

Saturday, August 23, 2003
Dallas, Texas

Meeting called to order by President Wayne Tettermer at 8:00 A.M..

There was a moment of silence for Fallen Firefighters.

Roll Call:

President	Wayne Tettermer	Present
1 st Vice President	James Seavey, Sr.	Present
2 nd Vice President	Bernie Cohan	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	William Askenstedt	Present
International Director	William Walton, Jr.	Present
Past President	Laurence C. Vaughan	Absent
MD Director	Jack Gouty	Present
NJ Director	Ted Lowden	Present
NY Director	Michael Chiaramonte	Present
PA Director	Robert Stahl	Present
DE Director	Charles Boyer	Absent

Guests:

Past Presidents: Granados, Townley

IAFC Officers: Julian Taliaferro IAFC Treasurer

IAFC Staff: Garry Briese

Committee Chairs: Ken Anderson - C&B, Mark Showmaker - Volunteer Committee. Les Warrick - Memorial Committee

Guests: Dan Lane - ICC, James Watson - Delaware, Ken Pienkowski, George Maney, Tom Labelle, Dan Gaumont, Jim King, & Walt Schoomaker - NYSAFC, Mike Walker & Jeniffer Paxton - Nextel, Dave Fike - 1st Bankers, Alex Bornstein - Fire GPO, Chief Rick Burch - Roanoke, VA.

Motion was made by Cohan and seconded by Gouty, that the minutes of the April 12, 2003, EDIAFC Board of Directors meeting be approved as distributed. **Passed Unanimously.**

Motion was made by Cohan and seconded by Gouty, that the minutes of the June, 2002, EDIAFC Conference be approved as distributed. **Passed Unanimously.**

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Tettermer

Thanked the BOD for their help during his term and presented a gift to members of the BOD.

1st Vice President Seavey

Chief Seavey presented the report of the International Director, who was not present, on the events of the IAFC Board Meeting of August 19 & 20. He commented on the fact that President Brugman had high praise for the Eastern Division's changes in becoming a team player. The report contained the following;

1. A power point presentation was given on what the IAFC is and does. Chief Seavey said the presentation was excellent and expounded on what the IAFC does for members.
2. The IAFC has completed an alcohol in the fire service policy.
3. The IAFC has hired a development and grants manager.
4. The IAFC and IAFF Human Relations Committees held a joint meeting.
5. The IAFC web site is getting 25,000 hits per month
6. The "On Scene" will now have 6 full color additions each year.
7. For the first time ever, the IAFC made 15 visits to the White House in one year.
8. The IAFC received \$650,000.00 in Federal grants.
9. The IAFC formed a Public Safety Preparedness Coalition with the Int'l. Assoc. of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs Association.
10. Mike Brown is doing a presentation to ICMA this month.
11. The Energizer Bunny relationship is being reviewed.
12. Steve Westermann is chairing a movement for a firefighters monument in Washington, DC.
13. There is a web site where the two hatter issue in Canada is reported on. Jim distributed the web site URL to those present.
14. Ernie Mitchell was invited to the IAFF's Human Relations Conference.
15. The IAFC Board believes we are losing ground in the federal funding area. Garry Briese believes the State Fire Chiefs Associations need to hire full time staff to deal with the issue at the state level. Garry said the associations should make this their top priority.
16. Julian Taliaferro presented a financial report to the IAFC BOD
17. Chief Fincher read a prepared statement from the Metro Chiefs to the IAFC Board stating, the Metro Chiefs anger at the Fire Chief Magazine Editorial on their conferences. The Metro Chiefs will not respond to the editorial. The Metro Chiefs are not going to subscribe to the magazine.
18. The IAFC Professional Development Committee has developed a Chief Officer Handbook. The IAFC Board approved the draft.
19. The CFOD short form application will expire on December 31st.
20. The Public Safety Officer Death Benefit is being amended in Congress to include heart attacks and strokes.
21. There was signing ceremony with Dave Paulison and Randy Brugman and the White House liaison to Citizen Corp. Citizen Corp has been very involved with the Police and not with the Fire Service. Wayne Powell has initiated the connection for the fire service which needs to be pursued.
22. UL Labs gave a presentation to the IAFC BOD on what UL Labs can do for the IAFC. They want a closer relation and will invite Divisions to tour their facility, They have training opportunities available.
23. Chief Sinclair gave a presentation on behalf of the EMS Section. The major item was that the IAFF had developed EMS performance standards for the fire service.
24. John Eversole gave a report on the "White Substance Response Procedures" which is now being reviewed by the White House to see how it fits with Federal response guidelines. The committee has taken the position that they want railroad placards in place until there is an alternative method to inform firefighters of rail car contents in an emergency. The committee is working on a certification process for equipment used in response to WMD.
25. Ron Siarnicki reported on the NFFF Memorial Weekend. He has asked the state directors of Eastern to try to get their states to send apparatus and uniform personnel to the ceremony. The date for the parade is Sunday, October 5. The President may be attending.
26. Bill Walton expressed a concern about the Career Fire Chief of the Year and the Volunteer Chief of the Year. The career chief got excellent coverage and the volunteer chief had no picture due to lack of space. Walton asked the IAFC BOD to send a letter of dissatisfaction. The Board chose to appoint a committee to meet with the Editor.
27. The IAFC BOD passed a policy statement barring interior structural firefighting by individuals not trained to the minimum of Firefighter 1 standards.

Chief Seavey also reported the City of Hartford Conn. signed a union contract which prohibits union members from being volunteer firefighters in other jurisdictions. They sited excess workers compensation issues as the reason for the ban on volunteering. The contract has caused great protests. Neighboring communities that were affected were never told what was being

negotiated. The ban starts in 2008. The VCOS and NVFC both wrote protests to the Mayor of Hartford. The surrounding towns have also protested the contract. Terry Thompson from MD wrote an opposing editorial.

Mike Chiaramonte commented on the beneficial potentials of using Citizen Corp volunteers. He added that the Police have utilized them for years. Chief Seavey said there were also funds that could be tapped from Citizen Corp. Chiaramonte defended Dave Paulison's roll in getting the IAFC in touch with Citizen Corp. He said that Citizen Corp did not understand the Fire Service and it's bureaucracy.

Chief Seavey repeated his entire report following the report of the Secretary Treasurer for the benefit of those who were late to the meeting.

2nd Vice President Cohan

See attached Report. May have another sponsor for the breakfast.

Past President Vaughan

Absent. Chief Vaughan did submit a final written report which arrived after the meeting but which is attached for the Board's review.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer reported on the improving financial health of the Division and on new revenue sources from sponsorships. The Treasurer indicated that the final report for 2002-03 was in the April minutes along with the adopted budget for 2002-03. The YTD report for 2003-04 was distributed along with the 2002-03 audit report from Jon Townley.

The Treasurer reported on the need to eliminate the conference fund and volunteer fund by passing the proposed Resolution at the conference on Sunday.

A Motion was made by Cohan and seconded by Gouty that, the Treasurers Report and the Audit Report be approved as distributed. **Passed Unanimously.**

Secretary Report

Membership: See attached Report: The Secretary highlighted the report and made note that paid membership is down from last year. IAFC Membership numbers are much higher than ours because they count all members up to three months in arrears. Our numbers reflect the actual number of members who paid dues each month. IAFC membership is slightly down.

Correspondence:

The following letters were sent:

1. State Chiefs requesting they attend a July 19, 2003 meeting.
2. Chief Killen announcing our endorsement of his candidacy for IAFC 2nd VP
3. Letter to John Eversole regarding our position on railroad placards.
4. White House and Congress on "two hatter" issue.

The following were received:

1. Replies from all five member state chiefs associations promising to attend July 19th.
2. A letter from John Eversole acknowledging our concerns on railcar placards.
3. The White response to the two hatter issue referring our letter to the DOL.
4. Alex Bornstein of Western Fire GPO inviting the Division to join the GPO.
5. Email from Dave Bibber requesting our endorsement to represent us on an ICC Comm.
6. A letter from the DSFCA endorsing Chief James Watson for DE Director
7. A letter from the Wilmington Manor VFC endorsing Chief James Watson for DE Director
8. A letter from NYSAFC endorsing Kenneth Pienkowski for NY Director
9. A Letter from NYSAFC offering to host the annual Eastern Conference in conjunction with their conference.

Update on FRI Dallas Events

Hospitality Room is here and open.

EDIAFC Conference is tomorrow at 8 AM The agenda is very tight. Keep comments and reports brief.

Mass is tonight at 5 PM

Update on FRI New Orleans

The Secretary selected the New Orleans Sheraton as the Division Hotel for the New Orleans FRI Conference. We have 325 rooms blocked until May 31, 2003, plus 20 VIP rooms. Rates for FRI New Orleans are around \$150 single and \$150 double. These are approximate, contracts are not yet done. The Secretary stated that rooms could not be grouped within the hotel.

FRI 2004 Schedule: The new conference format has the IAFC BOD Mtg. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The opening session and workshops begin on Thursday. Division Breakfasts will be Friday morning followed by exhibits and workshops. Saturday will be for sunrise seminars followed by a full day of unopposed exhibits, no workshops. Saturday night is the Dinner and Sunday morning will be the closing general session. There will be significantly fewer programs and 2 days of exhibits instead of 3. Options for our meeting will be Friday morning or coming in a day early. It was decided to defer any decision until a later date.

Division Secretary's Meeting: The Division Secretary's next meeting will be March 19, 2004. Gillian from Member Services presented the adopted guidelines for affiliate members (see attached). The IAFC Leadership Summit will be October 17 & 18, 2003 in Washington, DC.. EDIAFC BOD Members should make their own hotel and travel arrangements. The secretary will pay the registration fees for all members. He will also arrange to pay the hotel stay for the Board upon check out.

The Secretary reported on Eastern activities during the Division reports. Five Divisions have joined the GPO. All have insurance. There are problems between the Canadian Division and the IAFC over membership costs. The Canadian Division gets less services and wants reduced dues. They would like to pay in Canadian currency. Garry Briese and the CEO of the CAFC are working on a resolution.

There was a discussion on the affiliate member guidelines. There will be discounted conference rates for affiliates but the discount would be less than a regular member's discount. The \$50.00 dues was viewed as high by some Board members. It was acknowledged that the IAFC was using the rate to generate added revenue. The Secretary stated that some Divisions may not start affiliate membership because they thought the price would discourage people from joining. He also stated that the IAFC had no plans start their own affiliate groups. He suggested that sections may be successful in bringing in affiliates and sited the F&LSS as a possibility because of a specific interest from Fire Marshals. Chief Lowden supported trying affiliates at the \$50.00 rate.

International Director William Walton

Bill's report was presented previously by Chief Seavey. Chief Walton reported that the issue with Janet Wilmont over the Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year had been resolved. That there had been some bad judgement and poor editorial decisions for which she apologized. The situation will be corrected in a future issue of the magazine. Mike Chiaramonte explained the nomination process for Fire Chief of the Year to the BOD.

Delaware Director Charles Boyer

Absent - No Report

Maryland Director - Jack Gouty

See attached Report

New Jersey Director Ted Lowden

Ted reported that he was working on Membership and that he hosted two Strategic Planning Meetings in Evesham.

New York Director Michael Chiaramonte

See attached Report

Pennsylvania Director - Robert Stahl

See attached Report

Past Presidents:

No Reports

Guests:

IAFC Executive Director Garry Briese: Garry reported principally on the importance of the state chiefs hiring staff to lock into the state Office of Homeland Security because that is where the money will go once the Federal funding switch to ODP occurs. Garry stated he thought the Fire Act, as it stands, is lost. He is hopeful that the peer review process will survive. In 2005, he expects that it will shift to a state grant formula. The fire service must set up a process in each state for how the money will be distributed in their states. Otherwise the distribution will become political rather than practical.

Garry stated that Senator Kerry decided not to come to FRI because the IAFC does not endorse candidates. The IAFF is normally partisan, but they have begun to support Republicans who back their causes. The IAFF has better access to politicians because they are political. Garry has told the IAFC Board that they must work at the state level. The states must have state mutual aid plans and statewide ICS. If the Fire service does not develop these structures, they will be told to do it by the Justice side, which means it will have a law enforcement structure.

Garry Briese said that Al Gore was very well versed in the fire service which certainly comes from IAFF input.

Ted Lowden explained that the Eastern is trying to coordinate a state structure within our states.

Garry stated that the states must re-evaluate everything they are doing and put every effort to hiring full time staff to develop structures in their states. Ted Lowden stated that the states also need to focus on rapid consensus reaching. Garry stated the Emergency Management coordinators have been subverted and they must now deal with Homeland Security Directors. Garry believes the next three years are critical. States must have full time staff no matter what it takes to obtain it. FEMA now has FPOs which are assigned to evaluate the political ramifications of incident action.

Ted Lowden questioned how the Federal Government funds police oriented activities at the local level but not fire activities. Garry answered that there are many Federal level law enforcement organizations but no real fire organizations. He urged Tom LaBelle to direct the NYSAFC in working with state government at the expense of other programs. Garry stated that President Bush asked why he should help the fire service based on their support of Al Gore. Bush attached the IAFF position to the entire fire service. Tom LaBelle related that NY not only speaks with legislators but also with party chairman.

Ted Lowden emphasized standardizing our logos for recognition. Ted Lowden also asked about email data and urged the IAFC to develop speedy communications mechanisms. He also asked Garry Briese about having the IAFC host Division Web Sites. Garry replied that it was difficult under the prior set up but, that the IAFC is working toward having the ability to do that. It may be possible soon.

Chief Seavey asked about the Canadian Division status. Garry answered that the Canadian Division has about 130 members. There is a proposal to have the CAFC merge with the Division. The issue is on hold over money issues. The Canadian Division wants to have a combined dues for both the Association and the Division. They also want a lower rate from the IAFC and want to pay in Canadian dollars. Garry is meeting with them here at FRI.

Mike Chiaramonte discussed the Division's problem with the \$50.00 rate imposed by the IAFC for Affiliate Members. Garry argued that it was greatly reduced from Regular Member dues and necessary. He stated that the Division did not have to charge dues and should look at affiliates as a way to grow. That the Division should not look at affiliates as revenue source. The Secretary asked why the IAFC did not do that. Garry responded that the IAFC did not have the financial situation to do so. Ted Lowden stated that he was okay with the \$50.00 and understood that it was a revenue source for the IAFC.

Bill Walton raised the issue of rumored problems with FRIs in New Orleans and Denver. Garry stated that Denver will be ready for FRI in 2005. The Convention Center will be complete. One hotel will not but, there will still be ample hotel space. The new hotel will be open for 2008. New Orleans was moved up because of convention center scheduling. Dallas in 2006 will be in September because Mary Kay Products has booked the Convention Center for the entire month of August. Garry also explained the new conference pattern. (See attached conference chart).

Jim Seavey asked about the new hotel policy requiring full conference registration. Garry stated that the AARF group did not make their room block quota and received a bill for \$39,000.00. IAFC made their room count although they did not fill it. Garry stated a lot of people did not want to return to Dallas.

Bob Stahl said the CFSI Dinner was very good for the Fire Service. He suggested that the IAFC consider staging similar events in DC. Garry stated that incoming President DiPaoli was very aggressive politically.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial Service Committee - Les Warrick This report was given after Chief Taliaferro's report and prior to the President's report to accommodate Les' schedule. Les reported that the Memorial Service preparations were completed. He distributed a copy of the program. Father Steger is prepared for his roll. The BOD agreed that the President would handle the ringing of the bell. Chief Cohan would read the names. Chief Seavey will do the introduction. It was agreed that there would be 3 sets of 5 bells prior to the roll and one bell after each name. The BOD thanked Les for a good job.

Constitution and By-laws - Ken Anderson

See Attached Report.

Ken stated that Dallas Hartman was asking not to be reappointed as the At Large Director on the IAFC C&B Committee. Ken was asked to read the proposed amendments and resolutions at the conference. Ken suggested that he simply read the summaries. It was agreed to do so. There was a discussion of a replacement of the At Large Member to fill the vacancy which would result from Dallas Hartman resigning.

Valor Report - Director Gouty

Chief Gouty announced the winner of this year's Valor Award to be Captain Bruce Hornecker from Millburn, New Jersey. The presentation will be at 4 PM on September 11th at the NJSAFC meeting

The secretary noted we had received \$500.00 in support from VFIS this year and Millburn FD will be presented with a check for \$2,500.00 by President John Hill from First Bankers. Runner ups were from NY and DE. The Secretary asked all of the state directors to solicit nominees from their states next year.

Volunteer Committee - Mark Showmaker

See Attached Report.

VCOS - Mike Chiaramonte

Mike Chiaramonte reported that the VCOS election was held. They are doing a lot of educational programs and have signed on with the Citizen Corps.

OLD BUSINESS

Eastern Division Strategic Planning: Bernie Cohan, Ted Lowden & Bill Walton

Job Descriptions for Officers for 2003 Conference - Some work by Bernie

Mission Statement for 2003 conference - Some work by Ted Lowden

Mike Chiaramonte suggested putting time dimensions on these tasks. The Secretary stated that there were time dimensions set last year and those have passed. Ted Lowden stated our mission should include being a pipeline for information between the states and the IAFC. He stressed support of the parent association. A lengthy discussion ensued relative to supporting the IAFC and the development of pro-active approaches. Mike Chiaramonte stated that the Eastern had to reach out more to career chiefs as well as volunteers. Ted Lowden stressed that the Strategic Plan needs to be short, simple and concise and did not need to be very complex.

Fire GPO - Alex Bornstein

The Secretary introduced Alex Bornstein, Executive Director of the Fire GPO. Bill stated that the Eastern has officially signed contracts to join the GPO. He stated that Alex had been invited so the BOD could meet him and that in turn, Alex could explain where we go from here and how eastern vendors could be added to the GPO.

Alex Stated that our membership list is being added to the GPO data base. Then a letter will go out to all of our members introducing the GPO and containing a log in and pass word that will allow the members to begin accessing the contracts. The letter will go out next week. A CD with the contract info on it will go out in about three weeks.

Alex stated that they were getting very positive feed back from people that they are seeing at their booth at the conference. There are presently 80 active national contracts and the number is growing. Buyers will still deal with local and regional distributors. The local vendor will simply use the GPO negotiated pricing. The GPO only wants to deal reputable vendors. The GPO is partnered with Amerinet which achieves greater purchasing volume and greater discounting.

Chief Gouty asked what the funding breakdown was. Alex explained that it was a 5 way breakdown. 20% goes to the WFCMA for admin costs, 20% goes to Klackamas Fire District which pays Alex., 20 % goes to the IAFC and 40% goes to the Division which can opt to share 20% with the State Chiefs Associations (which Eastern did). The Division's obligation is to generate support of the GPO.

Access to the GPO contracts is available on line, on the CD catalog, by calling the vendor or by calling Alex. Local sales people are aware of the contracts. Ted Lowden stated he thought that the program was great. He asked how problems are dealt with when there is a dispute between the buyer and seller. Alex stated that they wanted to know about bad experiences and that they would also become involved in the resolution. He stated that the GPO's buying power gave them leverage in resolving problems. He stressed that buyer feedback was important. He also wants to know if buyers find better pricing elsewhere.

Alex invited the BOD to stop at the GPO Booth and encouraged the Board to send members. The Secretary added that one of the GPO vendors, Lighthouse Uniforms, is donating \$5 for each uniform sold to GPO members, to the IAFC Foundation. That could be a significant amount of money. Alex also stated that Amerinet will be donating \$5,000.00 to the IAFCF at tonight's reception.

First Bankers - Dave Fike

Dave Fike from First Bankers asked to address the BOD for three reasons.

First, they will give a donation check to the Fire department of this year's Valor Award as promised. This year the check will be in the amount of \$2,500.00. Second, The recipient will also receive a plaque for himself personally. And third, the winner's Fire department will also receive a plaque for the station.

In return for their sponsorship, First Bankers is asking the BOD for permission to use the Eastern Logo for any publication related to the Valor Award. Dave also asked for mailing rosters from the five state associations within the Eastern Division to use in mailing information about the award. All correspondence using the logo or mailing lists would be subject to approval by the Eastern Division prior to mailing.

Chief Seavey thanked First Bankers for adding the plaques to their sponsorship. Dave added that First Bankers also does 10 fire service scholarships each year.

Nextel - Mike Walker and Jennifer Paxton

Mike Walker thanked the BOD for allowing him to speak at the meeting. Mike stated he had worked with several members of the BOD at the NFFF Memorial Weekend in Washington DC.

Mike stated that Nextel was concerned with the concept of inter-operability within the emergency services. He felt it went along the lines of ICS management. Nextel believes they are a key roll player.

He stated that Nextel is well entrenched in the fire service. He said they offered many options in linking systems that did not previously exist.

Mike discussed the interference that exists between Nextels and 800 MHz radios. Nextel acknowledges that they are part of the problem with the 800 band and that they are working to fix the problem. There is a Project Consensus Group working together. The group includes the IAFC, major law enforcement agencies, Nextel and others. Nextel believes that their plan should be adopted and it has been endorsed by the IAFC. The FCC decision is pending.

Bill Walton asked about frequency reallocation. Mike Walker responded that the frequencies being offered are occupied and his best estimate was that the new frequencies would not be available to 2006.

Mike distributed a handout on Nextel's Public Safety Partnership. (See attached handout). Nextel will be offering a higher level of care to Public Safety Customer's. There is an 800 number that PS users can call to sign up. The partnership offers discounts and priority connect service to PS users. There is a three month retroactive credit available for the discount. Nextel is now offering Internet and data access through their equipment. It also integrates with Outlook to deliver Email. Mike distributed business cards for anyone wanting further information.

Mike Walker explained the nationwide direct connect options and said there were different unlimited plans available. Nextel also has 24/7 emergency service available for PS users.

Web Site

Being worked on by Bill Askenstedt and Mike Chiaramonte. Bill Askenstedt presented an email that showed the proposed structure of the new web site as well as the contract costs to establish it. He stated that input was needed from everyone. Although the structure has been created, materials and information were needed to fill it. Some Board members have sent bios, others are still needed. Committee information was requested from each committee.

Mike Chiaramonte asked about a secure site. Bill stated it was being developed and that decisions related to who would have access needed to be made. A Mission Statement is still needed.. The Conference Page needs to be re-done after FRI. The Newsletters are on the site. The links page has a section for each state and the state directors were asked to review their state links to see if anything should be added or edited.

The email chain is being established. All of the states were asked for their conference schedules, Lists of their BODs with contact info for each, and a list of three people who would serve as their email connections. Some states have responded with all of the info, others have not. PA has not responded at all. NY and DE are complete. MD and NJ are partial. PDF input for the web site is preferred but other formats can be used.

IAFC/IAFF Two Hatter Issue: Discussed under 1st VP's Report

Shirts: Chief Gouty had volunteered to look into Division shirts through his spouse. Deferred to a later date.

Logo: Nothing further from IAFC. Bill Askenstedt explained that Gail Walters had promised to send us some prototypes but never did. He explained she was leaving the IAFC which may have been the reason. Ted Lowden stated he believed the Division should adopt the IAFC logo. Jim Seavey concurred and suggested that he would move the adoption of a new logo under new business. The new logo to use the IAFC logo with a banner above saying "Eastern Division"

State Chiefs Meeting: The meeting was held in Evesham, NJ on July 19, 2003. It was hosted by Chief Ted Lowden and Evesham Fire Rescue. The meeting began with a presentation given By Bill Askenstedt and developed with the IAFC staff. The presentation provided an overview for all attendees of the IAFC structure, mission and accomplishments. This was followed by presentations from each of the 5 states which provided an overview of each state association including; size, structure, membership, officers, staff, goals and major accomplishments. Following the presentation, Ken Anderson served as moderator for a round table discussion of current issues.

From the discussions several action items were discussed and approved. These included;

1. The States will take a larger roll in the selection of the IAFC State Directors. Initially the Associations will submit a nominee endorsed by the State Fire Chiefs Association. Over the next two years, the states and the EDIAFC will look to develop By-Law changes which will lead to the State Directors being elected by the states at their conferences by a special ballot of the IAFC members present. The states will also consider By Law changes that would make the IAFC State Director from each state an official position on the state's Board of Directors.
2. The EDIAFC and the 5 State Associations will establish a joint email alert system. The system will be used to forward information from the IAFC and the EDIAFC to the states who will in turn use their email systems to reach their members. The EDIAFC will also serve as a clearing house for email alerts between the 5 states.
3. The EDIAFC and the 5 states will jointly develop a member access web site. The site will contain an access point for the EDIAFC BOD and State Association Officers for sharing critical and or sensitive information.
4. The EDIAFC and the States will work together to promote each others conferences and to bring the EDIAFC back to the Division.

The meeting concluded with a presentation on the WFCFA Fire GPO program. Chief Askenstedt announced that the EDIAFC had reached an agreement with the Western Fire Chiefs Association to join the GPO and explained the benefits available for EDIAFC members who participate. Following the presentation the 5 states voted to endorse the participation in the GPO. All of the states expressed enthusiasm with Fire GPO involvement.

Chief Seavey questioned the secure page of the web site and who could access it. He suggested that only the Presidents should be able to authorize posting info on the secure page. The Secretary will post the information. Mike Chiaramonte discussed the need for the site to be monitored regularly to keep the site current. The Secretary stated that content was the key for the site and required everyone's input. He pointed to the committee page as an example of where input was needed.

Chief Seavey stated he was looking at streamlining the committees and reviewing our appointees to IAFC Committees. The Secretary said there was a current event page where members of IAFC Committees could post current info.

Chief Seavey suggested that there was a need to select a date for the next meeting between the Board and the State Associations and that the states should come prepared to discuss the concept of how they could have greater input into the selection of their State Directors. Jim stated that he knew By-law changes needed to effect any change in the selection process for Directors but that he wanted the process to move forward.

Board Meeting Per Diem: The Secretary reminded the Board that they had approved per diem as follows; airfare, air transfers, normal daily per diem and 3 nights hotel or 4 nights hotel for Board members who attend the banquet. The Board also approved the same per diem for Ken Anderson for his efforts on the IAFC and EDIAFC C&B Committees. The treasurer reminded the Board that the only comment on the Audit Report was that excessive time was given to turn in expenses for officers. Officers were asked to be prompt in submitting their expenses. It was confirmed that receipts were not required for meals. The Secretary reported that the Eastern

Division Officer's Handbook is available on the web site. Chief Seavey complimented the Secretary on the Web Site progress. The Secretary confirmed that the site designer has been excellent to work with.

Plaque for Ernie Day: The Secretary reported that the plaque was now in his possession from Bill Walton last week. He had spoken to Chief Brenner from Atlantic City, NJ who had promised he would attempt to get Ernie to the NJSAFC Meeting on September 11, 2003 where the plaque could be presented.

SPM Discussion: Previously discussed earlier in the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

FRI 2004: In 2003 it was required that you be full conference registered to get into the IAFC room block. In 2004, this practice will continue and you will also need to be registered to use the shuttle bus service. Badges will indicate whether you have access to the shuttle. The 2003 badges actually tested this concept but the drivers were told not to deny access to the buses this year. Next year it is intended to be enforced.

The Secretary reported that the Eastern Division lost about 100 rooms in their block this year, in part at least, due to the registration requirement. There are many Eastern members who do not register and simply by expo passes. Others bring family and want more than 1 room. Rooms were limited to one room per registration. The IAFC intent was to get more people to register. The Secretary reported that it seemed to have back fired because many people went outside of the IAFC room block. At the last minute, the Anatole was undersold and the IAFC opened it up to anyone just to fill their commitment and avoid contract penalties.

The secretary explained that the IAFC room rate adds some dollars to cover shuttle buses. This rate also covers some of the comp rooms and hospitality rooms given to the Divisions. In effect, the members pay a higher room rate than the IAFC is charged by the hotel to cover the free buses and rooms. Members have claimed in some cases that they can get equal or better rates over the Internet in the same hotel. This is because the IAFC rates have the extras added in.

There were several questions of clarification about bus access for FRI 2004. Roger Steger suggested that the IAFC explain that the extras are in the hotel rates so members would understand. The Secretary explained that people staying in non-IAFC hotels were walking to IAFC hotels to use the shuttles while not helping to share the costs of the shuttle.

Citizens Corp Partnership: The Secretary reported that the IAFC Foundation was looking into partnering with the Citizen Corp. to produce a Spanish language fire prevention publication. Other potential partners in the project were Anheiser Busch and the Jaycees.

IAFC Foundation: Bill Askenstedt reported on the Foundation as a member of the IAFCF BOD. Assets are about \$750,000.00. There will many vendors attending a fund raiser tonight. There will be \$5,000.00 pledge made by Amerinet at the reception along with some other pledges.

The Foundation is looking into partnering with the IAFC Professional Development Committee to publish the Officer Development Handbook and provide it to IAFC members. The Foundation distributed \$19,250.00 in scholarships this year. Lighthouse Uniforms has pledged \$5.00 per uniform to the IAFCF from every uniform sale made through the Fire GPO.

Garry Briese has offered the IAFCF space at IAFCHQ. He has also offered to manage the IAFCF staff under the IAFC payroll and benefits structure. Garry also suggested that he had some resumes of people who may be qualified for the full time IAFCF staff position, if that position is approved by the IAFCF BOD. Currently, Sue Hawkins is the IAFCF Executive Director and she works on a part time basis. She has submitted her resignation after a long term with the IAFCF and will remain through the end of the year or until a replacement is found.

Dan Lane ICC Presentation: This presentation was made prior to the President's Report in the order of business. Dan thanked the BOD for the opportunity to address them and provided his background in the fire service. ICC has made a commitment to the fire service by hiring James Lee Witt as their Director. ICC has signed an MOU with the IAFC and donated \$10,000.00 to the new Fire and Life Safety Section to help them get started. They have worked closely with the Fire Chiefs. They have worked with the F&LSS on code changes related to the Rhode Island night club fire.

With the new MOU, the IAFC will have participation in various code committees. One is the Regional Code Action Committee. They will meet in May or June of next year, prior to the next code cycle. Cycles occur every 18 months. The committee will have 4 members from Eastern and 4 from New England. The 2 divisions comprise the region. There will also be four other members, 2 from ICC and 2 from NASFM. Dan will be the secretary of the committee and they will elect a chair from their members. The chair will also serve on the International Fire Code Coordinating Committee. The IFCCC will consist of the chairs from the 4 Regional Code Action Committees, the BOD of the F&LSS, 2 members of the NASFM, and 2 at large members from ICC. The IFCCC will review all code change proposals and rate them on a scale of plus 5 to minus 5. They will testify for those rated plus 5 and testify against those rated minus 5. They will not comment on the others. At their last meeting in Marietta, Georgia, they reviewed 228 proposals.

ICC needs 4 representatives from the Eastern Division. This will be discussed under new business. ICC will cover travel costs for all committee members. Appointees will need to get feedback from their respective states.

Chief Cohan thanked Dan for supporting the Eastern Breakfast with a \$500.00 donation. The Secretary and Chief Gouty added their thanks. Dan asked the state directors to email dates for their respective State Chiefs Association meetings to him so he could make presentations to them as well. The Secretary asked that each state director take his business card and email him the dates requested.

Chief Chiaramonte commented that he liked the code because it was in tune with firefighter safety. Dan commented that the ICC codes are written by the users, which differs from NFPA. Dan stated that he felt the code proposals would carry more weight because they were written by Fire Chiefs. The Secretary thanked Dan for his presentation.

Julian Taliaferro, IAFC Treasurer: Chief Taliaferro made a presentation as Treasurer of the IAFC. He stated that he was a candidate for re-election in 2004 and that he was endorsed by the New England, Missouri Valley and Southeastern Divisions. He requested support from Eastern.

He stated things were going well with the IAFC financially. He said he recommended that the IAFC Board not increase the dues as they were permitted to this year by the By-Laws. They agreed and therefore, there will be no further consideration of a dues increase until 2005. He stated that the IAFC was looking at increasing income through partnerships and grants as alternative income sources. He said membership was stable at around 12,000 and he did not

foresee any significant change. He said that he thought the IAFC would see significant partnership income in the next year. His hope is to see the IAFC reserves be kept at \$1,000,000 or more. This would keep the IAFC solvent in the event of a bad conference. 65% of annual revenue comes from the conference.

Julian thanked the Board for their time. Chief Cohan asked if the IAFC had paid off the mortgage on the office. Julian responded that they had indeed. He stated that this was the first time the IAFC was debt free in recent history. In 1988 we were in dire straights. Chief Seavey commented on the remarkable increase in the IAFC assets in the past year. Julian answered that he expected better results now that a new investment company is on board. Chief Cohan asked if it was appropriate to make a motion to endorse Julian's candidacy for re-election. The Secretary stated it was not at this point in the meeting. The BOD thanked Julian for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Chief Rick Burch - Candidate for 2nd VP of the IAFC: This report followed the report of the 1st VP in order to accommodate Chief Burch. The Secretary prefaced Chief Burch's comments by stating that it was the Board's policy to allow any candidate to speak and that although there were three candidates for the office, only Chief Burch had requested the opportunity to address the Board.

Chief Burch presented his back ground and qualifications to the BOD. They are included in a handout he provided.

Chief Gouty asked about Chief Burch's position on the two hatter issue. Rick stated that no one should be told what to do on their time off. Chief Gouty asked if he would work to resolve the two hatter issue. Chief Burch said he would. He related a scenario he was presently dealing with in his own jurisdiction.

Chief Seavey represented that the two hatter issue being referred to, included the harassment of union firefighters. Chief Burch explained that he understood the situation from his own experience. Chief Seavey replied that the IAFC had taken a better stance since the Leadership Summit last year. The IAFC now has 8 initiatives to try to make the problem go away. Seavey asked if Burch would continue the efforts to get rid of the problem. Chief Burch said yes.

6 representatives entered the meeting representing the NYS AFC at this time. They were brought up to date on Chief Burch's comments. The Board thanked Chief Burch for coming.

NFFF: The Secretary reported that the Eastern would be supporting that NFFF Memorial Weekend again and that he would be working at the NFA as part of the NFFF staff at the request of Ron Siarnicki. Ron has also requested that the Eastern Division states try to get organizations within their states to send apparatus and uniform personnel to the weekend. Have departments contact Ron at the NFA if they wish to participate.

ICC Code Council Nominations - Robert Stahl: Bob Stahl explained that Dave Bibber was temporarily placed as a ICC chair because immediate issues needed to be addressed. Eventually the regional committees will select their own chairs. Bob clarified the report previously given by Dan Lane. He stated that we will need to nominate four people to represent the Division at the regional level. He added that there are some people from the Division already appointed as at large appointments and we should not duplicate those appointments.

Bob is the Eastern representative of the International Fire Code Council and he believes that they will have a greater voice in the overall fire code committee selection process. Chief Seavey stated that someone from the Eastern Board should be one of our 4 appointees. Bob Stahl suggested stressing PA, DE and MD since there are already NJ and NY people in the at large spots. He recommended one from each state. He stated Scott Davison from NJ already did a good job representing NJ

Motion by Seavey and second by Stahl, that the Eastern Division appoint Bob Stahl as one of the 4 representatives and solicit the states of DE, MD, PA for one individual for each to fill the three other slots, with the understanding that the ICC will cover the expenses of the appointees for travel. No Discussion. **Approved unanimously.** The Secretary asked that recommendations should be submitted prior to the next conference call. Chief Seavey requested Roger Steger handle MD, Bob Stahl handle PA and Jim Watson handle DE. All agreed. Bernie Cohan offered to get someone from NJ if needed.

Motion by Seavey and second by Cohan to send a letter to the Mayor of Hartford Conn. expressing displeasure with the recent Union contract which prohibits firefighters from being Volunteers in other jurisdictions. No Discussion. Approved Unanimously. Chief Seavey volunteered to draft the letter.

Motion by Seavey second by Gouty to allow First Bankers free license to use our logo as it pertains to their advertising of our Valor Program. Chief Chiaramonte suggested that the parameter be added that the Division review and approve all uses prior to their application. Chief Seavey amended his motion to include Mike's suggestion. Ted Lowden requested that we include in our response to First Bankers a request for them to support runner up awards for the program. Chief Seavey agreed.

Bob Stahl asked if we would get approval to use the IAFC logo with the addition of the Eastern banner as proposed. The consensus was that the IAFC was looking for that to be done by the Divisions and would readily endorse our proposed new logo. Bob continued by asking if the IAFC might then take issue with our allowing the use of our/their logo for endorsements. Mike Chiaramonte answered that it was his experience (with the VCOS) that it was okay because the Eastern was clearly identified.

Chief Seavey recommended that Bill Askenstedt review the procedure with IAFCHQ (This was done with Garry Briese the same day and Garry had no problem with the new logo or our intended use.)

Chief Seavey clarified that First Bankers had requested mailing lists from each of the 5 State Fire Chiefs Associations to use for their mailings. He stated the intent was to broaden the program and bring more people into the Division.

The motion was amended and restated to be **Motion by Seavey second by Gouty** to allow First Bankers free license to use our logo as it pertains to their advertising of our Valor Program, with use approved by the Division in advance, and with approval of the IAFC if the new logo was adopted, and with the provision that the letter of agreement being sent to First bankers include a request that they extend their sponsorship to include the runner up as well as the winner. No discussion, **Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion by Seavey, second by Cohan to adopt a new logo for the Eastern Division with the design of the current IAFC logo in the middle and the word “Eastern” over the IAFC logo and “Division” under the IAFC logo on rockers. Bob Stahl questioned whether the IAFC would approve of our use of the new logo and stated he favored the motion if they approved. Mike Chiaramonte suggested that the motion be adopted with the proviso that the IAFC approve the logo and that they agree to allow us use of the new logo without constraints. Chief Seavey called the question. **Motion passed unanimously.** The Secretary asked for clarification of the status of the motion if the IAFC should wish to deny use of the new logo for endorsements. Mike Chiaramonte suggested that we get the new logo approved first, then if IAFC disagreed with the use by First bankers, that we simply withdraw our permission and blame the IAFC. Ted Lowden stated that the IAFC wants us to use their logo they should support our use.

Motion by Seavey second by acclamation, to purchase a suitable gift for Director Boyer in appreciation for his service as Delaware Director to be presented at a DSFCA meeting..
Approved unanimously.

Chief Seavey questioned if the Secretary Treasurer’s remuneration rate had been changed in the past few years. Chief Tetterer replied it had not. Chief Seavey suggested that the remuneration be increased. Chief Askenstedt requested that the suggestion be dropped as unnecessary.

Motion by Seavey, second by Chiaramonte, to send a letter to Citizen Corp thanking them for coming to FRI and signing a letter of agreement with the IAFC. **Approved Unanimously.** Mike Chiaramonte offered to write the letter.

Chief Seavey questioned if there was a way that we could express ongoing **support for the losses of FDNY related to 911.** He felt that since FDNY is in our Division we should do something but was unsure what that something should be. Mike Chiaramonte stated that financially the families were well taken care of. Money is not needed. He said what is needed is scholarship support to a separate NFFF fund for FDNY families. Chief Seavey asked that the item be deferred to the next BOD meeting and that Chief Chiaramonte report what exactly we can do and how we can get the word out that we still care.

Chief Seavey suggested that the Division should be concerned with the **800 MHz issues** that Mike Walker of Nextel spoke about. **He further recommend that Past President Mike Granados be appointed to head a short term task force to follow the issue on behalf of the Eastern and providing support to the IAFC on our behalf subject to review of the Board.** Jim felt that this was an issue we need to be involved with as a Division. He asked and was given consensus approval by the Board to appoint Mike.

Chief Seavey suggested that the **Board meet sometime in November or December in conjunction with the State Associations.** He also requested that Ted Lowden again host the meeting in Evesham based on the location. He also suggested meeting again in **May of 2004.** Jim asked the Secretary if the costs of meeting in Evesham had been relatively low. The Secretary agreed. Several Board Members spoke to the fact that they liked the Evesham location and facility. No further discussion.

Chief Seavey stated he had spoke to Stephen Reid who had been the lead person in the request for a DC seat on the Eastern Board. Steve has retired and had not found anyone else in DC who was interested in pursuing the seat. Jim stated that this enforced the Boards position of **opposing the sea for DC .**

Chief Seavey requested that we discuss the **Division Conference for 2004**. He stated that the new IAFC conference schedule created even greater conflicts than we were faced with this year. He said he regretted the conflict with the VCOS session where we needed to be present. He said possible options were coming in a day early or stay a day late but he was not happy with either. He reminded the Board that one of the objectives set in Evesham was to look at the possibilities of bringing the conference back into the geographical bound of the EDIAFC. He requested that we explore options prior to the Sunday Breakfast/Conference.

Ted Lowden stated he felt that the meeting should be back in the Division to allow the grass roots members to attend. Bob Stahl stated that transportation problems in Dallas would affect attendance.

Jim Seavey suggested the option of going to Ocean City in 2004 in conjunction with the MFCA conference. There were numerous comments about potential conflicts.

Ted Lowden asked for clarification of exactly what we needed to do and how long it should take. Jim suggested that we needed a full day for a BOD meeting and meetings with the State Chiefs and at least a half day conference session. Bob Stahl said that when the decision was made to move to FRI the Board decided that we would try to do other things in the Division and that had not materialized. Therefore he felt we needed to get exposure back within the Division. Ted then asked what we would do the year after. No real answer.

Considerable discussion surrounded whether educational programs should be included in the conference. No real conclusions.

Jim Seavey stated the move to FRI was to attract more of the active chiefs. There were several comments about the pros and cons of being at FRI. Comments returned to the potential of Ocean City. Roger Steger from Maryland said he felt there were problems with having anything on Saturday in Ocean City. The Secretary said that in NJ shore towns there were minimum stay requirements for hotels during the season and 1 and 2 night stays might not be acceptable. Seavey felt that by offering attendees access to the MD programs, they might be induced to stay the extra nights. Jack Gouty stated many MD Chiefs might have preexisting conflicts that would prevent them from attending.

Ted Lowden suggested a 1 day program with a PM speaker. He said he would offer a dinner and a hotel for the night for those interested and keep it very simple. The Board could stay over one night for their meeting. He suggested avoiding the shore or big venues. Seavey suggested that if the conference were to be a one day event it should be geographically centered in the Division rather than moved around. He felt Ocean City for example was too far from NY for a one day event.

The Secretary suggested that the concept needed further research before any ideas were mentioned at the Conference on Sunday. There was general consensus that tomorrow would provide some idea as to the benefit of meeting at FRI. Bob Stahl suggested that it may be worthwhile to survey the members as to what they would like.

The Secretary pointed out that at each meeting we have the same discussion about the conference at the conclusion of the Board Meeting when there is no time to discuss it and that research and planning was needed in advance. Bob Stahl suggested he would be willing to work on polling the membership. Jim Seavey stated that he would appoint a task force following the conference tomorrow to look at the future of the conference.

Jim Seavey informed the Board that Chief Brugman, IAFC President has changed his schedule to attend the Eastern Conference Meeting to **swear in the Eastern Officers**.

The Secretary requested that some of the BOD **help out early at the Breakfast** and also help President Tettermer carry some of the flags and other materials down to the Breakfast. The Secretary said that attendees should have conference badges for identification. Jim Seavey stated that there were 800 Eastern people at the conference and that we had seating for 250. It was unknown what the attendance might be. He stressed that it was important that only Eastern people be admitted. Jon Townley offered to check attendees in by state.

The Secretary stated that the state directors needed to be prepared to facilitate the state caucus since many attendees may never have been through a caucus. There was a brief discussion of **the flow of the meeting** tomorrow.

The Secretary discussed buying **new stationary** for 2003-04 and presented some samples. Bob Stahl asked the Board to wait until the new logo was adopted. Consensus was obtained to wait for the logo. Ted Lowden asked to have the web site address added.

Ken Anderson what the Board position was on his expenses for FRI. The Secretary said the Board had approved the same per diem for Ken for Dallas as was allowed for the Board. He also stated that the allowance was only made for Dallas in 2003 and that future expenses would need to be discussed if the Board wished.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn. Approved unanimously.