

## EDIAFC BOD Meeting Saturday, February 28

The Meeting began at approximately 4:00 P.M.

**Present: Seavey, Cohan,, Askenstedt, Watson, Gouty, Lowden, Pienkowski, Stahl, Tetteimer, Walton**

**Absent: Chiaramonte**

Guests: Les Warrick, DE, George Maney, NYSAFC, Kevin Wilson, DSFCA

**Secretary Treasurer:** The Secretary distributed packets to the BOD covering information from the Division and the International Director for the BOD to review. Questions would be fielded by the Secretary and/or the International Director.

**NFA Brick:** President Seavey discussed the IAFC Section of the walkway at the National Fire Academy. He asked the Board to consider purchasing a \$1,000.00 brick in the walkway. Director Pienkowski suggested taking a boot collection at the EDIAFC Conference in June. Director Lowden made a **motion to pay the \$1,000.00 and buy the brick and try the collection after the purchase. There was a second by Director Pienkowski. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

**NYSAFC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book.** President Seavey requested the Board purchase the back inside cover of the NYSAFC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book. The cost to be \$300. **Motion by Cohan, second by Watson to approve the purchase. Passed unanimously.**

**FRI Breakfast:** There was a discussion of the Eastern Breakfast at FRI. The Secretary reported it would be at the Convention Center this year. **Motion by Stahl, second by Pienkowski to hold the breakfast at 8:00 AM. Passed unanimously.**

**EDIAFC Conference:** There was discussion regarding the funding of conference events. It was confirmed that the NJSFCA would fund the Board Breakfast on Friday and the Conference Breakfast on Saturday. Delaware Chiefs will fund the BOD lunch on Friday. MSAFC will fund the conference lunch and technical session on Saturday. George Maney offered the NYSAFC to fund a Saturday night reception for the BOD, State Association Officers, and EDIAFC Past Presidents in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. The reception will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The banquet will be funded by ticket sales.

Locations for the banquet and reception will be determined. Director Lowden stated that this would require further input on the number of attendees before a decision could be discussed.

**Maryland Convention:** President Seavey stated there were some rooms available at his Condo if anyone was interested in attending.

**FRI:** The Secretary stated that the Board should decide on a date and time for the FRI Eastern Board Meeting at their June Meeting. He would have a better idea of the schedule at that time.

**Chief of the Year:** Director Pienkowski suggested the EDIAFC follow the lead of the IAFC and create a Chief of the Year Award. He suggested replacing the Valor Award with the Chief Award. President Seavey argued against replacing a long time traditional award and suggested that perhaps both could be done. There was no resolution or decision reached.

**Expenses:** The Board discussed expenses for the 2/28/04 meeting. The discussion was to pay mileage, hotel as needed and any per diem required. **There was a motion by Stahl and second by Gouty to approve the per diem as discussed. Passed Unanimously.**

**Father John:** The Secretary asked if he should ask Father John to do the Memorial service at the EDIAFC Conference. The Board agreed. Director Pienkowski said he lived near Charlie Hungerford and Larry Vaughan and they might be able to help him travel.

**Two Hatter Issue:** Director Stahl stated that he had students in an NFA class from Washington and Oregon who were concerned about two hatter problems and looking for guidance. President Seavey said he had received a request for assistance from Conn.

Director Walton read a position written by the SE AFC related to the Two Hatter issue. The position supports career firefighters volunteering in their communities. **There was a motion by Stahl and second by Gouty to adopt the SE AFC position statement exactly as written with the exception that SE AFC be changed to EDIAFC and forward the position to the IAFC in letter form.. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Finances:** The secretary pointed out that the Board had again approved some unbudgeted expenses. He stated that membership was down and that income was equally down. He requested the Board keep this in mind when approving expenditures.. Director Stahl pointed out to the President that it was the secretary's job to "whine" about expenses.

**Executive Session:** The Board was requested to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue by Director Lowden. **The Board voted to enter executive session** and all guests were asked to leave. No action was taken during the Executive Session. The Board concluded during the session that there was no issue requiring action of the Board.

**EDIAFC Conference:** President Seavey expressed the confidence of the Board in the handling of the conference arrangements being done by Director Lowden.

The Meeting was adjourned by consensus at Approximately 5:15 PM