

## **Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call Nov. 11, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the conference call of 10/13/05 and the Board Meeting of 11/05/05. **Both were tabled.**

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** The Secretary provided the Board with the report by email.

**Conference Calls:** Remember the new conference call phone number is: 1-866-809-4014 and the new code is 2730202 , the date for the remaining EDIAFC conference call is Dec. 11. All conference call dates are Sunday nights. Time will remain 7 P.M. the phone number remains 866-809-4014 and the Code remains 2730202. The Secretary requested Chief Walton to provide dates for the 2006 IAFC conference calls so that he could develop dates for the Eastern calls

### **IAFC Report - Bill Walton**

Bill was not on the call due to an injury.

### **Committee Reports:**

No Reports were made. Below is information only provided by the Secretary

### **Fire Service Excellence Award**

A letter was sent to Del Marva power requesting a \$1,000.00 sponsorship. Les has informed us that the check was received by him.

### **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**

#### **National Mutual Aid System**

Not discussed.

#### **Date for Next Board Meeting**

Possible dates are February 11 or March 11, 18 or 25. Issue was not discussed.

### **New Business**

#### **Newsday Article on Volunteers**

The Secretary will forward to the Board. (Done)

### **5 State Meeting**

President Chiaramonte informed the Board that he spoke with Tom LaBelle from the NY State Chiefs and they are okay with the 5 State Association as is and that they are good with our discussing issues with FASNY. Ken Pienkowski suggested that Mike talk to Presidents of the state chiefs instead of the Executive Director.

President Chiaramonte also stated that he spoke with Lee Sachs from the Maryland Firemen's Association and explained why the last Five State meeting was cancelled. Mike believes he has resolved any adverse issues between the MSFA and the Eastern Division.

### **Discussion of involving Firemen's Associations**

President Chiaramonte asked the states to express their opinions on involving the fireman's associations in Eastern and Five State Chiefs issues.

Ted Lowden and Bernie Cohan spoke against involving them on behalf of NJ. Les Warrick said input was not needed in Delaware, but said the firemen's association should be involved. Mike Chiaramonte said he thought involving the firemen's association in Maryland would be acceptable. Ken Pienkowski said he wanted to bring in FASNY because they had a lot to offer. Ted Lowden said we should not begin to invite organizations and give them the impression that they are part of the decision making process.

Mike asked for a consensus that we could invite organizations when there was something they had to offer or when we had information to disseminate. The Board agreed.

Mike also asked that the board concur with Ted Lowden's suggestion that we only hold 5 state meetings when there is a need, as opposed to holding them on a schedule. Ted Lowden reinforced that the meetings should only be called when there was a real issue. Les Warrick asked that we open ourselves to allowing a particular state to request a Five State Meeting if they presented a need that we felt was valid. Ted Lowden agreed as long as the Board was willing to review the request and not simply rubber stamp the request. Mike suggested he would write a letter to the states explaining our position.

Ken Pienkowski asked what the role of the State Director was and stated he felt the State Directors should be the liaison to the states. After discussion, the consensus was that the directors would convey the message to the associations regarding the nature and scheduling of Five State meetings.

### **Good of the Order**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:50.