

# The Size up!

## ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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On January 20, 2009 a meeting was held at the Institute in Champaign. One part of this meeting dealt with the construction of the new Learning and Research Center (LRRC) project. In 2007 the proposal to build a LRRC was introduced by Mr. Richard Jaehne, Director of the Fire Institute. At this meeting this expansion project was evaluated and voted on. After a motion by Cox and a vote the project was put in to motion. At each meeting we have been given up-dates, and the project has continued moving forward.

At the 1-20-09 meeting, we were briefed and given a complete overview with up dates that included a 95% design proposal. After some discussion about chair design and color, carpet and other building details, discussions were held about the 9 million dollars needed to complete the project. The director assured us that the college has embraced the project and with grants, other moneys and commitments, the funds are in the bank to build the building. With a motion by Terry Cox and seconded by Dave DeFraties, there was a unanimous vote to support/approve the 95% design proposal as presented.

Additionally, it was moved (Terry Cox), seconded (Mike Dillon) and unanimously agreed upon to support moving the Fire Service Organizations stone plaque from the current location to the front of the new LRRC. It was also agreed to move/erect new flag poles in front of the LRRC as part of the first alternate funding proposal.