

Revised Resolution No. 63
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions
Re: IAFF History Book, *Symbol of Action*

1 WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire
2 Fighters has a proud history; and

3 WHEREAS, in July 1974, the IAFF produced a
4 well-documented and thorough history book, *Symbol*
5 *of Action*, by Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus George
6 Richardson; and

7 WHEREAS, George Richardson stated in the
8 foreword of *Symbol of Action* that, “Over the past
9 fifty-six years I have seen the International
10 Association of Fire Fighters grow from its modest
11 beginning to its present size and accomplishments. I
12 am firmly convinced that the future will continue to
13 show steady growth in membership and in ever
14 increasing service to fire fighters. I believe that this
15 great Association will continue to be, in time to
16 come, as it has in the past, a symbol of action; and

17 WHEREAS, *Symbol of Action* chronicles the
18 history of the IAFF as it was formed and grew up to
19 its publication in 1974; and

20 WHEREAS, history, tradition, and education have
21 always been cornerstones of the IAFF and fire
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, the *Symbol of Action* is no longer in
24 print, and nearly impossible to obtain a copy; and

25 WHEREAS, the IAFF has not compiled our
26 history in a formal way such as it did with *Symbol of*

27 *Action* since 1974; and
28 WHEREAS, the ability to document and educate
29 about the history and foundation of this great union is
30 paramount to our future success and engagement of
31 our membership; and
32 WHEREAS, the risk of losing our history
33 increases without a written record of it; therefore be
34 it
35 RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled at this
36 57th Convention of the IAFF endorse and support the
37 printing and re-introduction of *Symbol of Action*; and
38 be it further
39 RESOLVED, That the IAFF Executive Board
40 work to research the costs and logistics associated
41 with producing an updated version of *Symbol of*
42 *Action*, or a similar book, and create a report with an
43 appropriate resolution and plan of action and funding
44 to complete this project to the delegates assembled at
45 the 58th Convention for approval.

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Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Revised