

Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call November 12, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Showmaker, Warrick, Gouty, Watson, Pienkowski, Mellits, Stahl, Walton,
Absent: Lowden, Chiamonte,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Conference Call of 10/15/06

There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Gouty to approve the minutes of the 10/15/06 Conference Call. **Motion passed.**

Secretary Treasurer Report:

The Secretary signed the contracts for York for 2008 as approved by the Board.

The Insurance has been paid.

The web site bill was again \$300.00 for the year, \$200.00 for server space which is the same as last year and \$100 for maintenance. We again pay the minimum for maintenance because the Secretary maintains the site and our fee is only for server maintenance. The bill was paid.

Correspondence: Rick Burch sent a letter telling us he was withdrawing from the race for 2nd VP in 2008. Jim Watson said Rick withdrew because he was appointed to the Va. Fire Commission.

Conference Calls: Remember the new conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the code is **2730202**. The last scheduled conference calls is Dec. 17. All of the calls are Sunday at 7:00 PM.

IAFC Report: Bill Walton reported that Garry Briese is leaving and the IAFC is developing and RFP for selecting a hiring company. The Board may use a head hunter type group to help find the director. There has been little else going on. The next IAFC Board meeting is in January.

Committee Reports

Valor Committee: Steve Reid has officially accepted the chairmanship of the committee. All of the state directors need to send Les contact info for their state associations valor contacts. They also need to try to get their states to submit their nominees.

Old Business

Fire Service Excellence Award: No report

2007 EDIAFC Conference: Jim reported the next meeting will be November 17th. He said some things may be finalized at the meeting

2008 EDIAFC Conference: Contracts were signed, we are waiting for the returned contracts.

NY Line of Duty Death Meeting:

Ken Pienkowski reported he missed the last meeting and has not yet received the minutes.

Fire GPO:

The current contract remains in effect. There will be a new contract coming out soon with some revisions. The only significant thing that is changing is the disbursement. The new contract will reflect that the Division is getting an additional 20% which was the IAFC share before they left.

Mark Showmaker has recommended a potential candidate to be the full time GPO liaison. There has been no response from the candidate with a decision that he is interested as yet.

Jim Watson reported he spoke to Crosby Grindle at VCOS and that Crosby thanked him for the Eastern renewal and said things should be moving along

Strategic Planning Meeting

President Watson thanked everyone for attending. He said we also were well represented at VCOS which had 451 participants and the programs were excellent

New Business

Fire Corps

Mike Chiaramonte requested that each state provide a Fire Corps liaison for their state. Tim Wall from VCOS asked President Watson to follow up with the Eastern States. Jim also said that the Eastern needed to have a Division representative and that money was available for some of the expenses of travel required for the job. Board members were requested to find candidates for the Division representative. Bob Stahl asked if there was a place where we could find a list of people in the Division who already participate in Fire Corps. Jim said Larry Curl might have such a list and we should get a copy before we make a selection. Jim will get a copy and email it to the Board.

IAFC Candidates

On the last conference call, there was a discussion by the Board in Dallas about endorsing Jack Krakeel for IAFC Treasurer and Rick Burch for IAFC 2nd VP in 2008. The Board voted in Virginia not to endorse anyone else at this time. The discussion among the Board members was that we had time to make a decision.

Per diem

President Watson said that some of the Board met to discuss per diem to provide a flat rate of \$55.00 per day that could be used in any manner for meals and tip. There was a **motion** and by Warrick and a second by Walton to make a per diem allowance \$55.00 per day regardless of how the person used it. It was clarified that the \$55.00 would include tips. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Plaque for Garry Briese

The President said that some of the Board met in Virginia and approved purchasing a plaque for Garry Briese and to pay for a representative to attend the appropriate event to present it. Jim Watson will take care of getting the plaque.

Board Meeting

The minutes from October have the meeting scheduled for January 20th and 21st at Evesham Township. Chief Lowden thought the dates were the 19th and 20th. The 19th and 20th are a Friday and Saturday. The

The president clarified that the Board would come in Friday night the 19th and the meetings would be held on Saturday and Sunday the 20th and 21st. There was a **motion** by Gouty and a second by Warrick to approve three days per diem and two nights lodging for the board for the January Board Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Jim Watson will send letters to the Presidents of the five state associations inviting them. Bill Askenstedt will set up hotel rooms.

Presidents Report

Jim Watson attended the Keystone Chiefs Meeting in Pennsylvania and gave a report on the Division. Jim asked if someone from Pennsylvania could help getting Dallas Hartman to meetings and conferences. He also said that Wayne Tettermer has been caring for his granddaughter after the death of his daughter and that is why he has not been attending Eastern functions. The Keystone officers are essentially the same.

Member Issue

Pete Mellits brought up that a Maryland Member has been a member for 50 years and resigned because he received no recognition. The member said he spoke with Garry Briese and got no satisfaction from him or Bill Killen.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.