



EASTERN DIVISION

International Association of Fire Chiefs

NEWSLETTER

Eastern Division Conference Moves to Fire Rescue International

The Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs will be hosting the 76th Annual Division Conference at Fire Rescue International in Dallas, Texas Sunday, August 24, 2003. The location will be the Monet Room in the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. The conference will be a half day event beginning at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served during the Conference. This marks the first time that the Division Conference has been held in conjunction with FRI. An agenda is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

Previously the Annual Division Conference has been held as a separate event and rotated among the five states that comprise the Division. The change was approved by the Board of Directors due to the rising costs to run a separate conference and diminishing attendance. The Board felt that a much greater number of active Eastern Division members were present at FRI and therefore, a broader base of the membership could participate in the Division. The Board felt that with the growing demands on Fire Chiefs' time and the tightening of fire department budgets, consolidation of the conferences would facilitate members attending.

The Division Conference is an important part of every member's role in the IAFC. The Division consolidates regional issues of its member states and communicates them to the International. Division Officers are elected at the conference, including State Directors who ultimately serve as the IAFC and Division liaison to every State Association of Fire Chiefs. Division By-Laws are voted at the Conference and critical position statements often arise. All of these activities are important reasons to attend the Division Conference.

Every regular member of the IAFC is also a member of a Division. If you reside within the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, or within the District of Columbia, you are a member of the Eastern Division and pay dues to the Division. If you are a member and you are attending FRI in Dallas in 2003, you should plan on attending your Division Conference Sunday morning. Admission, including breakfast, is free and open to all Division Members. The Eastern Division Board of Directors invites all of its members to attend this important Conference in Dallas and to participate in the activities of the Division.

Questions or information about the Conference can be e-mailed to the Division Secretary, William Askenstedt at EWVFCHEIF@AOL.COM



Eastern Division Events at FRI, Dallas, TX

The Eastern Division Conference Hotel is the Wyndham Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75207

Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday, August 23th at 10:00 A.M. in the Eastern Hospitality Room at the Anatole. The room will be posted at the Hotel.

Eastern Division Mass: Saturday, August 23th at 5 P.M. at the Anatole Hotel. The room will be posted.

Eastern Conference: Sunday, August 24th at 8 A.M. in the Monet Room of the Anatole Hotel. The conference and breakfast is free to Division members and there will be first come, first serve seating for 250.

Eastern Hospitality Room: The room will be open from Thursday, August 21st through Sunday, August 24th. The room will be in the Anatole Hotel.

Eastern Board Endorses Bill Killen for 2nd V.P.

The Board of Directors has voted to endorse the candidacy of Chief William Killen for the office of 2nd Vice President of the IAFC. Bill is a member of the Eastern Division and the current President of the IAFC Foundation. The Board urges all Division members to support Chief Killen and to be sure to return your ballot in time to make your vote count. ☒

Elections at the Annual Conference

Officers to be elected at this year’s annual conference include the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Division provide that these positions advance in order by state. Announced candidates are as follows;

President	Chief James Seavey	Maryland
1 st Vice Pres.	Chief Bernie Cohan	New Jersey
2 nd Vice Pres.	Chief Mike Chiaramonte	New York

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is a three-year term next elected in 2004 and the position of International Director is a three-year term next elected in 2005. The International Director also sits on the IAFC Board as the Division’s representative.

State Directors, also referred to as State Vice Presidents, are elected for two year terms by the members present at the conference from their respective states, during the state caucus. In 2003, Delaware, Maryland and New York will elect Directors. Chief Thaddeus Lowden of New Jersey and Chief Robert Stahl of Pennsylvania both have one year remaining on their current terms. Chief Charles Boyer from Delaware and Chief Jack Gouty from Maryland are the current Directors from their states and are running for reelection. Chief Mike Chiaramonte is the current New York Director. He is seeking election for 2nd Vice President and New York will require a new candidate for their Director. Any Division member in good standing may run for State Director from his or her respective state. Nominations and elections take place during the State Caucus.

Eligibility to vote requires that you be a member in good standing of the Division, dues being current, and being registered for the conference. Because pre-registration is not required for this year’s conference, being present at the time of elections shall be considered as registered for the conference. Members should have their FRI registration badge or current IAFC Membership Card for eligibility verification.

Don’t miss your opportunity to have a voice in your Division’s Officers. **Come out and vote!** ☒

76th Annual Eastern Conference Agenda

8:00 A.M.	Conference Opens Welcome - EDIAFC President Tettemer Flag Salute & Invocation Memorial Service - Father John Steger
8:30 A.M.	Breakfast served Remarks by IAFC Officers Introductions & Division Officer Reports Guests, IAFC Staff & 2004 Candidates
9:30 A.M.	Committee Reports
10:00 A.M.	Old Business
10:30 A.M.	Constitution & By-Law Amendments Resolution Presentation(s) New Business Officer Nominations
11:30 A.M.	State Caucus
12:00 P.M.	Reports of State Directors
12:30 P.M.	Election of Officers
12:45 P.M.	Announcement of Elections & Swearing In
1:00 P.M.	Adjournment



The EDIAFC urges all members to attend this year’s Memorial Service to honor our fallen brothers and to support the NFFF with your donations to the Memorial Weekend. Visit www.firehero.org for details.

Constitution and By-Laws at Decisions at FRI

Included in this Newsletter are four (4) proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern Division of the IAFC. Each of these will be voted on at the Division Conference on Sunday at FRI.

Proposal #1 includes many changes related to the election of Division Officers. If approved, this amendment would result in the Division's President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and International Director being elected by a mail ballot similar to the way IAFC Officers are elected. Presently, these officers are elected at the annual conference as will be the case in Dallas. The proposed amendment is actually a series of amendments which will be voted on as a group. Many of the changes are related to the mechanics of the mail ballot and thus would not be in order if the mail ballot itself were not adopted. The Board of Directors has recommended passage of this amendment.

Proposal #2 would essentially elevate the District of Columbia to an equal status with the five states currently represented on the Eastern Division Board of Directors. If approved, the District would have its own representative on the Board who would be elected by members of the District. The District is currently represented as part of Maryland. **The Board recommended rejection** of this amendment, citing the fact that less than 1% of the Division's members are in the District.

Proposal #3 would allow the Division to charge Life Members for certain services of the Division in the future. Currently, Life Members do not pay dues but receive all of the services of Regular Members. The Board recommends passage of this proposed amendment.

Proposal #4 is simply a change in terminology that would bring the Division language in line with the IAFC Language. It changes the term "Active" Member to "Regular" Member. ☒

Resolution on the Allocation of Dues

By William Askenstedt, Secretary/Treasurer

The Current Dues for the Eastern Division of the IAFC is \$20.00 per year. Of this amount \$4.00 is dedicated to hosting the annual conference and \$1.00 is dedicated to the Volunteer Committee. These set amounts were adopted by a vote of the membership. The conference fund was used to help defray the costs of hosting an annual conference. The volunteer fund was used by the committee to provide programs for the conference. With the conference reduced to a single day event at FRI, there is no longer a need for the conference fund or the volunteer fund. A Resolution will be offered at this year's Division Conference to remove the restriction on the use of the dues and the balances in the funds they created, and to allow the Board of Directors to use the available fund for the operation of the Division as needed. It is critical that this Resolution be adopted to free funds which would otherwise be placed in reserved funds that essentially are not needed. The Board of Directors requests a **YES** vote on this Resolution. ☒

IAFC Foundation

By Chief William Killen, President

The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation was chartered as a nonprofit organization in the District of Columbia in the year 1974. Organized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, its primary purpose is to promote higher education and research in the fire sciences and to provide this information to the fire service community.

The IAFC Foundation provides scholarships for career, volunteer and military firefighters and Explorer Scouts who are members of Fire Department Explorer Posts.

For information on how you can sponsor a scholarship, support your IAFC Foundation, or apply for student scholarships, contact Sue Hawkins, Executive Director at the Foundation Web Site at <http://www.iafcf.org>. ☒

Valor Award

The recipient of the Eastern Division's Annual Valor Award will be announced at the Eastern Conference at FRI on Sunday, August 24th. The Division wishes to thank VFIS and the Glatfelter Insurance Group for their continued support of this annual recognition of America's heroes. For information about the award contact Chief John (Jack) Gouty, Valor Committee Chairman. The contact information appears on the back cover of this newsletter. ☒



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