

Resolution No. 21

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: IAFF History Initiative

1 WHEREAS, delegates assembled at the 57th
2 Convention adopted Resolution No. 63 directing the
3 IAFF Executive Board to research costs and logistics
4 associated with producing an updated version of
5 *Symbol of Action*, or a similar project, and return to
6 the 58th Convention with an appropriate resolution
7 and plan of action; and

8 WHEREAS, the IAFF reviewed options to
9 preserve the Union's history and found that digital
10 platforms provide opportunities to preserve historical
11 materials and make them even more accessible to
12 members and the public; and

13 WHEREAS, preserving institutional knowledge
14 helps members understand the work, sacrifices, and
15 achievements that built this Union; and

16 WHEREAS, the history of the IAFF continues to
17 be written through the experiences of members
18 across the United States and Canada; and

19 WHEREAS, a one-time implementation cost of
20 approximately \$100,000 for digitization of *Symbol*
21 of *Action* would be necessary for the development of
22 a digital history platform, historical research, and
23 content development; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled at this
25 58th Convention implement an IAFF History
26 Initiative to preserve and share the history of the

27 IAFF and its members; and be it further
28 RESOLVED, That the IAFF digitize and make
29 *Symbol of Action*, historical editions of *Fire Fighter*
30 *International* magazine, and other archival materials
31 available through the IAFF website in searchable
32 formats; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the IAFF create and maintain
34 a digital timeline expanding upon *Symbol of Action*
35 through documentation of significant events,
36 milestones, and developments in the history of the
37 IAFF through the present day; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish a process to
39 collect and preserve member stories and firsthand
40 accounts through oral histories, video submissions,
41 interviews, or similar methods; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the initiative will be managed
43 under the Communications Division, with support
44 from other departments as needed.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: