

Resolution No. 32

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

Re: Advance Distribution of Daily Draft Convention Agendas

1 WHEREAS, IAFF Local 2598 Prince William
2 County Professional Fire Fighters is an affiliated
3 Local union of the Virginia Professional Fire
4 Fighters (VPFF) and the International Association of
5 Fire Fighters, whose members participate in the
6 governance of the IAFF through the VPFF and
7 through credentialed representation at the IAFF
8 Biennial Convention; and

9 WHEREAS, the IAFF Biennial Convention is
10 scheduled to convene in August 2026, and Local
11 2598 believes that the following resolution, if
12 adopted by the VPFF and submitted to the IAFF
13 Convention, would meaningfully improve the
14 experience and effectiveness of delegates
15 representing fire fighters and emergency medical
16 personnel from across North America; and

17 WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire
18 Fighters conducts its Biennial Convention as the
19 highest governing body of the organization, where
20 delegates debate, amend, and vote on resolutions,
21 constitutional amendments, and matters of policy;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the ability of delegates to
24 meaningfully participate in Convention proceedings
25 depends upon a clear, timely, and transparent

26 communication regarding the order of business
27 before the Convention body; and

28 WHEREAS, Convention agendas may evolve
29 throughout the course of the Convention due to
30 factors including, but not limited to, extended floor
31 debate, procedural motions, emergency matters, and
32 the availability of special guests or presenters; and

33 WHEREAS, delegates benefit from advance
34 notice of the anticipated order of business each day
35 in order to prepare for debate, coordinate with their
36 local unions, and fulfill their obligations as elected
37 or appointed representatives of the membership; and

38 WHEREAS, providing delegates with a draft
39 agenda prior to the start of each day's Convention
40 proceedings promotes transparency, efficiency, and
41 informed participation, and does so without limiting
42 the authority of the General President or the General
43 Secretary-Treasurer to manage the Convention in
44 accordance with the IAFF Constitution and By-
45 Laws; therefore be it

46 RESOLVED, That the Virginia Professional Fire
47 Fighters, assembled in convention, hereby endorses
48 the principle that credentialed delegates to the IAFF
49 Biennial Convention should receive a draft agenda
50 for each day of Convention proceedings no later
51 than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start
52 of that day's session, and hereby directs the VPFF
53 President and Secretary-Treasurer to formally submit
54 this resolution to the International Association of
55 Fire Fighters for consideration and adoption at the
56 IAFF Biennial Convention in August 2026, in
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58 accordance with all applicable IAFF submission
59 deadlines and procedures; and be in further

60 RESOLVED, That the Virginia Professional Fire
61 Fighters shall model this same standard at its own
62 conventions and meetings by making reasonable
63 efforts to provide credentialed delegates with a draft
64 agenda for each day's proceedings no later than
65 thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of that
66 day's session; and be it further

67 RESOLVED, That the International Association
68 of Fire Fighters shall provide a draft agenda for each
69 day of Convention proceedings to all credentialed
70 delegates no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to
71 the scheduled start of that day's session; and be it
72 further

73 RESOLVED, That such draft agenda shall be
74 clearly identified as subject to change and shall not
75 restrict the authority of the General President or the
76 General Secretary-Treasurer to modify the order of
77 business as necessary to accommodate Convention
78 proceedings, special presentations, guest
79 appearances, time constraints, or other operational
80 considerations; and be it further

81 RESOLVED, That a revised draft agenda shall be
82 disseminated to all credentialed delegates at the
83 close of each day's session, reflecting any changes
84 made during that day's proceedings, so that delegates
85 may adequately prepare for the business scheduled
86 for the following day.

Submitted by: Virginia Professional Fire Fighters

IAFF Local 2598, Prince William County
Professional Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: **None**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: