American Cancer  
12 Society, Center for Disease Control, and other  
13 prominent organizations have repeatedly stated that  
14 advances in cancer treatment, early detection and an  
15 eventual cure will only come through cancer  
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, one organization, The Retired  
18 Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc. a  
19 nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization founded in 2006 by  
20 both active and retired IAFF members for the sole  
21 purpose of raising funds for promising cancer  
22 research programs; specifically those research  
23 programs with a focus on cancers that have a higher  
24 than normal incidence among fire fighters; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to both active and retired  
26 IAFF members, the board of The Retired  
27 Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc. includes  
28 prominent members of the medical community; and

29 WHEREAS, there are other organizations  
30 affiliated with fire fighters who offer educational  
31 programs, advocacy programs, and personal support  
32 programs to fire fighters diagnosed with cancer; and

33 WHEREAS, no other organization focuses solely  
34 on raising funds for cancer research programs  
35 specific to fire fighters; and

36 WHEREAS, all board members of The Retired  
37 Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc. provide  
38 in kind service to the fund without any salary or  
39 stipend; and

40 WHEREAS, The Retired Professional Fire  
41 Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc. has made significant  
42 contributions to world renowned cancer research  
43 programs; and

44 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2008 The New York  
45 State Professional Fire Fighters Association during  
46 their annual convention passed and adopted a similar  
47 resolution recognizing, supporting and encouraging  
48 their members to assist the efforts of The Retired  
49 Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc.  
50 therefore be it

51 RESOLVED, That The International Association  
52 of Fire Fighters recognize, support and encourage  
53 their members to assist the efforts of The Retired  
54 Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, Inc.

Submitted by: Local 729, Binghamton, NY

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**

#### **Re: Support the Development of a National Infrastructure Bank**

1           WHEREAS, for many years organized labor has  
2           invested its financial future, including pension  
3           benefits, in financial institutions that have invested  
4           these funds in foreign industrial development,  
5           resulting in jobs being shipped out of the United  
6           States with our own hard earned retirement benefit  
7           dollars, jeopardizing our future retirement; and

8           WHEREAS, corporate America led the way in  
9           using labor's retirement coffers to export jobs slowly  
10          by first sending textiles out of the U.S., then steel,  
11          then autos, leaving few if any manufactured products  
12          in which American workers dominate; and

13          WHEREAS, the direct pension/health benefit  
14          raid started, in the 1980's with leveraged buyouts,  
15          then outsourcing, downsizing, contracting out and re-  
16          inventing government, plus pension adjustments like  
17          "cash balance," all of which have slammed our  
18          pensions; and

19          WHEREAS, retirement benefits that still exist are  
20          under constant attack, eroded and threatened by the  
21          failure of our manufacturing sector throughout the  
22          U.S., particularly in California; and

23          WHEREAS, corporate and governmental  
24          leadership knows that approximately 15 trillion  
25          retirement dollars are coming due, and they are  
26          fighting tooth and claw to avoid giving up control of  
27          this gigantic entitlement fund; and

28          WHEREAS, the time has come for labor to take

29 control of the only power it has left – our retirement  
30 funds – by pursuing the goal of investing pension  
31 dollars where U.S. workers realize value by insuring  
32 maximum protection of pension accounts, financial  
33 return, promotion of U.S. worker jobs and  
34 development of our own positive U.S. industrial  
35 growth; and

36 WHEREAS, the development of an infrastructure  
37 bank offers this hope and should be legitimately  
38 studied and pursued if found to be practical;  
39 therefore be it

40 RESOLVED, That the International Association  
41 of Fire Fighters present this resolution to the AFL-  
42 CIO for action.

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**

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**Re: Our Good Name**

1           WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire  
2           Fighters is a proud trade union with ninety-plus years  
3           of history as part of the North American Labor  
4           Movement fighting to raise the standard of living of  
5           fire fighters and workers across the continent; and

6           WHEREAS, this union's commitment to standing  
7           strong for our members and for union workers  
8           everywhere is as strong as ever; and

9           WHEREAS, this union represents members who  
10          stand up, lead and hold people accountable for their  
11          actions; and

12          WHEREAS, just as we would not and do not  
13          expect nor do we accept anyone, especially our union  
14          brothers and sisters to sell us short or sell us out; and

15          WHEREAS, the IAFF Executive Board works  
16          hard to ensure that when the IAFF logo is put on  
17          apparel or other merchandise it is ONLY put on  
18          union made and made in the U.S.A. or Canada  
19          materials and products; and

20          WHEREAS, the Executive Board Public  
21          Relations Committee meets regularly to review  
22          requests to manufacture products bearing this  
23          union's good name in the form of the IAFF logo, the  
24          letters IAFF or the words International Association  
25          of Fire Fighters; and

26          WHEREAS, the Public Relations Committee only  
27          approves products that are union made or made in  
28          the United States of America or Canada that will bear  
29          the IAFF Logo, the letters IAFF or the words

30 International Association of Fire Fighters; and  
31 WHEREAS, the determining factors in deciding  
32 approval fall within the guidelines of Executive  
33 Board Policy; and

34 WHEREAS, individual members and state,  
35 provincial and local affiliates continue to ignore  
36 Executive Board Policy, continue to violate the basic  
37 principles for which this union and every member in  
38 this Great Hall stands for by applying or ordering this  
39 great union's logo, the letters IAFF or the words  
40 "International Association of Fire Fighters" on  
41 apparel and merchandise made by workers forced  
42 into labor under appalling sweat shop conditions  
43 and/or by child labor in third world countries, just to  
44 save a few bucks on a tee shirt or coffee mug; and

45 WHEREAS, selling our brothers and sisters in  
46 labor out for a few bucks is not only embarrassing for  
47 the IAFF but also is encouraging anti-union  
48 sentiment and anti-union companies and corporations  
49 to grow and continue to eliminate good, union jobs;  
50 and

51 WHEREAS, this is a slap in the face to the Labor  
52 Movement and to those IAFF members who fought  
53 so hard before us in building this great trade union;  
54 and

55 WHEREAS, at the very least in this Great Union,  
56 a trade by all accounts comprised of blue collar  
57 workers, it could be interpreted to be a chargeable  
58 offense against an individual member or an affiliate  
59 body to engage in the above stated acts; therefore be  
60 it

61 RESOLVED, That this entire body of delegates to  
62 the 50th IAFF Convention condemns the act of

63 ordering or applying this union’s good name in the  
64 form of the IAFF Logo, the letters IAFF or the words  
65 “International Association of Fire Fighters” to any  
66 piece of apparel or merchandise that is not *UNION*  
67 made or made in the United States of America or  
68 made in Canada; and be it further  
69 RESOLVED, That short of changing this IAFF  
70 Constitution and By-laws, this entire body of  
71 delegates to the 50TH IAFF Convention hereby  
72 commits as a show of solidarity to union workers  
73 everywhere that we do stand for good, secure jobs so  
74 workers and families can have good lives and  
75 retirements and will abide by those principles for  
76 which this union has stood for since 1918 and will  
77 stand for, for all time.

Submitted by: Ricky J. Walsh, IAFF 7<sup>th</sup> District Vice President.  
Local 726, Puyallup, WA  
Washington State Counsel of Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho  
Montana State Counsel of Professional Fire  
Fighters  
Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Local 31, Tacoma, WA  
Local 27, Seattle ,WA  
Local 1488, Lakewood, WA  
Local 3542, Sunnyside, WA  
Local 1264, Anchorage, AK  
Local 2916, Meade, WA  
Local 1983, Mount Vernon, WA  
Local 2409, Tumwater, WA  
Local 3674, Ridgefield, WA

Local 29, Spokane, WA  
Local 2919, Seatac, WA  
Local 3701, Spokane, WA  
Local 3520, Bonney Lake, WA  
Local 3828, Kelso, WA  
Local 1352, Auburn, WA  
Local 2109, Ocean Shores, WA  
Local 1789, Spokane, WA  
Local 521, Billings, MT  
Local 1805, Vancouver, WA  
Local I-24, Richland, WA  
Local 1997, Mill Creek, WA  
Local 3062, Maple Valley, WA  
Local 468, Olympia, WA  
Local 187, Pocatello, ID  
Local 1296, Kennewick, WA  
Local 437, Bremerton, WA  
Local 106, Bellingham, WA  
Local 1747, Kent, WA  
Local 2819, Silverdale, WA  
Local 3235, Lake Stevens, WA  
Local 2595, Kent, WA  
Local 404, Walla Walla, WA  
Local 2597, Everett, WA  
Local 3219, Marysville, WA  
Local 2024, Federal Way, WA  
Local 1604, Bellevue, WA  
Local 2088, Seattle, WA  
Local 4303, Juneau, AK  
Local 2444, Camas, WA  
Local 1257, Seattle, WA  
Local 2829, Redmond, WA

Local 2781, Mill Creek, WA  
Local 864, Renton, WA  
Local 1984, Lynnwood, WA  
Local 613, Bozeman, MT

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**CONVENTION ACTION:**