

**Minutes - EDIAFC Board Meeting
January 20, 2007
Evesham Township, NJ**

The Meeting was called to order by President Watson at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 20, 2007.

President James Watson	Present
1 st Vice President Robert Stahl	Absent
2 nd Vice President Jack Gouty	Present
Secretary/Treasurer William Askenstedt	Present
International Director William Walton, Jr.	Present
Past President Michael Chiaramonte	Present
MD Director Peter Mellits	Present
NJ Director Ted Lowden	Present
NY Director Ken Pienkowski	Present
PA Director Mark Showmaker	Present
DE Director Les Warrick	Present

Guests: David See Salisbury Md., Steve Miller, Cabin John Park, Md., VCOS, President Tucker Dempsey, DSFCA, Dan Lane ICC, President Robert Holley, NYSAFC, Chief John Devlin, Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Fire Department, Commissioner Ayres, Philadelphia, Fire Department, President Tom Markey, Keystone Chiefs, Cindy Ell, President of Fire Fighter Cancer Foundation. Chris Assenheimer, NJSFCA

Past Presidents: Bernie Cohan, Larry Wood

IAFC Officers: None

IAFC Staff: Gioia Albi, Membership Director

Committee Chairs: Les Warrick - Memorial and Valor Committees, Dan Lane, ICC and Fire Service Excellence Committee

Minutes:

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 11/12/06 Conference Call** by Pienkowski and a second by Showmaker. **Motion approved unanimously.**

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Watson's Report:

See attached report;

The President welcomed those in attendance.

1st Vice President Stahl's Report:

No Report - Absent.

2nd Vice President Jack Gouty's Report:

See attached report:

International Director Walton's Report:

Bill reported that the Eastern Board receives everything that goes on at IAFC meetings and conference calls, through the minutes forwarded by the Secretary to the Eastern Board.

Bill reported that the International provided great support to the city of New Orleans Fire Department. They assisted in getting the Fire Department GIS software. The IAFC staff supported an elementary school in New Orleans through donations of stationary supplies on their own doing. He thanked Gioia Albi as the staff representative, on behalf of the Division.

The Near Miss Program recently logged their 1,000th report. They have about 15,000 subscribers to their "Report of the Week". Many departments use the report for training.

The Firefighter Safety Stand Down included 21 different partners this year. Bill Walton said the numbers are not yet showing any positive effects of the stand down, but he said it will take time to change our culture which was built over 300 years. He stated it would likely take a full generation before the results would really start to show.

There are a lot of resources available on the IAFC web site.

FRI Atlanta is doing well, it is a new city for most. Floor space is 95% sold already. The Atlanta Fire Department is enthusiastic about the conference.

An RFP has been developed to select a "Head Hunter" company to hire a new Executive Director. The IAFC expects to award the contract next week.

VCOS has their, Red, White and Blue Ribbon Reports available free on their web site

Bill reported that Ted Lowden did an excellent job while serving on the MASTF project.

The IAFC developed a book on the Fair Labor Standards Act, which is a good publication and available at a fee from IAFC.

Jim Watson congratulated Bill Walton for being appointed a senior instructor at the Delaware State Fire School.

Immediate Past President Chiaramonte's Report:

Mike asked Gioia to report on who were official IAFC candidates

Gioia reported that in 2007 Jack Parrow, from New England and Larry Goroud from the Great Lakes

are the 2nd VP candidates and Jack Metcalf is the only candidate for Treasurer. (The EDIAFC has endorsed Larry Goroud and has not taken a position on Treasurer).

In 2008, the 2nd VP candidates are Rhoda Mae Kerr and Jeff Johnson. (The Eastern has not yet taken a position in this race.)

The NFFF is going to the second level of the 16 safety initiatives beginning in March.

Mike said that the Near Miss Program needs help with their presentation. He did not feel they did a very good job with the education and promotion of the program

Secretary Treasurer Askenstedt's Report:

Treasurers Report: This report was distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer stressed the need for alternative revenue sources.

Membership Report: This report was distributed at the meeting. Membership remains flat at about 2,500 with 2,000 dues paying members. There has been no growth in several years.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that a thank you card was received from Ken Pienkowski for the flowers sent in sympathy of the passing of his father.

The Secretary noted that Letters of intent are required from candidates for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary Treasurer for 2007. The deadlines for submission is 90 days prior to the conference or February 17, 2007. The International Director is not up for re-election this year and the state director's are not required to submit, because they are elected in caucus and not by mail ballot.

There was a **motion** by Bill Walton and second by Jack Gouty to accept the report of the Secretary Treasurer. **The motion was approved unanimously**

Delaware Director Warrick's Report:

No Report

Maryland Director Mellit's Report:

See attached report.

There is an issue that occurred in Montgomery County related to a credentialing program being done which excluded volunteers. The program is being done in Maryland and involves credentialing and it is a pilot program. The program is DHS funded, but there is little information as yet about it.

Ted Lowden reported that he was involved with the credentialing discussion as part of the MASTF. There was a lot of difference of opinion as to how the process should be done. It was left open that states and national standards could be different.

Bill Walton said that he believed the current situation is a local issue in Maryland. He said that credentialing is a reality that will occur. He thought that it will start with career departments, because they have a basic system in place already.

Pete Mellits asked that the Division go on record as opposing any pilot program that excludes volunteers. Bill Walton cautioned the Board on being sure to proceed correctly and have all of the facts.

Tom Markey stated that in Pennsylvania said that his Director of Emergency Management is already moving on credentials. This includes interstate and intrastate systems.

Steve Miller stated that the current issue ,while it is occurring in Maryland, is federally funded. He stated that the career side was selected because they largely already have security clearances He said that VCOS will be addressing the current issue aggressively. There were several members who commented on the fact that a strong statement needed to be made immediately to prevent the exclusion of volunteers becoming a trend.

Ted Lowden stated that Emergency Management people are involved in the and they are political rather than knowledgeable. He said that most of the DHS programs are not being run competently at the local level. Ted said that the fire service is not represented in many of the plans, even though they are included as part of the plan.

Jack Gouty said volunteers are credentialed in his county. He said their volunteers criminal background checks. He added that no one is asking fire chiefs if they have security clearances.

Ted Lowden said it was ludicrous for us to think that all fire chiefs could hold security clearances and that backgrounds checks had to be ongoing.

Mike Chiaramonte said that the IAFC should take a position on the process.

New Jersey Director Lowden's Report:

See attached.

New York Director Pienkowski's Report:

Ken is following up on membership in his state and working for the Division

Pennsylvania Director Showmaker's Report:

See attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial Committee: Les Warrick reported the Memorial Service Program is in progress and will be ready for the conference.

C&B Committee: Ken Pienkowski reported the next meeting is in March and the deadline for submitting amendment proposals is February. Ken is the IAFC's member at large.

Codes Committee:

Dan Lane from ICC reported that letters will be sent out for ICC code council appointments. There are four from the Division. There will be a big push for a residential sprinkler amendments at the Rochester Meeting on May 20 to 26. The Code Action Committee meeting is July 24 to 26 in Maine.

Communications Committee: Mike Granados, the chairman has moved to California. There was no report. The President asked the Board if they wanted to maintain the committee and replace Mike. There was no request to keep the committee. Later in the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Devlin asked to be appointed to the Communications Committee, due to many issues that Philadelphia was dealing with. The President appointed with the Board's approval.

Conference Committee: President Watson reported that the conference is making progress, The Board Meeting will be Thursday, and the opening ceremony will be on Friday. Bill Walton reported Cindy Ell and Garry Briese will be speakers. The third program will be presented by the Sussex County Special Ops Team.

Thursday, the attendees will be invited to the Sussex County Chiefs Meeting. Friday night will be a beach party in Rehoboth. Saturday the conference will continue and the banquet will be Saturday night. Mailings have been sent out.

Valor Committee: Steve Reid was not present. Les Warrick reported that Steve is making progress and there are already four nominations. The cut off is March 15th for submitting nominations.

VCOS: Steve Miller reported VCOS is doing well. The three ribbon reports are in high demand and they are now available on CD. VCOS will be addressing the credentials issues. The 2007 VCOS Symposium will be in Clearwater next year. This year was sold out, Next year they expect 500 attendees. Steve reported that David See is doing a good job representing the Eastern Division on VCOS.

Steve reported that the "Windisch Amendment" is back. This amendment would have the Board elect the officers. Now, all members who attend the meeting at FRI can vote for the officers. That would no longer be allowed if the new amendment passes.

Mike Chiamonte has been working on the VCOS By-Laws. He stated that Fred Windisch believes in the amendment, because most corporations elect their own chairs. He said Fred is also afraid of the Eastern Division controlling meetings by showing up in mass. This time the vote will be by mail ballot. Mike cautioned that the Eastern doesn't always vote well in ballots. He stressed the need to vote.

Steve Miller lauded the efforts of Gary Scott on the legislative work he has done.

VCOS will be doing another ribbon report. This one will be deal with fire based EMS program

The Secretary mentioned the PFESI Junior Firefighter program and asked Pennsylvania to help support the program. He stated he is helping PFESI promote the program and information is available on the Eastern web site

Fire Service Excellence Award - Dan Lane distributed copies of the a draft of the nomination solicitation, which outlines the objective, criteria, process committee and dates.

Presentation by Cindy Ell, President of the Fire Fighter Cancer Foundation

An outline of her program is attached. Cindy talked about the danger of cancer caused by exposure to diesel exhaust and fire ground exposures. Research still lacks to provide a clear picture. She suggested that exposures may even be causing genetic mutations which allow the passing of the disease to off spring. FFCF have a web site offering information and support for fire fighters battling cancer. They also have product information on air purification systems for homes and fire stations.

OLD BUSINESS

NY LODD - Ken Pienkowski missed the last meeting and had no report.

Fire Rescue GPO:

Bill Askenstedt reported that there has been progress in several aspects of the GPO. Reporting is improving, there are some firematic vendors which have been added, Fastenol has been a very good contract and the Sprint/Nextel discount program under the GPO is very successful, benefitting members and generating revenue.

The GPO is now our third largest source of revenue, behind dues and behind the annual conference, which has been generating large revenues for the past three years. The GPO should net us in excess of \$5,000 in the next fiscal year and perhaps as high as \$10,000 if revenues continue to grow.

The Secretary reminded the Board that the Division still needs to appoint a permanent liaison to the GPO. Time commitment involves two meetings per year, one at FRI and the other in Seattle and one conference call per month. The GPO pays for the Seattle Meeting. FRI travel is not reimbursed.

FRI

Conference Hotels have still not been finalized for Atlanta, but we have asked for the Embassy Suites and a second hotel for over flow or for those looking for a less expensive alternative. The Secretary recommended planning lunch for only 200 again, since we do not seem to be able to exceed that, even though Atlanta looks like it will be well attended.

EDIAFC Conference 2007

The Secretary reported that the registration forums have gone out in the mail and the web conference page was live including a downloadable registration package. There is still no information on line about the speakers or sponsors, since they have yet to be determined

The Secretary also pointed out that the Board had previously discussed wether or not Board would have to pay registration fees for the conference. The Secretary asked the Board to clarify what the Board members would be required to pay as well as what costs Board spouses should have to pay. It

was further asked that if the Board was not responsible to pay, was the Secretary instructed to pay the conference committee for the costs of the Board's attendance, since the committee was financially independent of the Treasury.

There was a **motion** by Gouty and a second by Watson that the Board Members be reimbursed for for 4 days hotel and per diem. Ken Pienkowski asked that the motion be **amended** to include \$50 reimbursement for registration. **The amendment and motion were passed unanimously.**

Conference Calls

The Secretary reported that the Board needed to decide on a new schedule for conference calls for 2007. It was agreed there would be no conference call in January because of the Board Meeting. Calls will resume in February. The number remains **1-866-809-4014** and the code is **2730202**. All of the calls are Sunday at 7:00 PM. The Secretary will send out a schedule after coordinating with the International Director around the dates of the IAFC conference calls. Gioia Albi provided a schedule of the IAFC Conference Calls. Below is the outline,

Month	IAFC Call	EDIAFC Call
January	11	No call due to Board meeting
February	08	11
March	08	11
April	12	15
May	10	No call due to Board meeting
June	14	17
July	12	15
August	09	12
September	13	16
October	11	14
November	08	11
December	13	16

Fire Corps

On the last conference call, Mike Chiaramonte had 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 representatives. 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.

President Watson stated that he was searching for representatives from each of the five states in our Division. Mike Chiaramonte stated he is the Division advocate for Fire Corp, but the Division has no state advocates. An advocate must attend two meetings a year and actively promote Fire Corp in his or her state. One of the two meetings is paid for by the program. The other is at FRI and is not funded.

The advocate must also help distribute informational material in his state.

Mike Chiaramonte offered to send out a list of people who currently have Fire corps programs in their states to help the state directors to select an advocate.

Dan Lane said VCOS had solicited help to get Fire Corps representatives before. He said he volunteered and was never contacted.

Ken Pienkowski asked where the NFVC come into play with selecting. state advocates. He said maybe there may be advocates in the states. Mike Chiaramonte will get clarification from Larry Curl about the issues

Ted Lowden said that we should ask Larry Curl for more information and clarification before we take action.

Plaque for Garry Briese

Previously the Board approved a plaque for Garry Briese and to pay for a representative to attend the appropriate event to present it. President Watson was to order the plaque and the Board needs to determine who will attend the retirement function once it is officially scheduled.

The IAFC Board is recognizing Garry at the Board Meeting on January 26th. There was a staff luncheon for Garry on January 16th.

The Secretary reported that the IAFC is planning a function at the Washington Hilton, the night before the CFSI Dinner. They will also be asking Divisions, Sections and others to help sponsor the event. That will be decided at the IAFC Board meeting on January 27th. The Secretary requested the Board consider if they wish to be a sponsor or if perhaps, consider doing a joint sponsorship with each of the 5 state associations.

The consensus was that instead of a plaque that a gift card be presented should be presented in the amount of \$500. It was suggested that an American Express gift card be obtained. It was also consensus that the Division act on it's own and if states wanted to make presentations, they could also act independently. **The Board approved buying the \$500.00 gift card.**

NEW BUSINESS

Peer Grant Reviewers

The Secretary reported that the IAFC has requested each of the Divisions to nominate three Peer Grant Reviewers for the 2007 AFG process and to nominate alternates if possible. The Secretary sent the request previously to the Board and others who had previously expressed interest in being notified. Replies were received from;

Terry Osborne, Deputy Chief of Scranton Pennsylvania

Jack Gouty, The Maryland Director

Chief Harold Phillips, Ridge Road FD, NY

Eugene Curfman, Carroll County, Md.
Terry Thompson, Regional Program Director, MEMA
Beth Stone, Administrative Officer, MEMA

The item was held for New Business.

IAFC State Forums.

The Secretary informed the Board that IAFC was starting a new initiative. The initiative was the creation of State Forums, on line on the IAFC web site. The forums are to be a place where a moderator posts legislative news for the state and members can post comments, ask questions or discuss any of the topics that are posted.

The Secretary explained that each state needed to select a moderator for their state. The moderator would have to review the site weekly and post information to the site through IAFC staff. The moderator would have to volunteer their time and commit to keeping the site current and appropriate. The moderator would have to be an IAFC member and only IAFC members will have access to the forum through their member login password. The Secretary distributed copies of instructions for moderators which also gave details of how the forum would work.

The Secretary said that unfortunately, the IAFC had sent out invitations to people to moderate the site already. Supposedly, the invitations only went to State Vice Presidents and the leadership of each Division. He suggested that the Board determine the best way to establish who would be the moderator for each state and how we could best communicate the person's name and contact info to our members. The Secretary recommended that each state director report back on who was going to be the moderator for their state or try to solicit someone from their state if possible. The Forums are already set up on line.

It was decided that the State Directors will secure a representative from their state and that the representative would have to be an IAFC Member. **(State Directors - Once you have found a person and they agree to accept the task and you submit their name to the IAFC, please email the Secretary the name and contact information for that person, so that we will have a record of who is representing the Division and each state and we have a way to communicate to that person when need arises.)**

Board Meeting Expenses

The Secretary asked the Board to approve up two nights lodging and up to two days per diem, plus travel for the Evesham Board meeting.

There was a **motion** by Warrick And a second by Chiaramonte. To approve the per diem as requested by the Secretary. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EDIAFC Conference Expenses

The Secretary asked the Board to approve four nights lodging and up to four days per diem, plus travel for the Delaware Conference. The Board will meet Thursday morning, so members will need to be in Wednesday evening and stay through Sunday morning.

There was a **motion** by Warrick and a second by Watson to approve the per diem as requested by the Secretary. **The motion passed unanimously**

There was a motion to Pete Mellits to support the Kent County Office of Emergency Services', efforts to improve of emergency services communications in Kent County. The motion was seconded by Mike Chiaramonte. **The motion passed unanimously**. Pete will send a draft to the Secretary for review and delivery to the proper recipient with a copy to the Kent County OES.

There was a **motion** by Lowden and second by Mellits to send a letter expressing the concerns of the Division related to volunteer exclusion in pilot program credentialing systems. The letter is to be sent to the IAFC and state that we have concerns over the exclusion of volunteers and we support VCOS taking the lead roll in developing a position.

Reports of State Associations

Delaware - Delaware State Fire School has a new director and Bill Walton is a new senior instructor. The WMD classes have been replaced by safety and survival training in the basic training course at the fire school.

There was an incident where a fire fighter burned a house in the course of a crime. The firefighter was not convicted of arson and therefore was able to re-apply and be accepted back into his former fire department. The re-admission of the FF had devastating effects on the fire department and other departments. Delaware is now trying to hold a summit to develop some self regulations to prevent situations of this type. An attempt to hold the summit outside of the state failed and they are now looking for an in state location for the summit.

Thursday, in Newark is the quarterly State Chiefs Meeting. The Chief from Wilmington will be the speaker

Delaware has formed a last team on LODD.

Pennsylvania - There was a major turnover in the Pennsylvania Legislature and many anti-fire people lost their seats. A new system of tracking fire bills in the state has been implemented, which should help the fire service know when and where to act to support bills and who to contact. Tom Markey offered attendees a list of bills in the PA legislature.

Both Comcast and Verizon have promised free cable to fire departments in PA.

PA is looking to redo their regulations for Junior Firefighters. This is a result of a complaint by a junior member that said that policies for juniors often conflicted with state labor laws. Tom asked for any help that attendees could offer, to help in redoing their programs.

Tom stated that PA had a problem with news media writing editorials stating that some departments were over equipped or over financed. There was worry that the news would hurt fund drives. Some departments responded with disclosure statements. So far the action and response has not hurt the fund raising ability. He said departments need to be prepared to defend their financial status.

There was a question as to whether PA had adopted any legislation regarding mergers. Tom answered that there was a lot of movement related to mergers, but no real law. Tom said mergers are occurring and there may be financial incentives forthcoming to help mergers. There have been positive and negative results from mergers.

The secretary stated that there were articles on the EDIAFC web site related to PA mergers.

New York

Bob Holley reported that NYSAFC is recovering from some financial hard times and the association is healthy once again.

Jim Burns has retired was New York State Fire Administrator. His replacement is not known.

The State conference is in June at Lake George. Details are on the Eastern and NYSAFC web sites.

The NYSAFC got a Safer Grant for researching the providing of health insurance for volunteers as a recruitment and retention tool.

NYSAFC partnered with Fire Chief Magazine. People who join the association will get a free subscription for one year. The association hopes to continue the program and make the subscriptions permanent for their members.

LODD seminars are doing well. Details are on the EDIAFC web site.

The Spring Training Program is announced. Details are on the EDIAFC web site.

New Jersey

Bernie Cohan reported that Assemblyman Scalera is trying to form a state fire caucus in New Jersey

Perth Amboy now has a fire boat which is available for mutual aid.

The governor is encouraging consolidation. There are financial incentives to towns that complete consolidation. Bill Askenstedt reported that state and county grants now are restricted or limited to municipalities working on consolidation efforts and shared services.

The NJ Alliance is still doing well. It combines the state, career and volunteer chiefs associations.

Commissioner Ayres - PFD

Philadelphia is trying to develop a program to train citizens to perform CPR. They have the support of the City Council and some private sector partners. The program is supported the Eagles and the University of Pennsylvania. The emergency medical system is very strained in the city and they believe the program will help increase the number of saves.

PFD is having problems with their 800 band radios. They have a contract with Motorola to maintain the radios. The repair facility has been moved from Illinois to Texas. PFD found out that the quality of repairs was very poor and then learned that the work was being farmed out to Mexico rather than being done in the US. Philadelphia has decided not to send any radios to Motorola until this situation is corrected. **The Board stated they would support PFD on this issue.**

The Commissioner has appealed to the IAFC for assistance. Motorola has stated they would move the repair facility back to Illinois. The commissioner felt that the radios being sent out of the country breaches national security, particularly in light of the fact that a radio has come up missing.

PFD is starting a fire safety representative program, due to a rise in arson deaths and senior deaths. The FD is asking citizens to help inspect facilities for fire safety. The concept is having citizens taking responsibility for their neighborhood safety.

FRI 2010 preparations are underway. Packages are being prepared and the IAFC staff has reviewed several venues.

The Secretary requested that the Commissioner meet with him and to determine how the Division could help support the 2010 conference in Philadelphia and requested that Commissioner have PFD participate heavily in the 2008 EDIAFC Conference in York and perhaps contribute a speaker for a technical session. It was suggested that the Philadelphia EMS electronic reporting program be a topic.

There was a **motion** to send a letter to Motorola and copy IAFC and the Metro Section. The letter to express our support for the concerns of PFD about radio repairs being done outside of the United States

VCOS - Target Grant Program

VCOS has a grant program funded by Target on for on line training. Links are available on the VCOS & EDIAFC Sites

2008 EDIAFC Conference in York

The Secretary distributed brochures from the Heritage Hills Resort where the 2008 conference will be held. He asked those attending to promote the conference.

Membership in ICC

There was a **motion** by Chiaramonte and second by Showmaker to have the Eastern Division to become a Chapter of the ICC. Dan Lane explained the requirements for membership. Chapters are entitled to complimentary training. Dan Lane will work with the Secretary to complete and submit the

application. **The motion passed unanimously.**

There was a **motion** by Lowden and second by Pienkowski, to have the Division nominate Terry Osbourne, Harold Phillips, and Jack Gouty as the three Division nominees for Peer Grant Reviewers and Eugene Curfman as the first alternate. All of the others will be submitted as alternates.

The open meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M and the Board entered into executive session.

During new business, the Board approved having the Secretary work with IAFC staff to develop a proposal for having the IAFC help produce marketing materials and services for promotion of future EDIAFC Conferences.

The Board endorsed having the Secretary research alternative income sources and the methodology of how By Laws are changed.

The Board discussed candidates for the Fire Service Excellence Award.

Since official action may not be taken in Executive session, no motions may be approved. Board members who wish additional details of the Executive session should contact the Secretary. Any action resulting from discussions in Executive Session must be authorized by the Board in open session. It is likely action may occur on one or more of the topics on the next conference call.

Attachments

NEW JERSEY DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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Attended the annual IAFC Fire-Rescue Conference in Dallas, TX on September 13, 14, 15, & 16, 2006.

Represented EDIAFC at the Strategic Planning Meeting in McLean, VA on October 28 & 29, 2006.

Attended the EDIAFC Annual Conference on June 2 & 3, 2006.

Attended the annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington, DC, on April 6, 2006.

Attended Professional Development Committee of the IAFC in Fairfax, VA on April 7 & 8, 2006.

Attended IAFC's annual Fire-Med Conference in Las Vegas, NV on April 24, 25 & 26, 2006.

Served as the Eastern Division's Representative to the IAFC's Mutual Aid System Task Force.

Continue service as a member on both the IAFC's Professional Development and Wildfire Policy Committees.

Regularly attend the monthly meetings of the Burlington County Fire Chiefs Association and the State Career Fire Chiefs Association. I continue to have difficulty attending the State Chiefs Association due to conflicts with that association's schedule meetings and my full time job.

Continue service as a member of Burlington County 200 Club Valor – Scholarship Committee.

Continue to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Evesham Township.

Reappointed and continue to serve as a Deputy Fire Coordinator for Burlington County.

Continue to serve as Chairman for the Emergency Services Advisory Board for Burlington County.

Maintained Chief Fire Officer Designation as per standards of the Commission of Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

Assisted in organizing this year's EDIAFC annual conference.

Respectfully Submitted

Thaddeus Lowden
New Jersey Director, EDIAFC

PENNSYLVANIA DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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Since my last report to the Board of Directors of EDIAFC at the Eastern Division Conference on June 2 & 3, 2006, I have had the pleasure of representing the fire service of Pennsylvania as the Director. It has been a great honor and experience to work with my fellow Board members. I report the Following activities.

Attended the Eastern Division Conference in Evesham NJ which included the EDIAFC Board meeting in June 2006

Attended Fire rescue expo Harrisburg

Attended Numerous meetings of the Bucks County Fire Chiefs Association to promote the EDIAFC

Attended the Keystone State Fire Chiefs meeting in New Hope Pennsylvania. I met with leadership of the Keystone State Fire Chief's promoting involvement with the Five-State Chiefs and EDIAFC

Participated in all EDIAFC teleconferences and meetings.

Continue to serve on the International Code Council, Code Action Committee as one of the EDIAFC representatives. Attended the 2006 Code Action Committee of the International Fire Code in Albany NY and was elected and currently serve as the Vice chairman of this committee.

Attended Fire Rescue International Dallas 2006

Attended IAFC Strategic Planning Session in McLean Va. Oct. 2006

Contact with numerous organizations within the Commonwealth soliciting nominations to the Valor Award

Serve as Vice President of the Bucks County Fire Marshals Association

Continue to serve The Bucks County LEPC

Respectively submitted,

Mark Showmaker

Mark Showmaker CFO, CFEI
EDIAFC PA Director

Report of the International Director

- The IAFC assisted the USFA with logistics and staff support for the development of a post-Katrina strategic plan for the New Orleans Fire Department. The plan is available on the IAFC website.
- The IAFC aided in the recovery and reconstitution of the New Orleans Fire Department, assisting the NOFD with procurement of GIS software, computers, and supplies to stand up an operational readiness center (ORC) to facilitate the implementation of several operational actions identified in the recovery and reconstitution plan.
- The IAFC divisions and sections created an interstate mutual aid program for fire service assets and resources. Since then, the recommendations have been nationally recognized in emergency management and homeland security by the professional media. The Emergency Management Committee (EMC), met recently in Illinois.
- The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System posted more than 1,000 online reports in the first year, surpassing the number of first-year reports received by the FAA. Their system, used only as a model, exceeded FAA reports by almost double.
- The Report of the Week is sent to 15,000 subscribers; the system's web site, Firefighternearmiss.com, has been visited by more than 55,000 people and the Near-Miss program kit was mailed to all known fire departments in the U.S.
- It is estimated that 9,000-10,000 fire departments in the U.S. and Canada participated in the 2006 International Firefighter Safety Stand Down.
- The IAFC managed the partner ship with the IAFF, VCOS and 22 partnering fire service organizations in support of the Stand Down. Is it working? 350 years
- The Safety Health and Survival Section managed the many training resources that were provided at ww.iafc.org/standdown
- FRI 2007 Atlanta - Over 85% of the floor space has been booked by exhibitors. Atlanta may be the city to beat.
- The IAFC Board of Directors developed an RFP for the selection of a "Head Hunter" company to conduct a nation-wide search for

the replacement of Executive Director Briese. It was narrowed to 6 companies, and then the selection committee chose one company. The entire board will vote on that selection at the Jan board meeting.

- VCOS completed the last of a 3 part series of red, white, and blue papers.
- IAFC board meets end of next week in Charlottesville VA.
- Spoke about the release and importance of the FLSA report by the IAFC.

MARYLAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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Five State Chief's Meeting Report
Activities, June thru December, 2006

By: Pete Mellits, MD Director

June 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended Eastern Division / IAFC Conference in New Jersey, 6-3-06.

Attended the Maryland State Fireman's Association's ceremony for the State Fallen Firefighter's / EMS Memorial dedication in Annapolis, Maryland on 6-11-06.

Attended the Maryland Municipal League Convention in Ocean City, Maryland on 6-25, 6-26 and 6-27 – 2006 as part of my career occupation (Civil Engineer - Site Development Engineering). However, I was also able to educate many local, County and State government officials on current fire service issues and the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC.

Attended the Prince George's County Chief's Council mtg. at Co. 37 on 6-29-06. At the meeting, I educated the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

July 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended the Maryland State Fireman's Association's State Fallen Firefighter's / EMS Memorial benefit game at Baysox Stadium in Bowie, Maryland on 7-9-06.

Participate in the Division Conference call on 7-16-06.

Attended the Montgomery County Fire Association / Chief's meeting in Gaithersburg MD on 7-20-06. At the meeting, I educated the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Anne Arundel County Fire Chief's Council meeting at Maryland City / in Laurel, MD on 7-26-06. At the meeting, I educated the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Maryland Chiefs Association executive board meeting in Kent Island, MD on 7-27-06.

August 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended the Allegheny - Garrett County Fire Assoc. meeting at the Kitzmiller VFD, in Kitzmiller, MD on 8-6-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Allegheny Chief's Committee meeting at the Allegheny County EOC, in Cumberland, MD on 8-8-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Quarterly meeting of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association, at the Clear Spring VFD hall, in Clear Spring, MD on 8-13-06.

Participated in the Division Conference call on 8-13-06.

Attended the MD Assoc. of County's (MACO) Conference in Ocean City, MD and assisted with hosting the MD Chief's reception after conference on 8-17-06.

September 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended the Harford Co. / Cecil Co. Fire Association meeting at the Hacks Point VFD in Earlsville, MD on 9-8-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attend IAFC Conference in Dallas, Texas / 9-11-06 thru 9-17-06.

- Opening Keynote Presentations;
- Eastern Division luncheon;
- VCOS annual meeting;
- 3 classes / seminars;
- Meeting with Cyren Call representative;
- Various Eastern Division gatherings at the hospitality room;
- Exhibit hall / show;
- Presidential dinner.

October 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Participated in Division conference call on 10-15-06.

Attended the Harford Co. Chief's Committee meeting at the Bel Air VFD in Bel Air, MD on 10-18-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Kent Co. Chief's Association meeting at the Millington VFD in Millington, MD on 10-20-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Garrett Co. Chief's Committee meeting at the MSP Barracks in McHenry, MD on 10-25-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the MD Chief's Executive Committee meeting in Kent Island on 10-26-06.

Attended the IAFC Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum in Tyson's Corner, VA. 10-27-06 thru 10-29-06.

November 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended the Queen Anne Co. Chief's Committee meeting at the MFRI Eastern Shore Facility in Centerville, MD on 11-2-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the MD State Firemen's Association Executive Committee meeting in Oxford, MD (Oxford VFD) on 11-4-06. I gave a verbal report on my efforts from June thru October, 2006.

Attended the MD Chief's / P.G. County hosting event for Governor Ehrlich's re-election effort, at the Glenn Dale VFD, in Glenn Dale, MD on 11-5-06.

Participated in Division conference call on 11-12-06.

Attended the Wicomico Co. Chief's Association meeting at the County EOC in Salisbury, MD on 11-29-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the ED-IAFC. Chief Robert Small, President of the MD Chief's Assoc. and Chief David See, VCOS, also attended and spoke. Additionally, we encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Worcester Co. Chief's Committee meeting at the County EOC in Snow Hill, MD on 11-29-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the ED-IAFC. Chief Robert Small, President of the MD Chief's Assoc. and Chief David See, VCOS, also attended and spoke. Additionally, we encouraged membership in both organizations.

December 2006 Report

On behalf of the ED-IAFC, as the Maryland Director, I participated in the following activities:

Attended the MD Chief's Association Quarterly meeting on 12-3-06 in LaPlata, MD (LaPlata VFD). I gave a verbal report on my efforts thru November, 2006.

Attended the Washington Co. Chief's Committee meeting at the Hancock VFD in Hancock, MD on 12-13-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the

purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

Attended the Fire Department funeral on 12-13-06 for Ms. Leonard King (wife of past President for the MSFA & Marlboro VFD President) in Damascus, MD.

Attended the Frederick Co. Chief's Association meeting at the Walkersville VFD in Frederick, MD on 12-21-06. At the meeting, I gave a brief verbal presentation to the Chief Officers on the purpose/mission of the Maryland State Chief's Association and the ED-IAFC. Additionally, I encouraged membership in both organizations.

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