

Resolution No. 21

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: Restructuring, Refocusing the IAFF Foundation

1 WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire
2 Fighters Foundation (IAFF Foundation) was
3 established in 2010 with a mission to support and
4 protect the health, safety and welfare of IAFF
5 members—professional fire fighters and
6 paramedics—and their families, as well as the
7 communities they serve; and

8 WHEREAS, the Foundation was created as an
9 umbrella organization for five funds that previously
10 existed as independent entities within the IAFF (Burn
11 Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, Fallen Fire Fighter
12 Memorial Fund, McClennan Scholarship Fund and
13 John P. Redmond Fund); and

14 WHEREAS, in the experience of the past seven
15 years of Foundation operations, there became a clear
16 need to restructure and refocus the mission of our
17 Foundation to ensure that its true functions on behalf
18 of members are clearly defined and separated from
19 the functions of the IAFF, ensuring that the
20 Foundation operates as a truly independent
21 organization that is self-sustaining so it can continue
22 to effectively and positively impact members, their
23 families and the communities they serve; and

24 WHEREAS, over the past seven years of
25 operation, it has become clear that since the
26 organization, planning, execution and funding of the
27 Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial and the John P.
28 Redmond Symposium have remained, rightly so, the
29 responsibility of and in the control of the IAFF; and

30 WHEREAS, a narrowed focus for the Foundation
31 will increase its ability to attract potential donors to
32 raise funding to support targeted, critical programs;
33 therefore be it

34 RESOLVED, That the delegates at this 54th
35 Convention of the IAFF fully support the mission of
36 the restructured Foundation to focus on the work to
37 support our members who suffer burns and their
38 families through our Burn Fund, providing
39 goods/services distributed through the Disaster Relief
40 Fund, ensuring the children of our fallen have access
41 to the McClennan Scholarship Fund, and the new
42 assistance to our members who attend the IAFF
43 Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health
44 Treatment and Recovery.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted