

**Minutes - EDIAFC Board Meeting  
May 1, 2008  
York, PA**

The Meeting was called to order by President Stahl at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

President Robert Stahl	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Jack Gouty	Deceased
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ted Lowden	Present
Secretary/Treasurer William Askenstedt	Present
International Director William Walton, Jr.	Present
Past President James Watson	Present
MD Director Peter Mellits	Present
NJ Director Bernie Cohan	Present
NY Director Robert Holley	Absent
PA Director Mark Showmaker	Present
DE Director Les Warrick	Present

**Guests:** Chief Jack Parow, Chelmsford, MA and 2008 IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Candidate, IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Candidate, Bruce Johnson, ICC, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jon Fox, DFCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike Rains, DFCA, Roger Steger, Past President MSCFA, Ken Anderson, Tom LaBelle, Exec. Director NYSAFC, Norm 2<sup>nd</sup> VP NYSAFC. Ron Piester, ICC, Chief Dennis Nichols, ICC. Chris Assenheimer, Pres., NJSFA

**Past Presidents:** Charles Hungerford, EDIAFC Past President, Greg Turrell, EDIAFC Past President

**IAFC Officers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Larry Grorud

**IAFC Staff:** Mark Light Executive Director, Gioia Albi, Member Services Director

**Committee Chairs:** Les Warrick - Memorial Committees,

**Codes Committee:** Mark Showmaker

**Conference Committee:** Mark Showmaker

**Minutes:**

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 04/13/08 conference call** by Watson and a second by Cohan. The secretary reported that two minor changes regarding conference assignments had been corrected at the President's request. **The Motion was approved unanimously.**

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **President Stahl Report:**

The President welcomed those in attendance.

I attended the viewing for 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Gouty on March 7, 2008

On March 27 and March 28, 2008 I attended a meeting of the ICC Board of Professional Standards (BIPS) in Orlando, Florida as the International Fire Code Council (IFCC) representative. This Board oversees all ICC certification. There was much discussion on fire certifications including Pro Board and changing the requirements for ICC Certified Fire Marshal.

I participated in the Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) Seminars in Washington, DC on April 2, 2008 and April 3, 2008. I attended the CFSI Dinner on April 3, 2008. There were other activities in conjunction with these events. On April 3, 2008 I visited with Congressman Pat Murphy (D- PA – Bucks) providing information on fire service issues to both Bucks County, PA and the IAFC, and particularly the EDIAFC. I also visited with a number of other persons and groups including IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jack Parow and Past president Bob DiPoli. On behalf of the Division, I thanked both Chief Parow and Chief DiPoli for attending the services for Jack Gouty. I visited with fire chiefs from a number of groups and specifically with Delaware and Maryland.

On April 4, 2008 I attended a meeting of the International Code Council (ICC) International Fire Code Council (IFCC) in Washington, DC as the EDIAFC representative. There was much discussion on fire service issues including continuing Pro Board certification.

I participated in numerous EDIAFC BOD, IAFC Division Task Force, IFCC, and BIPS conference calls throughout early 2008.

I worked on a number of other codes related items that are contained in the report for the Codes Committee.

I represented the Division in a number of informal meetings and phone calls.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gouty's Report:** No report

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lowden's Report:**

1. Participated in the annual EDIAFC Conference in Rehoboth, Delaware on the dates of May 17 – 19, 2007.
2. Attended the annual IAFC Fire-Rescue Conference in Atlanta, GA on August 21 - 25, 2007.
3. Hosted and attended the EDIAFC Board meeting in Evesham Township, NJ on February 2, 2008.
4. Attended the annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington, DC, on April 2 & 3, 2008.
5. Attended the IAFC Professional Development Committee meeting in Las Vegas, NV on

April 18 & 19, 2008.

6. Attended IAFC's annual Fire-Med Conference in Las Vegas, NV on April 21 - 23, 2008.
7. Continued to serve as a member on both the IAFC's Professional Development and Wildfire Policy Committees.
8. Regularly attend the monthly meetings of the Burlington County Fire Chiefs Association and the New Jersey 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.
9. Continue service as a member of Burlington County 200 Club Valor – Scholarship Committee.
10. Continue to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Evesham Township.
11. Reappointed and continue to serve as a Deputy Fire Coordinator for Burlington County.
12. Continue to serve as Chair for the Emergency Services Advisory Board for Burlington County.
13. Continued to serve on the Burlington County College Fire Science Technology group.
14. Maintained Chief Fire Officer Designation as per standards of the Commission of Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

#### **International Director Walton's Report:**

Following is the report of the International Director;

The IAFC Board has been quite busy with issues that impact the leadership of this Nation's Fire/Rescue/EMS on a daily basis. One of our most concerning issues was that of the PSOB Hometown Heroes program that is administered through the DOJ. After much deliberation with representatives from that agency we now understand that death benefits are being distributed to the fallen firefighters families. That is a significant accomplishment for the families of those that gave so much. A few additional points-

1. We hired a membership sales manager to focus on generating new membership in the association. This is a never-ending task due to the type of business we are in.
2. The board adopted a set of core values and a leadership agreement and will make every attempt to align itself with such in every decision that is made.
3. Approved the development of a for-profit subsidiary and to begin offering consulting services to the fire service and related parties.
4. Joined the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition
5. Developed a training program for DOT for the new Emergency Response Guide (ERG) to be distributed early this summer.
6. Obtained funding for a Haz Mat Fusion Center, and have begun implementation.

Many other issues, none more important than the next, have been addressed and are normally released by electronic member alerts or in our newsletter. We encourage everyone to access the

IAFC web site at [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org) and establish an e-mail connection to begin receiving time sensitive information in a more expeditious manner. The IAFC Board is there for you and knowing your concerns allows us to better present your position during debate of national issues. If you have any specific questions I, or a representative of the Headquarters Staff, will be in attendance during the conference. I personally thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Fire Departments you represent.

**Immediate Past President Watson's Report:**

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs as the past President/Director for this past year. As has been my practice for the last seven years I have traveled in Delaware and the surrounding states representing this organization to the best of my ability. I promote education, firefighter health and safety and a love for this service wherever I am. I encourage everyone that I come into contact with in the fire service to get involved in their County and State level initiatives. I have enjoyed serving the last year with Bob as the President and my only regret is that Jack was not able to assume the Presidency because he worked very hard to get to that Office and is entitled to all honors that would be bestowed upon someone that has finished their year. I will remain an active member and continue to promote the EDIAFC in all my travels.

**Secretary Treasurer Askenstedt's Report:**

**Treasurers Report:**

See attached;

**There was a motion by Watson and second by Showmaker to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved unanimously**

**Membership Report:** See attached membership tables.

Correspondence:

Letters of intent were received from;

- Ted Lowden for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- Bill Walton for International Director
- Bob Holley for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Jack Gouty for the office of President
- MFCA endorsing Pete Mellits for MD Director

All candidate letters were forwarded to Larry Vaughan, Elections Chairman. All were received in time.

Bill Walton asked if the Treasurer could break out costs for the annual conferences to differentiate between years. The Secretary stated that he keeps that information separate and Secretary will provide that info at the next Board Meeting for the current conference.

Bill Walton asked Gioia about our status with comparison to other Divisions in the respect of the number of paying members. Eastern is declining in paid members. Other Divisions are increasing

in paid memberships. The IAFC overall is up.

There was discussion about overall trends in membership and possible solutions to the decline in renewals and the issues of consolidation and economy. Mark Showmaker said we needed to find new attractions to encourage people to join. Ted Lowden suggested that we sell the benefits of IAFC membership.

There was discussion about how affiliate membership might help the Division to build more membership. Mark Showmaker talked about targeting code people as affiliates. He said that sections attract members because of people's specific interests.

President Stahl stated that we should find benefits to give members from the Division, not just the IAFC. He stated that he advocated difference fees for members and non-members to encourage people to be members.

### **Delaware Director Warrick's Report:**

Greetings to all from the Delaware Director of the Eastern Division.

This past year has been a very busy one. I have attended local, state and regional meetings associated with the fire service. Along with these I also attended our conference at Rehoboth Beach, DE, the FRI Conference in Atlanta, GA and our Board meeting also held in Evesham, NJ. I have also been available for every scheduled conference call the Division had and attended other functions associated with our Division.

One issue that continues to be a challenge as I reported last year is our Division recruiting new members and renewing all of our current members. I would ask our seasoned attendees to please urge their company officers to join this organization and get active. Remember this Association takes your voice in the Fire Service to the highest level nationwide.

The second issue is getting our members to exercise their voting privileges. We are one of the largest IAFC Divisions but continually have a very poor percentage when it comes to voting. Your participation in this process as well as attending events is critical. If you need guidance or advice on any issue please contact any Division officer, we will gladly take the time to discuss these matters with you. Do not forego the right to be represented.

Finally, I know Conference Chairman Mark Shoemaker and his committee has been working very diligently to provide all of our attendees of this conference with a quality program, full of informative and fun times. We hope everyone has an enjoyable time and please always remember safety is our first priority... Everyone Goes Home.

### **Maryland Director Mellit's Report:**

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

#### **May 2007 Report**

- 5-2-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend MD Intrastate Mutual Aid Meeting at MFRI - CP (follow-up to the 1-10-07 meeting at MFRI).
- 5-10-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend John Hogland Room Dedication Program at MFRI.
- 5-12-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend MD Chiefs' Spring Meeting / Arbutus, MD (VFD).
- 5-17,18,19-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend EDIAFC Executive Board Mtg., Business Mtg. and Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE.
- 5-24-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend MD Higher Education Commission Meeting re: 1403 Standards in Annapolis, MD.

### **June 2007 Report**

- 6-6-07 / EDIAFC - MD Chiefs / MEMA Web EOC Joint Operation Center Training in Reisterstown at MEMA.
- 6-9-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend Bowie Health Center Foundation fundraiser dinner.
- 6-10-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend and participate in the Maryland Fallen FF & EMS Memorial Service in Annapolis.
- 6-12-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / participate in the MD Intrastate Mutual Aid Program conference call to review the proposed document.
- 6-14-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend US Senate Hearing at the Senate Russell Building on the 700 Mhz Radio Band allocation process / representing US Fire Service.
- 6-22-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend funeral services for Judy Lau in Laurel (VFD).
- 6-24 & 25 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend Maryland Municipal League Programs in Ocean City, Maryland, while there for work, networking.

### **July 2007 Report**

- 7-15-07 / EDIAFC / participate in monthly conference call.
- 7-24-07 / EDIAFC - MFCA / participate in the NFFF Grant Review as a grant reviewer.
- 7-26-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend MD Chiefs Executive Board meeting in Kent Island, MD.

### **August 2007 Report**

- 8-12-07 / EDIAFC – MD Chiefs / attend MD Chief's Summer Quarterly mtg. in Centerville (VFD).
- 8-12-07 / EDIAFC / participate in monthly conference call.
- 8-19-07 / EDIAFC / participate in special conference call.
- 8-20 thru 27-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend IAFC Conference in Atlanta, GA / participate in various meetings and training classes.

### **September 2007 Report**

- 9-1-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / PG County Volunteer Forum and Rally at Co. 33.
- 9-16-07 / EDIAFC / participate in monthly conference call.
- 9-20-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend PG Co. Convention at Co. 24.
- 9-29-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend MSFA MD FF-EMS Memorial Dinner in Annapolis.
- 9-30-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend reception for new PGVFR Assoc. President at Co. 5 – Capitol Heights.

### **October 2007 Report**

- 10-3-07 / PGVFRA – EDIAFC / attend PG County Emergency Services Master Plan hearing at the PG CAB.
- 10-6-07 / MFCA / attend & assist with transport at the Nat. Fallen FF program in Emmittsburg, MD – NFA.
- 10-14-07 / EDIAFC / participate in monthly conference call.
- 10-26 & 27-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend IAFC Leadership Summit in Washington DC for a combination of training and business meetings.

### **November 2007 Report**

- 11-9-07 / MFCA – EDIAFC / attend Intrastate Mutual Aid meeting at MEMA in Reisterstown, MD.
- 11-10-07 / MFCA – EDIAFC / attend MFCA Quarterly Meeting at Glenn Dale VFA.
- 11-28-07 / EDIAFC – MFCA / attend Worcester Chiefs Assoc. meeting in Snow Hill MD (EOC) to review membership and Intrastate Mutual Aid Program.

### **December 2007 Report**

- 12-13-07 / MFCA - EDIAFC / attend Balt. Metro Chiefs meeting / Howard Co. Trn. Fac.
- 12-16-07 / EDIAFC / Participate in monthly conference call.
- 12-19-07 / MFCA - EDIAFC / attend State Interoperability Exec. Comm. Meeting MSHA – Hanover MD.
- 12-20-07 / EDIAFC - MFCA / to Hospital UMBC MICU – Jack Gouty till family arrived.

### **January 2008 Report**

- 1-9-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / To Annapolis for Legislative Opening Session.
- 1-12-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / attend State Political Office Open House / Bowie City Hall.
- 1-13-08 / EDIAFC / Participate in monthly conference call.

### **February 2008 Report**

- 2-2-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend EDIAFC Board meeting in Evesham, NJ (Marlton FD).
- 2-24-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend viewing for Chief Ron Graf / Glen Burnie.

- 2-28-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend MFCA Exec. Board mtg. / Kent Island, MD.

### **March 2008 Report**

- 3-1-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend MD Chief Officers Seminar in Mont. Co.
- 3-2-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend MD Chief Officers Seminar in Mont. Co.
- 3-2-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / To AAGH / Visit Jack Gouty.
- 3-7-08 / BVFD – MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend Jack Gouty viewing / Glen Burnie.
- 3-13-08 / MFCA – EDIAFC / Attend BW Metro Chiefs Meeting / Presentation on the MD Intrastate Mutual Aid Program / Annapolis FD.
- 3-16-08 / EDIAFC / Participate in monthly conference call.
- 3-17-08 / MFCA – EDIAFC / Attend 23<sup>rd</sup> District Senate Reception / Annapolis State House.
- 3-24-08 / MFCA – EDIAFC / Attend MNCBIA PG County Executive Breakfast / Greenbelt Marriott.
- 3-27-08 / MFCA - EDIAFC / Attend MFCA Exec. Bd. mtg. / Kent Island, MD.

### **April 2008 Report**

- 4-3-08 / MFCA – EDIAFC / Attend the Congressional Fire Service Caucus Reception and Dinner in Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton.

Director Mellits mentioned the passing of Jack Gouty and how it created turmoil in the Division and the State Association.

### **New Jersey Director Cohan's Report:**

Attended the 2007 Eastern Division Conference held at Rehoboth Beach Delaware  
 Attended Homeland Security & Fire Safety Conference Kean University, Union, NJ  
 Represented the EDIAFC at the NJ Career Fire Chiefs meetings  
 Represented the EDIAFC at the NJ State Fire Chiefs BOD meetings  
 Represented EDIAFC at the NJ Volunteer Fire Chiefs meetings.  
 Represented EDIAFC at the NJ Career Fire Chiefs meetings.  
 Represented the EDIAFC at the NJ State Fire Safety Commission meetings. (I am continuing in the attempt to fill the vacant IAFC seat on this commission.)  
 Sent letters to the NJ EDIAFC members, whose dues were in arrears, asking for information on why they did not renew their membership. (Seven Chiefs decided to renew their membership.)  
 Participated in all EDIAFC BOD teleconference calls.  
 Attended the funeral service for President elect, Jack Gouty in Maryland.  
 Continue to serve as a member of the NJ Division of Fire Safety's Public Education Committee.  
 Continue to serve as an advisory member of the NJ State Safety Council.  
 Continue to try and get sponsors and registrations for our annual conference.

**New York Director Holley Report:** No report.

## **Pennsylvania Director Showmaker's Report:**

Since my last report to the Board of Directors of EDIAFC 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 for Fall 2007-2008.

Attended Fire Rescue Expo Harrisburg 2007

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

Attended the Keystone State Fire Chiefs meeting. 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 2007 Code Action Committee of the International Fire Code in Code Action Committee in Freeport Maine July 23-25 2007.

Attended Fire Rescue International Atlanta 2007

Attended Montgomery County PA Career Chiefs Meeting November 28, 2007

Attended York County PA Career Chiefs Meeting February 20, 2008

Attended Services for President Gouty

Serve as Vice President of the Bucks County Fire Marshals Association

Continue to serve The Bucks County LEPC

Continued participation in the Chief Fire Officers designation program and renewed CFO as well as the Institution of Fire Engineers MIFireE

Serve as chair of the Eastern Conference Committee

Met with York County Conference Bureau and Conference Hotel Staff Nov. 2007

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Memorial Committee:** Les reported that all was in order for the Memorial Service. The program is completed. Rev. Scott A. Sager, from Penn Township Fire, Rescue and EMS and Hanover Fire Department Chaplain will officiate at the service. Chief Walton will assist Les with the program.

After the ceremony, a video tribute to Jack Gouty will be played and a presentation will be made to Judith Russell, honoring Father John Steger, the former EDIAFC Chaplain for many years.

### **Constitution and By-Laws Committee:**

To the 81 st Annual Conference

Eastern Division, International Association of Fire Chiefs

York, PA

Subject: Report of Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions Committee

Dear Members:

Last year was the first time the provisions for a mail ballot had to be used in this Division. The by-law covering the mail ballot assigns much of the work to the Secretary/Treasurer. The

office for which there were two candidates was Secretary/Treasurer with the incumbent being one of the candidates. Bill Askenstedt sensed an ethical conflict if not an actual conflict and removed himself from the process. Larry Vaughan, Chair of the Elections Committee, took on the responsibilities and discovered other practical problems with the process contained in the Constitution and By-laws.

The officers accepted Larry's comments and suggestions and referred them to the Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions (CBR) Committee. The Board of Directors (BOD) also reviewed the Constitution and By-laws (C&B) and suggested a number of other things for the Committee to review.

When CBR Chair Jon Townley's health was less than perfect but there was a need to proceed with the work of the Committee, President Stahl asked if I would assist. I agreed and ultimately was appointed Vice Chair. Bob Edwards and Barry Dampier were added to the Committee.

We members felt that e-mail sharing of ideas and even a conference call would not be as effective as a face-to-face meeting. Particularly considering the time constraints of making recommendations, having them reviewed and approved by the BOD, submitting them to the IAFC CBR for review, obtaining IAFC BOD concurrence, and submitting a mail ballot to the EDIAFC members 90 days before the 2008 Conference.

A meeting was held November 5, 2007 at Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, Newark, Delaware. Members present: Jon Townley, Bob Edwards, and Ken Anderson. Barry Dampier was unable to attend due to distance, but participated by reviewing the record of the meeting and adding comments. Chairman Townley also invited Ken McMahon, a long time member of the Eastern and Chair of the Delaware Fire Commission, to participate.

The results of our recommendations were contained in a marked-up copy of the Constitution and By-laws and a report on why we were making the several recommendations.

The Board of Directors reviewed the recommendations. A few revisions were made. The CBR Committee was directed to prepare the proposal in the form of four resolutions for submission to the members. Also, by that time, it was too late to get approval from the IAFC CBR Committee and be able to submit the amendments within the time limits specified for a mail ballot.

The urgency to get the amendments in place dictated that the provision of the Constitution be used that allows amendments to be presented at the Conference and obtain approval if an 80% favorable vote is cast.

Chairman Townley, who is the Eastern Division representative on the IAFC CBR Committee, was unable to attend that Committee meeting. He felt it was important that the Eastern be represented at that meeting because of our pending Constitution and By-law amendments. The IAFC agreed to allow someone from the Division to attend at the expense of

the IAFC and that person could participate in the discussions but without vote. C. Kenneth Anderson attended.

Our proposals were found to be consistent with the IAFC documents. The IAFC Board of Directors also approved. Therefore, copies of the four resolutions have been provided to the members in attendance at this Conference. The vote will take place.

At the IAFC CBR Committee meeting:

- Many Divisions and Sections are making changes for the "Affiliate Member."
- There are two technical changes to the IAFC By-laws. Technical changes do not require a vote of the membership.
  - First, in Section III, Subsection 1 to make the length of the campaign profile 300 words (not 500) to be consistent with the Election policy.
  - Second, in Section I, Subsection 4 to add "Affiliate" to the list of types of membership.
- There are questions about the By-laws Section I, Subsection 3.
  - Affiliate membership is open to persons interested in the affairs of the IAFC who are not eligible for regular membership. Regular Members can continue as Regular Members after retirement if they pay the dues. Since this is a membership available to them, does this provision prevent them from becoming Affiliate members?
  - In addition, the differences between "Associate" and "Affiliate" are still blurred.
  - The IAFC CBR Committee decided to recommend to the IAFC BOD that these questions be referred to the Membership Task Force.
- A resolution held over from last year about Junior Firefighters was again reviewed. It provides that the IAFC membership is directing a Section (VCOS, in this case) to do something; develop a best practices document. It's not clear that this is an appropriate action. Further, VCOS might be doing something on its own. This resolution was held for further discussion at the committee meeting in Denver
- Resolution 2008-1 would have the IAFC support legislation and penalties prohibiting the sale of novelty lighters. It is being recommended for adoption at FRI with some changes.
- Resolution 2008-2 would have the IAFC support legislation and penalties for imported goods that do not meet safety standards equivalent to USA standards. It too is being recommended for adoption at FRI with some changes.

- IAFC Resolutions now have a three year sunset provision. The objectives of four resolutions adopted in 2005 have not been fully met and the CBR Committee feels the needs still exist, so the resolutions should be re-adopted; some with changes. They include (briefly), CPAT Evaluation, Residential Sprinklers, Consumer Fireworks, and Retrofitting Sprinklers.
- The "Division Constitution and By-laws Guidelines" were on the agenda. No action was taken. Committee members were asked to submit any other recommendations. The Committee doesn't want to create something that will prevent Divisions from having flexibility to try things. The Draft document acknowledges that it is an *example* not a *model*. Some IAFC CBR members had a feeling that the Division Task Force might ask all Divisions to reformat their documents to this example.

Les Warrick stated that John Townley's health has multiple issues and he will probably be laid up for some time.

The Secretary reminded the Board that they needed to appoint a new Committee Chairman and a new Chairman for the Eastern Committee. He stated that he had discussed this with incoming President Lowden.

**Codes Committee:** Mark Showmaker

Since the last report to the Board of Directors of EDIAFC I have had the pleasure of representing the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs as the Chairman of the Codes Committee. It has been a great honor and experience to work with my fellow committee members. I report the Following activities for Fall 2007-2008.

The Eastern Division has officially been granted status as a Chapter of the International Code Council

Participated in all EDIAFC teleconferences and meetings.

Committee members continue to serve on the International Code Council, Code Action Committee as one of the EDIAFC representatives. Attended the 2007 Code Action Committee of the International Fire Code, Code Action Committee in Free Port Maine July 23-25 2007.

Committee members continue to serve on numerous International Code Council Committees as Fire service representatives.

Committee members serving on National Fire Protection Association Committees.

The committee has reviewed and requested the Eastern Divisions endorsement of the CBNCAG act of 2007 by supporting bills S 2458 and HR 4461.

The committee is continuously monitoring the progress of code adoption regarding Residential Sprinklers. We will promote participation in attending code hearings in Minneapolis in September to support code changes

We are in the preliminary stages of putting together a one day training seminar for Fire and Code officials utilizing the ICC Staff and programs. We would be attempting to get more Fire Marshals involved with the EDIAFC and increase membership. We would also be bringing on new members that would be eligible to assist on committees that we support.

### **Communications Committee:**

The following report was submitted by Chief John Devlin via email after the meeting. The Secretary stated the report would be emailed to the Board and become part of the minutes.

There are two updates that I would like to report on:

First, the Rebanding Initiative - since the last report of February 2008, there has been activity, especially involving Cyren Call. Included in this report are the latest two press releases from Cyren Call, explaining their activities in the bidding process. Also, included is the latest activities in Philadelphia with respect to the initiative.

Second, the 800 Mhz portable radio noise interference issue.

### **Two Recent Cyren Call Press Releases on The Rebanding Initiative:**

#### **Cyren Call Sets Record Straight on False Accusations**

McLean, Va. – April 3, 2008 – Today, Cyren Call Communications Corporation (Cyren Call) commented on accusations in both the press and the blogosphere attributed to unidentified sources regarding its activities prior to the start of the 700 MHz auction. At the request of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Cyren Call observed the FCC's anticollusion rules, lifted late today, that had prevented Cyren Call from addressing these false accusations earlier. Morgan O'Brien, Chairman of Cyren Call, said, "Anyone stating or implying that I or any member of Cyren Call or the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation (PSST) 'demanded' a spectrum lease payment is lying. Furthermore, anyone suggesting that any spectrum lease payment would be paid to Cyren Call is lying." Potential bidders on the 700 MHz D Block requested guidance on public safety expectations for the nationwide 20 MHz shared network to be created from combining the D Block with public safety spectrum. For example, AT&T Inc., Frontline Wireless LLC (Frontline) and Verizon Wireless each made such requests in FCC filings. While the FCC did not act on these re-requests, the PSST addressed these legitimate concerns by preparing and releasing a Bidder Information Document (BID) so that all interested parties would understand public safety's expectations and preferences for the shared network in advance of the FCC's filing deadline to participate in the auction. The PSST initiated the BID process by asking the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) to create a draft set of technical expectations. At the same time, the PSST directed Cyren Call to facilitate meetings with parties interested in potentially bidding for the D Block license to discuss partnership expectations. After incorporating input based on the NPSTC draft and feedback from the potential bidder meetings, the PSST released the final BID on November 30, 2007. In the BID, the PSST set forth one expectation by stating it "intends to request" the D Block auction winner make an annual lease payment for the use of 10 MHz of nationwide public safety spectrum. The foundation of the lease payment is rooted in the FCC's Second Report & Order. That order mandated a long-term spectrum leasing arrangement between the PSST and the D

Block winner with the D Block winner being granted certain preemptible secondary usage rights to the 10 MHz of public safety broadband spectrum. Like all expectations stated in the BID, the lease payment was subject to negotiation in the Network Sharing Agreement (NSA) discussions and, therefore, was also subject to FCC approval. During conversations with potential bidders, Cyren Call presented an estimate of \$50 million when asked about the spectrum lease payment likely to be requested by the PSST during the NSA negotiations. Neither Cyren Call nor the PSST demanded any kind of payment or suggested that this topic would not be subject to negotiation or could not—as expressly stated in the BID—be affected by a variety of other factors. The PSST and Cyren Call stopped all communications with potential bidders after the PAST’s publication of the BID on November 30, 2007, observing the “quiet period” under the FCC’s anti-collusion rules. Anonymous third-party allegations that the prospect of an annual spectrum lease payment “killed” Frontline do not stand up to scrutiny. After publication of the BID and after the final conversation with Cyren Call, Frontline issued a news release on November 30, 2007 headlined “Frontline Wireless Commends the PAST for Releasing a Final Version of its Bidder Information Document.” In the news release, Frontline partner Jim Barksdale said public safety requirements “dovetail with Frontline’s own business and construction plans.” On December 3, 2007, Frontline filed a 700 MHz FCC auction application, stating in a press release, “We are bidding to win and to build out a 4G network to meet the needs of public safety.... We are now moving to the next phase of making these public interest goals a reality.” Then, on December 4, 2007, after it was aware of the PSST’s spectrum lease expectation, Frontline filed an amendment to its Petition for Reconsideration before the FCC in which Frontline withdrew its request that the FCC lower the \$1.33 billion D Block reserve price.

These statements and actions cannot be made to square with the ex post facto allegation that a possible \$50 million lease payment to the PAST was the death knell for an otherwise well-formulated Frontline business plan. Whatever caused Frontline to abandon its pursuit of the D Block occurred after it was well aware of and even had endorsed both the PSST’s partnership expectations and the FCC’s reserve price. O’Brien said, “Cyren Call stands on its record, beginning with its April 2006 Petition for Rule Making, of steadfast support to assist in the creation of a nationwide broadband network for public safety. What is most important now for the PAST, and therefore most important to Cyren Call, is to assist the FCC in constructing new rules for a subsequent auction of the D Block. Cyren Call also looks forward to working with Members of Congress and others to help create the right conditions for a successful re-auction.”

## **FCC Determines No Violation of Auction Rules**

**McLean, Va. – April 25, 2008** – Today, Cyren Call Communications Corporation commented on the re-release of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Inspector General’s report pertaining to the auction of the 700 MHz D Block. Following a number of statements in the press and at the conclusion of the auction, the FCC’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) opened an investigation to determine the truth surrounding certain accusations. Importantly, the report stated that, “the OIG concluded that no FCC rules appear to have been violated and that no referral is warranted.” Regarding whether Cyren Call’s statements to potential bidders deterred bidding in the D Block, the report said, “This investigation has concluded that the lease payment estimates ... were informational in nature, were not made in bad faith and by themselves had no deleterious effect on the auction.”

Morgan O’Brien, Chairman of Cyren Call Communications said, “Today closes the book on

Auction 73. The release of the Inspector General's report is an encouraging sign that the FCC is moving forward to re-auction the D Block. Cyren Call will work closely with public safety, the bidder community, Congress and the FCC to make the re-auction of the D Block a success." He added, "We cannot afford to take our collective sight off the critical task of solving our nation's public safety communications crisis."

### **About Cyren Call**

Founded in early 2006, Cyren Call is advisor to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation. Cyren Call is led by veterans of the wireless industry and public safety communications, who will assist the PAST in the creation of a nationwide, wireless broadband network that will carry priority public safety communications. For more information, please visit [www.cyrencall.com](http://www.cyrencall.com).

### **Status of the Philadelphia's Rebanding Initiative ... (April, 2008)**

Compliments of:

Margaret J Lyons, P.E. RCC Consultants, Inc.

In our last rebanding status report to the City, we reported that the City was contemplating alternative plans to address significant technical concerns related to reconfiguration of the City's system. The substance of our concerns was that the City's subscriber fleet – in excess of 6000 units – could not be tested in a safe and undistruptive manner within a rebanded infrastructure. As you know, the City has labored long and hard to produce a stable and reliable communications operation. Based upon our technical analysis, we concluded that it would be an irresponsible risk to deploy a major firmware change into the City's infrastructure without 100% assurance that the reconfiguration change would re-introduce serious instability issues.

Motorola's Rebanding Group in Schaumburg, Illinois has developed a "boilerplate approach" to reconfiguration of most of Motorola across the country. Although their approach can be applied to most of their customers, it does not apply well to the Philadelphia system. The City informed Motorola (by letter) that although substantial rebanding planning work had been invested and completed by all parties, Motorola's "boilerplate approach" to planning the City's reconfiguration was not suitable to our system. Accompanying the City's letter was a comprehensive description of the boundaries within which Motorola must abide when contemplating the reconfiguration plan. Our letter also gave further direction to Motorola that the City had drawn the conclusion that the safest and most effective method to reconfigure the existing system should include as a preliminary measure the implementation of the City's upgrade to Motorola 7.x plat-form.

To their credit, Motorola has not taken issue with the City's conclusions that it would be a better approach to upgrade the City's System to 7.X prior to rebanding it, or to integrate the two planning initiatives into one.

In order to maintain compliance with the FCC Rebanding mandate, the City has submitted written notification to the FCC requesting (a) for an interim waiver of the 6/26/08 deadline for completion of the 800 MHz rebanding; (b) an extension of time to complete its rebanding cost estimate and plan by 10/15/08. Both of these letters were submitted to the FCC on 3/15/08. The City has not yet received any reply from the FCC.

Lastly, the City held a comprehensive technical meeting with Motorola on 3/17/08 wherein Motorola provided an overview of the upgrade plan to 7.X. Part of the process for the City, as we continue to work with Motorola to refine the upgrade plan, the City's 800 MHz Representatives along with RCC have recently visited an operational 7.X system at a Motorola staging facility in Schaumburg during the week of 4/13/08. Following our technical and operational review, our plan is to work collectively to carve out a detailed plan to upgrade and reconfigure the City's system as quickly as possible.

According to D.J. Atkins, the lead scientist for the study, "Results will be forthcoming for the May 21/22 IAFC meeting". His report /update will be included in the next report.

**Valor Committee:**

A number of items have kept the Valor Award Committee busy during the past year and I would like to thank all of the Committee Members for their diligence and support. With out them, the committee could not have been as successful as it has been.

In June of 2007, I traveled to New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Lake George, NY to make the presentation to 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Richard Gimbl of the Holbrook, NY Fire Department. There was a huge turnout for the occasion and much attention was given by the media which raised awareness of not only the Valor Award program, but more so for the Eastern Division as a whole.

At the request of the Board of Directors, a fundraising effort was launched to support the activities of the Valor Award Program. In December 2007, more than 1000 requests were sent out and we received \$1600 in donations from the following:

Command School, Mr. Brian Long, \$100.00  
Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Robert Small, \$500.00  
Motorola, Mr. Tom Staley, \$1000.00

Many thanks for these groups stepping forward to assist us in our efforts to recognize those firefighters who are so worthy.

On January 3, 2008, letters were sent to Committee members requesting Valor Award nominations from their respective states with a deadline for submission of March 15, 2008.

The 2008 Valor Award program brought forth 11 nominations as follows:

Delaware:	2	District of Columbia:	2
Maryland:	4	New Jersey:	0
New York:	3	Pennsylvania:	0

A package of nominations was then assembled and mailed to committee members on March 21, 2008, with their votes due on April 11, 2008. Ballots were received from all committee members with the following results:

Magnolia VFD, Magnolia, DE:	76	(9)
Minquas VFC, Newport, DE:	75	(8)
District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department, Washington, DC:	53	(4)
District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department, Washington, DC:	57	(5)
Morningside VFD, Morningside, MD:	70	(7)
Morningside VFD, Morningside, MD:	103	(10)
Morningside VFD, Morningside, MD:	75	(8)
Watertown FD, Watertown, NY:	37	(3)
Watertown FD, Watertown, NY:	61	(6)
West Islip FD, West Islip, NY:	20	(1)
Montgomery County Fire & Rescue, Rockville, MD:	33	(2)

Arrangements will be made with the FASNY and the West Islip Fire Department to set up a date and time to present this year's Valor Award. (See attached letter announcing this year's recipient)

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as the Valor Award Committee Chairperson and work to represent America's finest to insure that they receive proper recognition for their valiant efforts.

The Secretary reported that two of the sponsor checks had been received and that the \$1,000.00 from Motorola was being worked on. They have a long lead time on cutting checks. The Secretary informed the Board that recipient of the award was not being notified until next week and he asked the Board not to disclose the winner until the letters are given to the winner and his chief.

The Secretary stated that Chairman Reid was not attending the conference but lauded him for the great job that the committee had done in getting nominations and sponsors.

**Conference Committee:**

We are up to \$23,950.00 in sponsor pledges with 19,950.00 and received and the balance is outstanding. We are missing \$500.00 from NYSAFC still not paid and \$3,500.00 from ACS which will be paid when we submit the bill for the BBQ. (Note \$3,500 from ACS was received during the conference.)

Mark Showmaker reported that there had been an attempt to expand the conference and offer more technical programs to attract more new people. He said he was pleased about the IAFC offer of 6 month free IAFC membership to any non-member that registered for the conference. He thought the offer would attract some people.

Mark also covered some of the logistics and assignments for the conference.

**Elections Committee:**

See Distributed Report.

Larry Vaughan declared that the open positions for 2005-06 to be elected by mail ballot were President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and International Director.

Only one nomination was received for each of the offices. Nominations were;  
President, Chief Jack Gouty, MD - Jack Passed away prior to the conference  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Chief Thaddeus Lowden, NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Chief Robert Holley, NY - Bob Holley withdrew his letter of nomination  
International Director, Chief William Walton, DE

Larry Vaughan, Election Chairman, in his report read by the President, declared that all of the offices were unopposed and therefore all candidates were elected to their respective offices

President Stahl explained that since Chief Jack Gouty had passed away after the deadline for candidates to declare for office, there was no provision for a new election and therefore a vacancy would occur in the position of President at the end of his (President Stahl's) term. Based on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Division and in concurrence of the Elections Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws Committees, the position of Presidency would fall to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Lowden.

President Stahl went on to say that because Chief Bob Holley had submitted his intent to resign after being the sole candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, that the EDIAFC Board should accept his resignation after the election and replace Chief Holley with Chief Charles Hungerford of New York. Under the Constitution and By-Laws, the next President would have to come from New York and Chief Hungerford was one of several eligible candidates. He was also the candidate recommended by NYSAFC

The Board took into consideration the desires of the NYSAFC in the selection, while maintaining the rules set forth by the Constitution and By-Laws for eligibility. Chief Hungerford previously served the Division as New York State Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and President and also as the Secretary Treasurer.

It was the consensus of the Board that they would appoint Chief Hungerford to fill the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at the installation banquet, following the vacancy in the office of President being filled by Ted Lowden.

President Stahl requested that the Board had also appoint Delaware Director Les Warrick to become 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Division, as Delaware is the next state in the normal rotation and Les is the senior state director. He suggested this too should occur at the banquet following the appointment of Chief Hungerford as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The Board agreed by consensus.

President Stahl stated that Delaware would need to elect a new Director for the State to take Les' place, based on the imminent appointment of Les as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP That appointment will be also made on Saturday during the installation

The Secretary pointed out that Delaware did not need to re-elect Les, since he would remain Delaware Director until appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and therefore Delaware could elect a new Director. If Delaware elected a new Director his term would be for two years. If Delaware chose to re-elect Les Warrick and he was then appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, the EDIAFC Board would then fill the vacancy, but for only one year until the next conference.

It was agreed that Les would lead the Delaware caucus and recommend that Delaware elect a new Director at the caucus for a two year term.

President Stahl stated that the intended procedure was to elect Chief Gouty as President, Chief Lowden as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Chief Holley as second VP. Then at the banquet, during the installation of officers, he would pass the gavel of President to Margaret Gouty along with a pocket badge.

Following that, The Board would meet briefly and declare the Presidency vacant whereby, Ted Lowden would become President per the By-Laws. The Board would then fill the slot of 1<sup>st</sup> VP vacated by Ted, with Chief Hungerford and subsequently fill the slot of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP vacated by Charlie, with Chief Les Warrick. The Board concurred on the plan.

Pete Mellits expressed displeasure at the way the situation with Jack Gouty was handled. He stated the President and also the parent organization should have handled the situation and not involved anyone else. He stated that the situation got blown out of proportion and put him in a difficulty situation.

### **IAFC Elections Committee**

The following written report was submitted by Charles Hungerford the EDIAFC representative to the IAFC Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

The committee has been very active, They have numerous email communications from Gioia Albi, the IAFC staff liaison. She does much of the work of the committee. There were three teleconferences and there will be a meeting at FRI in Denver. The two candidates for IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP in 2008 are Jack Parow and Marion Blackwell

Email ballots will be going out around June 1<sup>st</sup> There are 10,557 eligible voters at this time. 9,461 will receive email ballots which is 800 more than last year 1,096 will receive paper ballots. Chief Bradford the chair of the committee and Gioia will travel to SBS, the vote tabulation company to verify the election. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, barring any problems, the votes will be announced.

The committee is very active and if anyone is interested in being on the committee, please let Bill Askenstedt, Ted Lowden or myself know.

### **VCOS:**

Congratulations to the Eastern Division on your 81<sup>st</sup> annual conference. I only wish that I could be with you in York, Pa... Unfortunately the conference conflicts with the VCOS quarterly board meeting. Working with the VCOS has been truly rewarding and I would like to thank the Eastern for their strong support in the past and to let you good folks know that I am up for reelection this year and would appreciate any and all support the division cares to offer. With that being said I will provide a brief review of some of your sections recent activities.

We are in the final stages of releasing the Orange Ribbon Report. This report, written in conjunction with the EMS Section addresses fire based ems service in the volunteer and combination fire service.

We are starting a new report, the Green Ribbon Report, partnering with the HSS section. This report will address health and safety in the volunteer and combination fire service.

The VCOS partnered with ISO to host a symposium titled The ISO and You. This symposium was a tremendous success. So successful in fact, that it will be held again in various parts of the country. Check your VCOS website for upcoming information.

Together with Target Safety we are announcing another round of distance learning grants for the fire service. It will be announced at FRI and will be increased to two million dollars worth of service! It will also most likely be offered to our brothers and sisters in Canada. Again, check for future updates on the website.

We will be assisting the ISFSI in an upcoming seminar on distance learning for the fire service.

As usual we have been working Capitol Hill on behalf of the fire service. Lobbying on your behalf to improve the fire service and protect not only ourselves but the citizens we serve.

As you can see we have been quite busy on your behalf. So enjoy the conference, learn and have some fun.

The Secretary said VCOS is having their Board Meeting in Ohio at the present time. He reported that the Section has grown to 2,600 members and been active legislatively. He also stated that the Section was encouraging EDIAFC members to attend the VCOS conference in Florida in November. Details are on the VCOS web site.

The Secretary stated that Steve Miller from Cabin John Park was the current vice chair of VCOS, but he was up for re-election to the VCOS Board. He suggested that everyone present should campaign to help Steve get re-elected and he requested Board permission to use the web site and email chains to support Steve's campaign

There was a **motion** by Cohan and a second by Showmaker to endorse Steve Miller for a position on the VCOS Board and to allow the Secretary to use the resources of the Division, without cost to the Division, to aid Steve in his bid for re-election. **The motion passed unanimously**

**Fire Service Excellence Award:** No report.

**Fire Rescue GPO:**

The Report was submitted by Chairman Seavey and distributed to the Board via email, prior to the Board Meeting. The report follows;

Greetings Eastern Division Board and General Members, it is an honor to have the opportunity to provide you with a short review of the activities of the Fire Rescue GPO during the past year since our last Conference in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

I was humbled to have been reappointed as the Representative of the Fire Rescue GPO Council by President Stahl and wish to thank him for his confidence in allowing me to serve once again. No sooner had I been reappointed than I was quite busy working with Mr. Forrester with several representatives in Atlanta, Georgia at the Fire Rescue International, several of whom some of you met at our Hospitality Room there.

I believe a couple of the departments immediately set up contracts with Air Gas Products for use of their medical gas product line and accessories at the guaranteed lowest rates available. Mr. Jerry Anderskow, National Sales Manager of Air Gas was extremely helpful with assisting departments in getting their accounts set up for this service. Air Gas is available in virtually all of the Division and the savings have proved to be amazing. Of course, it also provides a return to the Division as well as the State Associations on each purchase.

Speaking of the returns, I believe you will hear at the Conference from Secretary/Treasurer Askenstedt that we are finally seeing the financial return numbers that should indicate success and a willingness to not only continue to participate in the Fire Rescue GPO, but more so we now need to truly market the program to our members through whatever medium possible. Our returns this year have been more than respectable and show that what was said at the program's infancy was, in fact, true. We were told that it would take three to four years to realize the potential of the benefits and it has taken just that!

The FireRescue GPO has just recently added two new contracts which show tremendous potential. First and foremost, MMS, who is a supplier of Emergency Medical Supplies. As a FireRescue GPO Member, you can review the contract by visiting the website at [www.firerescue-gpo.com](http://www.firerescue-gpo.com) and see what is available! MMS is developing their own more user-friendly online ordering website, where preferred Fire Rescue GPO pricing will be listed. There are also a staff of 40 salespersons dedicated to making this new Fire Rescue GPO venture a success for MMS and the Fire Rescue Service.

The other new vendor is Grainger! This is a tremendous contract and is nationwide as well. Grainger, with their new Fire Rescue GPO alliance has expanded their fire rescue offerings to include the fire, rescue and homeland security specialties. With specific Fire Rescue GPO pricing, they are building Type I and II HazMat and Swift Water Rescue Trailers and kits. There will be an entire catalog mailed out to every fire rescue department in the U.S. with great offers for GPO members. We are very excited about this and it is so new that we were even discussing the best way to handle the discounts at the Grainger outlets for our members, in the event that the Store Managers are not familiar with the Fire Rescue GPO Program. *But, Grainger has already scrubbed the FireRescue GPO Subscriber List. So, if you are a Fire Rescue GPO Member, you are already in Grainger's database and can get the GPO pricing right now!* We decided with the Grainger folks that a plastic member card, similar to the one that was issued for Sherwin-Williams would be best. This will also be applicable for personnel purchases, if you are a member of the department that holds a FireRescue GPO membership! Now, that is a benefit most every firefighter will enjoy!

The Turnout Gear RFP is completed and is being released to the Turnout Gear Manufacturers for opportunity to bid and then a contract for that ensemble will be awarded.

There are initial talks with a manufacturer of firefighting boots and station wear shoes and boots for a vendor contract. This is in its infancy, but could prove to be a benefit in short order.

As far as the Council is concerned, members are still quite engaged. All of the Divisions are represented with some having much better attendance on the Conference Calls than others. The strongest Divisions appear to be Great Lakes, Western and Eastern at this point. On that note, I would like to congratulate the Western's representative John Klum on his recent promotion to Fire Chief of the Portland, Oregon Fire Department. He plans to remain on the GPO Council.

The Executive Director of the Fire Rescue GPO, along with the Council have reviewed previous decisions, as it relates to the interaction at the Division level and based upon that review have amended the communications plan. The Fire Rescue GPO will actively seek out and cooperatively market at each Division Conference, rolling out new vendor contracts with vendors present, when possible and with members of the GPO staff available to report and also answer questions from Division Members.

Also available at the Division Conferences will be Educational Classes provided free of charge on topics relating to use of the Fire Rescue GPO or topics that involve issues surrounding purchasing within the fire service. For example, one educational program currently available is instructed by the Corporate Counsel of the Fire Rescue GPO, Bruce Busch. He offers a several hour class on "Piggybacking on Contracts". Now, that is something that many administrators in volunteer fire departments would probably jump at the opportunity to attend.

This past year, the decision was made, due to the lack of dynamic change on a monthly basis to move our Conference Calls to a quarterly schedule. In between these quarterly calls, GPO Project Manager, Crosby Grindle will be contacting and interacting periodically with each of the Council Members from all Divisions.

Generally there was agreement to this arrangement, however, there has been a call by several of the GPO Council Members, myself included, to also go back to having at least one physical work session per year, where the members of the GPO Council are at a meeting location and can work through the issues face to face. We will be trying to find a smidgen of time at the FRI in Denver to have a frank discussion about the future possibility of these types of meetings, as FRI will not be the place to do same!

Finally, I have but one request. I would respectfully request that the Board Members and if present, State Officers go back to your local organizations and get as many as possible to put the Fire Rescue GPO logo up as a link on the Home Page of your website in your State and even ask your member companies to do so as well. We need to enhance our Division Level Communications Plan to increase marketing this worthwhile program. What helps the program, helps us and helps you!

**The Meeting was recessed for a short break**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Board Meeting Expenses**

The Secretary Requested a motion to have the Division cover the following expenses for the Board meeting and Conference; 4 nights lodging, up to 5 days per diem as needed for travel, and travel costs to and from the conference.

There was a **motion** by and a second by to approve expenses as recommended by the Secretary.  
**The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Conference**

Board Members were assigned to facilitate the various technical sessions. Facilitators would introduce the speakers and also present the resolutions for the speakers at the conclusion of the presentations. Board members were also assigned to roles in the Memorial Service. Bob Stahl will be showing the tape from Margaret Gouty and there will be a plaque presented for Father Steger.

Registration is around 100 including speakers and sponsors attending. There are about 30 partners. The Harley Tour has about 75 people going and the ladies trips have about 30 each day. The BBQ is the big event with about 125 attending. There are about 75 attending the banquet. The numbers are a very poor showing.

President Stahl stated that in lieu of gifts to the Board as per tradition, he purchased a brick at the NFFF in the name of the Division Board. He will also pass the gavel to Margaret as part of the ceremony.

### **Resolutions**

The Secretary reported that he had drafted proclamations to recognize the speakers at the May conference when Jon Townley resigned from the C&B Committee and reported he could not do the resolutions. Framed copies of all of the resolutions are available for presentation at the conference. There was a **motion** Watson by and a second by Warrick, to approve the resolutions requested by the President. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **FRI 2008**

The President polled the Board to determine who would be attending. The entire Board signified they would be attending

There was a discussion on having the Board come in early to hold a Board Meeting at FRI. Wednesday was discussed, but several conflicts were found. The Secretary suggested holding a conference call on the prior Sunday. The Board agreed and there will be the option for holding a meeting Wednesday night after the new member reception. The Secretary confirmed with Mark Light that a room in the CC would be available. The decision on holding the Wednesday meeting will be made on the conference call.

Ted Lowden stated everyone should be at the IAFC business sessions.

The Secretary stated all of the info was on the web site and Board Members should register early. He recommended holding the luncheon for 150 people in light of the fact that the luncheon never seems to get more than that

There was a **motion** by Cohan and a second by Watson, to allow the Secretary to negotiate the luncheon with the other Divisions as they had done last year and to book the luncheon for 150 people. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Bernie Chan asked Mark Light to look into hosting a catholic mass at FRI. Mark stated he would try to make that happen

There was a **motion** by and a second by, to maintain our normal arrangement with Russell to run the hospitality room.

The Secretary clarified that the Division normally picks up Russell's room for the four nights in return for his services of running the hospitality room.

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **ICC 2008 Code Hearings**

President Stahl suggested trying to help get our members funding to attend the ICC Code Hearings in September in Minnesota. The information about this can be found at <http://www.ircfiresprinkler.org/2008CodeHearings.htm>.

ICC 2008 Code Hearings The International Code Council will hold two code hearings in 2008, one in February in Palm Springs, California and one in September in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Final Action Hearing in Minneapolis is where residential sprinkler issues will be decided. In Minneapolis, voting governmental members of ICC will have a unique opportunity to change the IRC to require fire sprinklers in new homes, making a historic contribution to fire safety that directly addresses the root of America's fire problem, dwelling fires. If you are a government employee who hopes to one day have a residential sprinkler ordinance in your jurisdiction, the best way to accomplish this goal is to attend the Minneapolis hearing to vote for this change.

The IRC Fire Sprinkler Coalition's residential sprinkler proposal will be on the agenda as Item [RB64-07/08](#). If this item is accepted by ICC's voting governmental members, the residential sprinkler requirement will become a part of the 2009 edition of IRC. As a government employee, YOUR attendance in Minneapolis is critical because, to pass, this recommendation will require support by a two-thirds majority of voting governmental members present at the meeting.

Even if you've never attended an ICC hearing, you will find many federal, state and local officials there who will be happy to assist you in understanding and participating in the process. EVERY vote will be important because a two-thirds majority is a very high hurdle to overcome and because the National Association of Home Builders is orchestrating a major opposition campaign.

If you would like to support this effort, YOU MUST BECOME AN ICC VOTING GOVERNMENTAL MEMBER BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008. [Click here](#) for more information on ICC voting governmental membership, which is required to vote at the hearing.

Larry Grorud stated that the IAFC had been offered money (\$750,000.00) to distribute to its

members to attend the code hearings. IAFC has felt it was unethical to be the conduit for distributing the funds. He said the IAFC did not want to “Buy the Code” He said the IAFC fully supports and is a member of the Sprinkler Coalition, but finds it morally objectionable to pay for votes.

President Stahl stated that the sprinkler coalition was providing travel and two nights lodging and that could be obtained from their web site

Mark Showmaker expressed his difference of opinion with the IAFC Board and said he believed the IAFC should have taken the money to help people attend the code hearings. He said it was an extremely important issue for the fire service.

Larry Grorud stated that the IAFC fully supported sprinklers and the coalition. He said the IAFC is a member of the coalition. Still he felt it was not moral or proper to “buy” code change. He said it was wrong to stoop to the level of other lobbyists in the way they did battle. He referred to the way NFPA 1710 became a financial battle and left everyone with a bad taste.

Mark Light stated the next battle will be in each state to get the states to opt out . Mark said that the IAFC is considering helping by running educational programs to educate local fire officials about working on long term code changes, rather than concentrating on a single vote.

Ted Lowden said he agreed with Mark Showmaker that the IAFC should take the money being offered to create a level field with our opposition, who are using lots of money to fight against sprinklers.

Larry Grorud reiterated the IAFC supports of the coalition, but wants to maintain a higher standard of ethics in the way it does battle.

Bob Stahl stated the NEDIAFC had joined the sprinkler coalition. He suggested that the Eastern should also join the coalition and that the Division should educate our members on how the process works.

Larry stated that you must educate people that IAFC members cannot vote unless they are ICC governmental members authorized by their governing body. Local government members are based on population.

There was significant discussion as to who was eligible to vote at the hearings and about how many agencies did not know how to vote or how many votes they were entitled to in an agency. After numerous questions, there was a clear consensus that no one had a real concise handle on all of the rules and that education was required.

There was a **motion** Showmaker and a second by Watson to draft a resolution to join the sprinkler coalition and to use the Daily Dispatch to email blast members about the requirements and need to vote at the code hearings

Mark Showmaker asked if the ICC Chapter was entitled to voting members. Ron Piester stated

that the Chapter is not entitled to voting members. You must be a governmental voting member.

### **Fire Chief of the Year Award**

The President stated that we were solicited by Fire Chief magazine to put in a nomination for Fire Chief of the Year. He asked Board Members to visit <http://firechief.com/fcoy/> for more information and to look specifically at criteria and nominating organizations. Anyone who has a potential candidate in either the career or volunteer categories should submit that person's name ASAP for consideration.

The Secretary stated that we could also support a nominee from one of our states if they were to put one forward as a state association. No names were brought forward.

**The Board Meeting adjourned** for lunch to be followed by the Five State Summit Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

### **The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.**

#### **IAFC 1st VP Larry Grorud**

1st Vice President Grorud addressed the Board about IAFC Issues. Larry stated that early returns look good for FRI, but there are concerns about the economy. He expects a good show. This will be year two the company officers pre-conference program There will be a less structured partner program. There will still be a luncheon for partners.

Larry and Mark expect to announce a deal for either Washington or Chicago for 2010. Chicago has the lead. They are working on agreements related to union costs. Vendors are attracted to Chicago. This could be the last year for Denver and Dallas looks like it may be dropped after 2015 as they have taken some incentives off the table.

Bob Stahl stated that the Division does not like Dallas and would oppose going back. Mark Light stated that Dallas is the best performing city financially even though vendors and members don't like it.

Larry stated that he realized that members were upset that the IAFC is not accepting coalition money to send member to the code hearings. He added his appreciation of the Division for supporting the coalition and getting the word out

PSOB is an issue IAFC is working on. About 2/3 of the claims have been processed. About 80 were rejected, but many are on appeal. He feels there is significant progress. Larry thought many of the appeals would be successful. He stated that we should be sure to inform our legislators of the importance of the PSOB program

The IAFC is supporting the USFA, which has been re-authorized at \$70 million. That is far above the allocation the President proposed. We must continually push to for funding of the USFA. He thought the attendance at CFSI helped get the act re-authorized

The IAFC is supporting the Fire Act and Safer. The president zero funded Safer, but Congress is likely to fund it. The president proposed only \$350 million for the Fire Act but that will be increased by the Congress.

Mark Light stated there is a lack of Recruitment and Retention applications under the Safer Act. There is fear that recruitment and retention funds may disappear if there are not more applicants. Also, career departments are not getting matching funds and thus not using their authorization

There was discussion that the paperwork for the act is too cumbersome for many volunteer departments.

Al Gillepsie stated NV chiefs received a Recruitment and Retention grant and they are helping small departments in their state.

Ted Lowden stated that there is no matching funds in NJ and that NJ volunteers are finding the program too difficult to manage.

Bob Stahl stated that under the grant guidelines, companies can use part of their grant to pay people to manage their grants, which would make it easier on volunteer departments

Mark Showmaker said some volunteer departments in his area are getting huge grants for RR. Bob Stahl said many of those departments may lose the grants, because they are not filling the grant requirements

Larry Grorud discussed the history of affiliate membership. He said that the IAFC affiliate members are not automatically in their Divisions. He said Divisions must consider attracting their own affiliate members.

The Division will be added to the IAFC affiliate application which would allow affiliate members joining the IAFC to opt to join the Division as well. The Division must manage its own affiliate members, including dues collection if the Division affiliate members do not also opt to join the IAFC as well.

The Secretary asked Larry Grorud if affiliate members, who live in the Division's Boundary, and who join the IAFC, will also become members of the Division. Larry responded that they will have to opt to join the Division when they complete their IAFC application.

Gioia Albi stated that the option to join the EDIAFC will be added to the IAFC application if the Division approves their By-law amendment to establish affiliate membership within the Division. She said three Divisions currently have that option. EDIAFC would be added to the application on the next printing in June.

Gioia confirmed the IAFC would collect the \$10.00 Division dues if the applicant opted to join the Division and they would forward the \$10.00 Division dues to the Division as they do for regular members. IAFC will not handle affiliate members who join the Division, but not the IAFC

Larry stated that we are up to 44 FF fatalities for the year which puts us on pace to reach 140. The IAFC is supporting the seat belt pledge. 25% of FF fatalities relate to vehicles.

The IAFC has been meeting with IAFF on Labor Management initiatives.

The Membership Task Force is nearly created and in place. The Task Force will take a new look at the entire Constitution and By-Laws. One of the things the Task Force will look at is a tiered dues structure. They will look at member categories and dues amounts. Tom LaBelle is one of the members of the Task Force. Ideas are encouraged.

Bob Stahl brought up the two hatter issue, stating that the IAFF is again trying to put exclusionary clauses in labor contracts to prevent volunteering. Larry stated that he thought the IAFF leadership was looking the other way and that the two hatter thing was be raised mostly at the local level.

Larry Grorud said that the Government units may disqualify themselves but permitting language in their contracts that prohibits volunteering. That apparently applies in only about half of the states.

Pete Mellits stated the IAFC should consider refusing to work with and partner with the IAFF if they continue to try to bring about the demise of the volunteer fire service. Larry stated that he did not think that the IAFC would ever take such a stance with the IAFF because it was too important to work together for the mutual benefit.

Mark Light stated the IAFF is not actively pushing on the two hatter issue. He said the good news is that the two hatter clause has been legislated out of collective bargaining agreements.

Larry said he believes that the IAFF leadership is sincere in their assertion that they are not actively trying to destroy volunteering.

### **IAFC Executive Director Mark Light**

Mark Light discussed the development of a Chief in Trouble program and manual that was developed years ago. The IAFC has redeveloped the program and the manual. Mary Beth Michos will over see the program. The program will try to pair up the Chief in trouble with chiefs who have had prior similar experiences.

Mark issued the challenge of developing relationships with the new federal administration in January of 2009. There will be hundreds of positions that the new President will make appointments for in 2009 and he encouraged interested members of the Eastern Division to contact him if they were interested in any particular positions.

Stand down has been changed to Fire and EMS Safety and Health Week. The initiative calls for only one day within the week, not for a whole week of observance

### **IAFC Division Task Force.**

Bill Walton reported that there had been a Division Task Force call in April and that he is attending the meeting to be held in May in Denver Colorado. Les Warrick will also represent the EDIAFC at that meeting.

### **ICC Chapter Training**

President Stahl stated that the Division is entitled to a one day free training seminar as one of the benefits for being an ICC Chapter. Ron Piester from I stated we could apply for two training days because we did not use the day last year.

Bob suggested having the one day event at Evesham Township Fire & Rescue if Chief Lowden was willing to host it. Ted said he would research available dates. The Secretary suggested having it in the fall.

Bob Stated that he and Mark Showmaker would work with ICC on the training day program.

The Secretary suggested charging \$25.00 per person to cover administration and to provide coffee and lunch for the attendees. He also suggested looking into CEU credits for Code officials to make the class more enticing.

It was agreed that Bob Stahl would work with ICC to provide a class outline for the course. The outline would be sent to the states by ICC staff to get CEU credits from the various states. Ted would work on a date for the class and the Secretary would handle registrations. Advertising would be done via email, the Daily Dispatch, and the webs site. State Directors could also market it in their state association publications. ICC would also help with the marketing.

### **ICC Chapter Officers**

President Stahl stated that the Division had to appoint ICC Chapter Officers. The Secretary stated that he felt it would facilitate things if the Chapter Officers would be the same as the Division Officers each year. That would not preclude the Board having a liaison to the ICC that could handle the interaction between the groups.

There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Lowden that the officers of the Division will also serve as the officers of the Chapter. In addition, Robert Stahl will serve as the liaison to the ICC on behalf of the officers. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **ICC Annual Report**

The Secretary reported that he had completed the annual ICC Chapter report and it had already been submitted. President Stahl said he received new paperwork for the same report. It was agreed that the Secretary would resubmit the report with the new officers.

### **ICC IFCC Appointment**

President Stahl stated that the EDIAFC needed to appoint a representative to the ICC

International Fire Code Council. He stated that he presently held that position and that he would be willing to accept another appointment. There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Watson to appoint Bob Stahl to another term as the Division's representative on the ICC IFCC. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Mark Showmaker asked if Chapter Officers were entitled to vote. Ron Piester said they were not. Only governmental members can vote.

Bob Stahl asked if jurisdictions could add extra members if they were entitled to more than they had. Ron said they could and the process was simple and accomplished by calling the ICC office.

The Secretary asked if ICC could provide a document that could be web hosted to educate the fire service and locals on the voting process. There is clearly a consensus on the lack of understanding of the process. Ron will attempt to come up with the required document to suit the needs. When the Division has the document, the Secretary will place it on the web site and notify people through the Daily Dispatch.

Dan Nichols from ICC spoke about the Fire Code Action Committee, which is made up of Eastern and New England members is working very well. Other groups such as electric and building are now considering.

4 members will be needed in the beginning of 2009 to fill our FCAC slots.

### **IAFC Elections**

The following are running:

2008

Chief Marion Fred Blackwell, Jr. (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

Chief Jack Parow (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) We have endorsed Jack and should actively support him.

2009

Chief L. Carl Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

Chief Al Gillespie (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

The Secretary reminded the Board that they had already endorsed Jack Parow as a Board and recommended that a motion be made during the conference for a full Division endorsement.

Chief Parow addressed the Board and thanked them for their endorsement and stated that he would seek the endorsement of the membership during the conference. He stated that 7 Divisions have endorsed him as well as VCOS and the EMS Section. He asked for help in getting out the vote.

Jack stated he was concerned with the future if the Divisions and that the Divisions should be stronger and be doing more for their members. He stated he felt that the Divisions seem to have lost their focus. He felt sections have taken on a lot of what the Divisions used to do.

Jack stated that Divisions should have similar strategic plans, but they do not. He said Eastern and

Missouri Valley have the best plans. He thinks the Division needs to be the link between the IAFC and the states.

Jack stated the IAFC needs to take a firmer position on the two latter issues. He attended the IAFC Strategic Planning Meeting and was not pleased with the laissez faire attitude of the Board in regard to the two latter issue.

Chief Gillepsie addressed the Board and presented his background and platform. He requested the Board's endorsement and stated he too would seek endorsement of the membership during the conference. He discussed his history in the fire service. He is currently Chief in North Las Vegas and President of the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association. He is vice chair of the IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section.

Chief Gillepsie said it was important that the fire service be accountable for the safety of the people on the streets. We need to focus on issues such as the USFA.

Chief Gillepsie said he had the support of his family and his supervisors. He again asked for the Board member's personal support and the groups endorsement.

### **Reports of the State Associations**

**DE** - President Snyder was not present. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Fox was present. DSFCA Past President James Watson reported for Delaware that the State Chiefs had secured about \$5 million in grants for a Marine Firefighting Task Force to protect the Delaware River, the Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. They have bought fireboats and paid for training. They are buying more boats through a port security grant

The next State Chiefs Meeting begins June 26<sup>th</sup> at Slaughter Beach Firehouse.

Delaware is working on a Cancer presumption bill in their legislature. Delaware is going through a financial crunch at the state level

Les Warrick reported that Delaware has experienced a problem with false solicitation of funds allegedly to support injured firefighters. Funds are solicited by phone. The Firemen's Association took out an ad in the paper telling people not to donate.

**MD** - MSFCA Past President Roger Steger reported the Maryland Chiefs met the previous week. They have a new slate of officers which can be found on their web site. A list was distributed.

Maryland recognized Jack Gouty at heir conference and made a presentation to Margaret Gouty.

The State Fireman's convention will be the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, starting with a memorial service on Sunday. The opening is on Monday and the parade is on Wednesday.

**NJ** NJSFCA President Chris Assenheimer was absent. Ken Anderson, a past president of the NJ Chiefs, reported that the state chiefs had cut their meetings back from three per year down to one per year. They have modified their Valor Award to be more reflective of today's safety initiatives. The Chiefs have also started a scholarship program, which does not generate a lot of money, but does get

some publicity and it is successful in helping people.

Ken also reported that the state chiefs are recognizing Eagle Scouts who are either related to a Fire Explorer Post or who are members of a firefighters's family. There have been about 6 recognized so far. A representative of the Association goes to the Scouts Court of Honor and presents a certificate. The Chiefs are also giving a Fire Chief of the Year Award.

New Jersey has established a Fire Chiefs Alliance. This is a coalition of several Chiefs Associations including the State Chiefs, Career Chiefs, and Volunteer Chiefs. The group is slowly coming together. There was a meet and greet date in Trenton assisted by the Fire Service Institute. The Institute was formed in 1992. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Assemblyman Scalera, a former career Deputy Chief from the town of Nutley, who retired and became a volunteer chief, will announce the formation of a New Jersey Fire Service Caucus.

Through the Division of Fire Safety, several things are happening. Instructor certification is being updated, fire officer certification is being implemented, RIT training is being standardized throughout the state, and there are some other good things happening. Some is driven by the State Chiefs and some is being driven by government.

Bernie Cohan stated that the NJ Fire Safety Commission has a seat designated to the IAFC and Bernie has been trying to get that seat filled. Bernie is trying to get Chief Stanley Sicles from Red Bank appointed to that seat.

President Stahl asked about the NJ Department of Community Affairs efforts to mandate sprinklers in high rise buildings over 75 feet and more specifically about the objections voiced in a Resolution by the governing body from the town of Hackensack. Ken Anderson said that the state proposed adopting the retrofit code for sprinklers. He said that the building owners were objecting to the retrofit. He said the fire service needed to voice positive input about the need for the sprinklers.

Bob said that he was stunned by the resolution from Hackensack. Ken said the largest objections were from building owners and tenants associations.

NY Norm Knapp, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, NYSAFC and Executive Director LaBelle attended. Norm Knapp apologized for the recent resignations of two New York Directors on the EDIAFC Board.

Tom LaBelle handed out the most recent copy of "Size Up", the NYSAFC magazine. He stated that the NYSAFC show was coming up June 12, 13 & 14 in Lake George, NY. This coming week is the NYSAFC Public Education Conference and the New York Fire Districts conference is also this coming weekend.

"Size Up" is being done by a new company and has a new format. NY is talking to NJ about joining in the publication of "Size Up".

NYSAFC was glad to see Governor Spitzer leave and feels they will fare better with the new Governor Patterson. Spitzer was bad for the fire service

NYSAFC has started a Leadership Symposium. The symposium will be in upstate NY in September.

Tom Labelle attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CFSI dinners and had not returned until this year. He said he felt that the second and third were very disappointing and that was why he had not returned for so many years. This year he felt it was much improved. Tom said New York holds its own legislative day which is similar to the intent of CFSI. It is an educational event to encourage people to participate in the legislative process.

Tom asked if the EDIAFC had ever considered offering dual membership for the Division and the State Associations. He suggested that the Division pursue discussions on this matter with New York. He said he was happy to see the IAFC making an effort to reach out to the state associations.

President Stahl asked Tom if he had ideas of how the two groups could work together. Tom suggested that New York had speakers. He thought the EDIAFC might benefit from the use of NY speakers. Tom said the nYSAFC did get a commission on their speakers. Tom suggested that another joint venture could be a document base where the state, division and International could share documents that they produce.

Tom LaBelle said that there was another association that was using the materials printed in size up for their own without giving any recognition to the NYS AFC.

NY does a spring and fall training series. They give three hour seminars rather than full day seminars, but they are considering going back to the full day seminars. NY contracts speakers for ten sessions, but asks them to commit the price for up to 15 sessions. They then can offer the other 5 sessions to the counties if they wish to host one of the programs.

Tom stated that administrative burdens were hurting volunteer fire departments more than fire call volume.

Ted Lowden that Tom made some good points about how the States and the Divisions could work together and he felt the EDIAFC needed to reassign itself to that goal in running the five state meetings.

**PA** Pennsylvania had no report. Commissioner Mann was absent.

## **Open Forum**

President Stahl asked Roger Steger to comment about membership issues. Roger stated that the Eastern does not get any funding out of life membership. He said maybe the Division should charge dues for life member to belong to the Division. He thought that might lighten the burden on the Divisions. Gioia Albi stated that the only dues charged to life members at the present time was the \$30.00 fee to subscribe to "On Scene".

Mark Showmaker suggested that the Division do Strategic Planning Meeting with the states and discuss membership and research ways the state could help promote membership. Ted Lowden commented that perhaps a Chiefs Association package might be put together to allow people to join the IAFC, EDIAFC and State Association all at the same time for a single price.

Ken Anderson said it appeared that the Life Member problem was likely more prevalent in the Eastern. Ted Lowden said that Jack Parow had hit the nail on the head. Email and web sites now

allow members to bypass the Divisions and not to need the Divisions. He said that the Divisions needed to think about what their purpose really is. They are no longer middle management or a conduit for communications. They are not political machines that put people in office and they do not represent their members politically. We do not offer products. Therefore, the question remains as to what is the role of the Division. Ted said that the IAFC did not need the Divisions to survive.

Ted Lowden said he was interested to see what the Division and Membership Tasks Forces would come up with. He said the Division needed to know what its roll is in order to set a course to achieve the roll.

Les Warrick stated that he agreed with Ted and that the Division needed to do something to justify its existence. Ken Anderson said that Divisions were originally carved out according to the railroad layout, based on how easy it was to get to conferences. He said the electronic communication has taken away the need for the Division as a communication link between the IAFC and the State.

Ted Lowden stated that the people who join the IAFC get the benefit of membership, but those that don't get the benefit of almost the exact same membership, because we so freely share it and allow access to it. Non-Members have almost the same access to IAFC information as do members.

Bob Stahl said that members and non-members alike get the same benefits of the IAFC lobbying efforts.

Pete Mellits said that there is a lack of knowledge of what the IAFC is and does. He said that some non-members that get the advantage of what the IAFC does may be attracted to join, because they now know what the IAFC is and does.

Larry Grorud said he learned from visiting the Divisions. He said the Divisions provide opportunities to build coalitions and share knowledge. He said there is no specific thing that he could pin point that Divisions do, but that they do have a value.

Ted Lowden said many people fail to grab the opportunities that Larry referred to. He said Larry was not reflective of the average guy in the fire service. Larry said that at least the average guy was getting the opportunity.

Tom Labelle said that the customers that the Division was trying to serve, it was trying to serve down, rather than up. He stated that states going to regional meetings was better than regional leaders going to each state. He said that there was real value to information filtering up, rather than down. He said that Divisions should not try to compete with the IAFC in sending information out. It was more valuable for the EDIAFC to feed information up to the IAFC. Tom LaBelle said that there was a value to the IAFC for the states or Divisions to send them information.

Bill Walton said the Five States meetings made it easy for the states to travel a short distance to

meet and exchange information. Tom answered that people must believe that the Division is the real conduit for information in order to have people want to attend such meetings.

Jack Parow said he did not want to have people leave the meeting feeling badly. He said he supported Divisions and thought they had a value. He said Divisions seem to be recognizing that they needed to reinvent themselves and begin to serve new functions. He said the Divisions should be proud of what they do, continue what they are doing and do some things different.

Ted Lowden said that the information we pass on should be branded with our logo so that people begin to recognize what we do.

Bob Stahl thanked everyone for attending and said that he hoped that some good things would begin to develop from the exchange of ideas that transpired. He called for additional business.

Mark Showmaker said that the welcome reception would be ready to open early at the conclusion of the meeting. He also went over the schedule of events for the conference.

Bill Walton brought up that there is a lot of work that the IAFC put into rectifying the PSOB situation, where claims were not being processed quickly or efficiently and he thanked the IAFC Board and staff for their work.

The meeting was concluded at 4:00 P.M.

**Eastern Membership - Monthly Renewals - 2007**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>District Col.</b>													
New	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
Renew	3	0	0	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	5	1	19
Total	3	2	0	0	5	4	4	2	0	0	5	1	26
<b>Delaware</b>													
New	1	7	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	14
Renew	5	8	4	4	4	6	5	2	0	4	3	1	46
Total	6	15	6	5	4	6	5	4	0	5	3	1	60
<b>Maryland</b>													0
New	5	2	5	1	7	6	1	6	2	2	4	1	42
Renew	16	21	17	12	14	13	24	18	10	7	9	14	175
Total	21	23	22	13	21	19	25	24	12	9	13	15	217
<b>New Jersey</b>													0
New	4	4	7	4	3	7	3	3	2	3	1	3	44
Renew	22	31	37	40	31	27	25	25	16	34	26	34	348
Total	26	35	44	44	34	34	28	28	18	37	27	37	392
<b>New York</b>													0
New	19	10	5	11	8	4	2	2	4	2	9	2	78
Renew	100	99	90	87	61	52	50	38	30	36	42	48	733
Total	119	109	95	98	69	56	52	40	34	38	51	50	811
<b>Pennsylvania</b>													0
New	3	6	3	3	4	2	3	8	3	1	1	2	39
Renew	32	40	33	42	16	28	15	21	23	15	18	22	305
Total	35	46	36	45	20	30	18	29	26	16	19	24	344
Other													0
<b>Grand Total</b>	210	230	203	205	153	149	132	127	90	105	118	128	1850

Month	Active	Associate	Prospective	Department	Total	Trial
January	177	31		2	210	
February	180	45		5	230	
March	164	34		5	203	
April	165	35		5	205	
May	112	36		5	153	
June	113	32		4	149	
July	105	23		4	132	
August	107	19		1	127	
September	76	11		3	90	
October	91	13		1	105	
November	101	16		1	118	
December	109	17		2	128	
Total	1500	312	0	38	1850	0

Membership Financial Justification Year 2007

Month	Paid	Misc.	Total
January	210		\$4,200.00
February	230		\$4,600.00
March	203	(\$40.00)	\$4,020.00
April	205	\$110.00	\$4,210.00
May	153	\$5.00	\$3,065.00
June	149		\$2,980.00
July	132		\$2,640.00
August	127		\$2,540.00
September	90		\$1,800.00
October	105		\$2,100.00
November	118	(\$40.00)	\$2,320.00
December	128	(\$40.00)	\$2,520.00
Prior Yr.	643	(\$40.00)	\$12,820.00
Current Yr.	1079	\$35.00	\$21,655.00
Total	1850	(\$5.00)	\$36,995.00

March: Minus \$40.00 refunded over payments of prior month  
 April: Plus \$20.00 for NJ member who paid prior year past due. \$90.00 unexplained addition.  
 May: Plus \$40.00 from NY member for 2 years arrears. Minus \$20.00 for SE member given to us in error. Minus \$10.00 short from NY and Minus \$5.00 short in NJ.  
 Nov: One Member given \$40.00 credit.  
 Dec: One Member given \$40.00 credit



Month	Active	Associate	Prospective	Department	Total	Trial
January	190	39		5	234	
February	158	37		5	200	
March	127	38		6	171	
April					0	
May					0	
June					0	
July					0	
August					0	
September					0	
October					0	
November					0	
December					0	
Total	475	114	0	16	605	0

Membership Financial Justification Year 2008

Month	Paid	Misc.	Total
January	234		\$4,680.00
February	200	\$10.00	\$4,010.00
March	171	\$5.00	\$3,425.00
April			\$0.00
May			\$0.00
June			\$0.00
July			\$0.00
August			\$0.00
September			\$0.00
October			\$0.00
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
Prior Yr.	605	\$15.00	\$12,115.00
Current Yr.	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	605	\$15.00	\$12,115.00

Feb: \$10.00 past due paid by a PA member.

Mar: \$5.00 past due paid by NJ Member

**EDIAFC - PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2008-09**

Category	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	\$38,000.00
Interest	\$800.00
Conference Sponsors	\$15,000.00
Conference registrations	\$12,000.00
Award Sponsorships	\$1,500.00
FRI Sponsors	\$500.00
GPO Income	\$6,000.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00
Total	\$73,800.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Audit Expenses	\$100.00
Officer's Expenses	\$27,000.00
President's Expenses	\$2,500.00
Sec/Tres Expenses	\$700.00
Office Expenses	\$1,000.00
Awards	\$800.00
Sec/Tres Remuneration	\$5,000.00
Information Management	\$500.00
Conference Expenses (Will include 2008 conference and 2009)	\$22,000.00
IAFC FRI Breakfast and Hospitality Room	\$8,500.00
Past President's On Scene	\$300.00
Fire GPO Disbursements	\$2,500.00
Misc. Expenses	\$200.00
Committee Chair Expenses	\$1,200.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00
Total	\$73,800.00