

Resolution No. 24

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: RESOLUTIONS

Re: IAFF Pension Specific Resources

WHEREAS, a primary and important benefit to professional fire fighters is the ability to retire with dignity and be able to afford the daily expenses of life; and

WHEREAS, retirement benefits may also be used to support fire fighters who have suffered numerous injuries and are disabled; and

WHEREAS, retirement benefits may also be used to support families of fire fighters killed as a result of an occupational illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, fire fighter pensions have become a target of public officials, members of the media and the public; and

WHEREAS, attacks on fire fighter pensions are likely to continue into the future, perpetuated by the lingering economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the IAFF has affiliated with the AFL-CIO National Public Pension Coalition (Resolution 24-2008) through payment of annual dues, in an effort to gain synergy to fight back against pension attacks at the local, state/provincial, and national level; and

WHEREAS, it is a responsibility of the IAFF to continue to fight and to assure resources are available to affiliate leaders and fire fighters elected as pension trustees to combat these attacks; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the IAFF provide access to

pension experts on staff through hiring, establishing a graduate internship program or other mechanism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IAFF continue to prepare web-based pension specific resources to combat attacks and that these resources be made available to local affiliate leaders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish a preferred provider list of actuaries and pension experts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish a comparable database using the pension data collected in 2009-2010 to allow comparisons between pension plans similar to the comparisons that are currently prepared with wages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2 cents per capita designated to fund the Ad Hoc Pension Committee (Resolution 24-2008) not sunset and be continued to fund IAFF Pension Specific Resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IAFF reallocate, effective September 1, 2010, the ten cents (\$.10) per capita funding used to establish the Political Referendum Operations Partnership Fund (Resolution 38-2006) to fund IAFF pension specific resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the reallocated ten cents (\$.10) per capita funding scheduled to sunset in 2012, not sunset.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: 20 cents (12 cents from current funding plus 8 cents
[\$.08] new funding)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted