

Resolution No. 65

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: Resolution to Establish David Burry IAFF Vice President Emeritus

1 WHEREAS, Brother David Burry began his
2 career in the fire service with the St. Johns Regional
3 Fire Department, May 4th, 1981, and retired with the
4 rank of Fire Captain on June 30th, 2013, with 32
5 dedicated years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Brother David Burry started his
7 service with St. John Local 1075 as a benefits and
8 insurance committee member from 1994 to 1998 and
9 Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator from
10 1999 to 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Brother Burry was elected Vice
12 President of Local 1075 in 2002 and served in that
13 position until 2007. In 2007 he was elected as
14 President of Local 1075 and served in that position
15 until 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Brother Burry was elected IAFF 15th
17 District Vice President in 2012 and was reelected to
18 this position in 2016 and 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Brother Burry served four years as
20 Vice President for Newfoundland Labrador followed
21 by two years Vice President at Large on the Atlantic
22 Provinces Professional Fire Fighters Executive
23 Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Brother Burry served four years as
25 Vice President for unions with less than 1000

26 members on the Newfoundland and Labrador
27 Federation of Labour Executive Board; and

28 WHEREAS, Brother Burry has been an active
29 presence on the IAFF Executive Board serving on a
30 number of important committees including Canadian
31 Affairs (Vice Chair) Education Human Relation and
32 Grants (Vice Chair) Policy, Finance,
33 Communications, Emergency Medical Services,
34 Health and Safety, Information Technology, and the
35 Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial; and

36 WHEREAS, Brother Burry has demonstrated his
37 commitment, knowledge, and integrity during his
38 twelve years on the IAFF Executive Board and that
39 the members of the IAFF were an integral part of his
40 life; and

41 WHEREAS, Brother Burry's leadership brought
42 about many increases in benefits for fire fighters at a
43 Local, provincial and national level. His leadership
44 and participation in collective bargaining, grievance
45 and interest arbitration resulted in improved benefits
46 and wages for fire fighters throughout the District
47 and bettered the lives of many of our fire fighters and
48 their families; and

49 WHEREAS, Brother Burry's leadership was
50 instrumental in attaining presumptive cancer
51 legislation for fire fighters in Newfoundland and
52 Labrador and his advocacy and assistance aided in
53 attaining presumptive cancer legislation in the
54 Atlantic Provinces; and

55 WHEREAS, Brother Burry's leadership and
56 assistance aided in attaining PTSD legislation in the

57 15th District; and

58 WHEREAS, Brother Burry's leadership and
59 training assisted fire fighters in the 15th District with
60 early and safe return to work following injury, duty
61 to accommodate and disability management; and

62 WHEREAS, Brother Burry was committed to the
63 members of the 15th District and was always
64 available to the Local leadership and to assist with
65 their issues and concerns; and

66 WHEREAS, Brother Burry was committed to
67 organizing and growing the membership of this great
68 IAFF. Under his leadership and for the first time in
69 its history the IAFF have affiliate locals in all five
70 provinces in the 15th District; and

71 WHEREAS, Brother Burry will not be offering
72 for reelection and will be retiring at the end of this
73 term; therefore be it

74 RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled at the
75 57th Convention of the IAFF, in the year 2024 in
76 Boston, Massachusetts bestow upon David Burry the
77 office of Vice President Emeritus along with all
78 honors, duties and responsibilities commensurate
79 with the position in accordance with the Constitution
80 and By-Laws of the IAFF.

Submitted by: IAFF L1075, St. John's Firefighters Association,
St. John, Newfoundland and Labrador
IAFF L268, Halifax Professional Firefighters
Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia
IAFF L125, Association des Pompiers de
Montréal Inc. Montreal, Quebec

IAFF L5219, Charlottetown Professional
Firefighters Association, Charlottetown, Prince
Edward Island

IAFF L999, Moncton Professional Firefighters
Association, Moncton, New Brunswick
Thomas A. Thornberg, IAFF 5th District Vice
President

Cost Estimate: **Minimal**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **Perpetual**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted Unanimously