

## **Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call January 16, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Askenstedt, Walton, Pienkowski, Warrick, Jenaway, Chiamonte, Watson, Stahl

**Absent:** Cohan, Seavey, Gouty, Lowden,

**Minutes:** The board received the minutes from the Conference Call of 12/12/04.

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 12/12/04 Conference Call** by Pienkowski and a second by Watson. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**2005 EDIAFC Conference:** Bill Jenaway reported the following;

1. Speakers - Morning speaker will be Congressman Curt Weldon. The PM speaker will be Dennis Rubin from Virginia speaking on safety
2. Hotels will be The Crown Plaza Valley Forge (full service hotel) at \$109 single and \$119/double or the Fairfield Inn at \$99
3. Sponsors: Campbell Supply, Commerce Bank, Total Fire, Draeger, Choice Marketing, and National Fire Sprinkler Assoc. Bernie said ICC and Nextel have also offered to sponsor. Motorola may sponsor Dennis Rubin, Bill has touched with some other vendors. Campbell and Commerce have still not responded.
4. Registration will be \$50.00 and include lunch and 1 banquet ticket. Extra Banquet tickets will be \$35.
5. The KOP Ladies Auxiliary is working on a luncheon fashion show for the ladies program
6. The conference luncheon will be at a new station with cheese stakes and hoagies
7. The Banquet and President's cocktail party will be held in at the KOP Social Hall.
8. There was discussion of a Casino night. No decision yet
9. Bernie said NJ will sponsor \$500 for the conference. Jim Watson and Ken Pienkowski will check on DE and NY. Bill will send letters to each state asking for \$500.00 sponsors.
10. The conference flyer is nearly done.
11. The conference program will be \$900 for 40 pages with color cover. Bill Jenaway is looking for a sponsor for the book.
12. Les has a commitment of \$1,000 from Conectiv. The Secretary sent a thanks you letter.

The Secretary sent letters to all five state associations requesting \$500.00 sponsorships on December 14, 2004. There has been no response except NJ which committed \$500.00 which has not yet been received. The NJ Career Chiefs have already given \$500.00.

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** No Report

**Conference Calls:** Remember the new conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the code is **2730602 (I will verify the pass code)**

The International Director provided the dates for the IAFC conference calls and based on those dates, the Secretary proposed the following dates for the EDIAFC conference calls. These have been confirmed with IAFC and are the official schedule at this time.

Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 17, May 22, June 12, July 17, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11. All dates are Sunday nights. Time will remain 7 P.M. the phone number remains 866-809-4014 and the Code remains 2730602.

**Daily Dispatch:** The Secretary reported subscriptions continue to grow. NY continues to lead all others combined in submitting material and news. Ed Mann from PA has submitted some PA news and Montgomery County has submitted for MD.

**Banner:** Jim Watson said Mike Rush is working on it.

**IAFC Report:** Bill Walton reported everything was covered in the minutes the Board received. There was discussion of the Scope of Practices Report for EMT and medic requirements. The EMS section led the opposition to the requirements which might be difficult for the volunteers. Bill thought the IAFC Board would try to institutionalize the NFA to eliminate the annual budget fight.

### **NFA Letter approved by the Five State Summit**

Chief Cohan appointed Mike Chiaramonte, Tucker Dempsey, Mike Granados, Ted Lowden, Bob Stahl and Bill Dukes to draft a letter for his signature, to be transmitted to IAFC. Mike Chiaramonte sent out some basics for the group to begin formulating a strategy for the letter. The IAFC has already taken the initiative with a letter to Dave Paulison supporting the NFA. There was discussion of the Ron Kanterman letter and the instructors support of the NFA. Bob Stahl and Mike Chiaramonte suggested an email campaign to support the NFA. Bill Walton suggested a letter copied to the IAFC Board stating our position. The point was made that the NFA staff cannot fight for themselves by nature of their position. It must be done by outsiders like us. Bob Stahl suggested giving the letter to President DiPoli and asking him to distribute it to the Divisions.

### **Fire Rescue GPO**

The Fire Rescue GPO E University program for the Board and Five States will be put on by Caryn Tilton on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> in the morning session. Caryn will also do the same program on Sunday at the Delaware State Fire Training Academy. Caryn is willing to stay longer and do others if requested. States may wish to consider this.

### **Valor Award**

Mike Chiaramonte was requested to investigate potential alternatives for the Valor Award. Mike distributed a proposal for an "EDIAFC Fire Service Award of Excellence" to replace the current Valor Award by prior email. The award was tabled to the February BOD Meeting. Please get comments to Mike Chiaramonte as soon as possible. Mike said he would like to allow departments to be recipients as well as individuals. Mike submitted a second draft which makes provisions for the District as requested by Bill Walton. Mike said we will discuss this and finalize it at the February Board Meeting. Les needs the addresses to send the Valor nomination letters for each state. State Directors please help.

### **FRI Luncheon**

IAFC needs an answer on when and where we will hold our breakfast or lunch at FRI by tomorrow. A decision must be made on this call. The Secretary proposed a lunch on Friday to coincide with the Missouri Valley Luncheon. The time would be 11:30 to 1:00. There was a motion by Chiaramonte

### **February Board Meeting & Five State Meeting**

The Board decided that the Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 25 at 1 PM in Evesham Township. The Five State Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26 at 8 AM. The Fire GPO presentation will be the morning program for the Five State Meeting.

### **Elections**

The Constitution and By-Laws specify exactly what is required to run for office under the amendments which established the mail ballot. To date there are no candidates for any offices including President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and International Director. Letters of intention must be received 90 days prior to the opening of the conference or in this case, by February 12<sup>th</sup>. The letters must follow the C&B guidelines and if sent by email, should be in the form of an attachment document so they can be forwarded to the Elections Committee as a separate document.