

Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call Oct.. 16, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Present:, Askenstedt, Pienkowski, Warrick, Cohan, Gouty, Stahl, Walton, Chiaramonte, Watson,
Absent: Showmaker, Lowden,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Board Meeting of 09/11/05. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/11/05 Board Conference call by Cohan and a second by Pienkowski. Motion approved unanimously.

Secretary Treasurer Report: No Report

Conference Calls: Remember the new conference call phone number is: 1-866-809-4014 and the new code is 2730202, the dates for the EDIAFC conference calls are: 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 2730202.

IAFC Report – Bill Walton

IAFC is still involved in the Katrina relief effort. Iafc has received thank you for letters from Chiefs in the area.

The IAFC had reviewed the VCOS Red Ribbon Report and endorsed it. It should be on the VCOS web site soon.

The Leadership Summit has about 200 registered.

The IAFC has formed an alliance with Fire Rescue Magazine. The IAFC has left Fire Chief Magazine. Bill said the new alliance should benefit the IAFC. IAFC is still working on an alternative for the Fire Chief of the Year Award. Chief Killen has testified on ICS with the DHS and he discussed the breakdown of ICS during Katrina. This may have laid the foundation for the National Fire Mutual Aid System. Eventually there will be a white paper presented to DHS.

IAFC had a problem with Divisions and Sections taking a position prior to clearing it through the IAFC. Divisions and Sections are asked to contact staff about their position statements prior to making them public. Mike Chiaramonte said he agreed that the Sections are required to do so by the IAFC By-Laws. He said Divisions are not required to do so, but they should do so as a courtesy.

Division Presidents and Secretaries Conference Call Report – Mike Chiaramonte

President Chiaramonte reported that the National Fire Mutual Aid System Task Force would develop topics and send them back to the Divisions to develop the topic. Mike said he received comments from the MSFA that they were dissatisfied with the IAFC. Mike suggested that input was needed from the Firemen's Associations within our Division to help get Volunteer input into the NFMAS. Mike asked for input on opening up the discussions about the mutual aid system with Firemen's Association. Mike will write to the

Mike said Chertoff talked positively about first responders at the NFFF Memorial.

Leadership Summit

All of the Board members are registered, Individuals must make their own hotel reservations. The Board and 5 State Meeting is Sunday.

Five State Meeting

The Board agreed that we will have a 5 state meeting on the Sunday after the Leadership Summit at a nearby DCFD Station. (Engine 13) The secretary recommend a start time of 9:00 AM. Please arrive around 8:30. Lunch will be prepared. There is no elevator and the meeting is on the third floor. Directions will be sent out with the agenda. The station is about 15 blocks from the Capitol Hilton and two blocks from the Capital. Please try to confirm attendance by your states.

Five States Meeting Agenda - Workshop on IAFC Mutual Aid Task Force Concerns
- Discussion of other Katrina Concerns

Committee Reports:

Fire Service Excellence Award

A letter was sent to Del Marva power requesting a \$1,000.00 sponsorship. No reply yet.

2006 EDIAFC Conference

The Radisson can give us 40 rooms per night, which is about what we will need on Friday and Saturday. (hopefully more). That is the hotel where we had the cocktail reception in 2004. Their rooms are \$99.00 each. I have signed the contracts and returned them. The Radisson has confirmed our rooms. We will get two comp nights for speakers and the use of the hospitality suite at no charge as before.

Old Business

New Business

The National Fire Service credentialing system was discussed. Bernie Cohan suggested it was very poorly done and very bureaucratic. Mike Chiaramonte agreed and said it should be discussed as part of the NFMAS. The big issue seems to be that it is career oriented and requires too many certifications.

Mike Chiaramonte has people who would like to work for the Division, but has nothing for them to do at this point. Mike asked the Board to come up with ideas. Mike asked to discuss it in November.

Good of the Order

Past President Greg Turrell is out of the hospital and doing well.

A thank you letter was from the Lutheran Community for our donation on Ed Lentz behalf.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00.