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REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION 1: CHILDHOOD CANCERS

Resolution 1, submitted by Whitby Local 2036, asked the IAFF Cancer Committee to allocate equivalent funding for research aimed specifically at the prevalence and causation of cancer in the children of fire fighters. It also asked that the resolution be forwarded to the 57th IAFF Convention.

Resolution 1 was adopted by delegates as revised.

At the 57th Convention, Resolution 1 was titled Resolution 18 and was amended to ask the Cancer Committee to allocate funds for research into the prevalence, correlative factors and causation of cancer and any adverse health outcomes in the children of IAFF members and to create a registry of adverse health outcomes in the children of IAFF members. It was adopted by delegates.

Resolution 18 from the 57th Convention dedicates 15 cents of perpetual per capita to fund cancer research into the prevalence, correlation, causation, and adverse health consequences for the children of IAFF members. This designated IAFF budget line has been accumulating funds since October 1, 2024 and at present has roughly \$375,000.

As sufficient funds are established, The IAFF Science division is contemplating private research projects such as DNA methylation that may drive childhood cancer risk. Institutional Review Board protocols have been setup by the IAFF Chief Science Advisor that will allow us to collect and analyze biological samples to study the impact between fire fighter exposure and how they impact both reproductive health and childhood cancer risk. Various research collaborations have also been established with several academic institutions with expertise in these areas.

As per capita funds build, we will then engage in research which will inform exactly what data our IAFF Childhood Cancer Adverse Health Outcomes Registry should be voluntarily soliciting from our members and their loved ones.

While this initiative is critically important, it would be unwise to prematurely dispatch member dues to researchers before commissioning pilot studies to scientifically validate methods. This approach will ensure that dues are being spent wisely, in keeping with solid scientific support.



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RESOLUTION 2: FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

Resolution 2, as submitted by the Alberta Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics Association, asked the IAFF to research how the FUS establishes criteria, to provide recommendations for next steps to create a more meaningful FUS process and to identify key stakeholders and provide recommendations for stakeholder engagement.

Resolution 2 was adopted by delegates as revised. Research was subsequently conducted into the FUS and its process with specific attention to the resolves, and was compiled in a document, with actions taken toward ongoing goal.

A summary of that report and the full report are included in this report as Appendices I and II, below.

