

EDIAFC CONFERENCE #76
AUGUST 24, 2003
Dallas Texas

The Conference opened in the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Stemmons Freeway, Dallas Texas on Sunday, August 24, 2003 at 8:00 A.M.

The Conference was called to order by President Wayne Tetteimer at 8:15 A.M.. The President led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Father John Steger from Rochester, NY gave the invocation

The Conference began with a Memorial Service conducted by Father Steger. The Memorial honored the EDIAFC members who have passed in the prior year. Second Vice President Cohan read the roll of passed members followed by a tolling of the bell for each.

1st Vice President Seavey thanked Father Steger for the Invocation and Service and added his thanks for the Father having conducted services the prior evening for the Division. He also thanked Chief Les Warrick who prepared the memorial Service and the Programs for the Service.

The Secretary then introduced the Board and Head Table.

Roll Call:

President	Wayne Tetteimer	PA	
1 st Vice President	James Seavey, Sr.	MD	
2 nd Vice President	Bernie Cohan	NJ	
Secretary/Treasurer	William Askenstedt	NJ	
International Director	William Walton, Jr.	DE	
Past President	Laurence C. Vaughan	NY	Absent
Maryland Director	Jack Gouty		
New Jersey Director	Ted Lowden		
New York Director	Michael Chiaramonte		
Delaware Director	Charles Boyer		Absent
Pennsylvania Director	Robert Stahl		
Father Steger	Chaplain	NY	

Breakfast was served

Chief Jim Harmes of the Grand Blanc FD in Michigan addressed the Division as a candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2004. Chief Harmes provided Handout material on his candidacy. His platform emphasized 4 points; communications, affecting political leaders, membership, and speaking to Washington. He requested the Division's support and endorsement. His theme was "Link Arms with Harmes in 2004".

Chief Steve Westerman is the Missouri Valley Division Director and a Past Division President of the Missouri Valley Division He addressed the Division as a candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2005. His theme is "Leadership with Integrity" He provided handout material on his candidacy. He believes in a single common voice for the Fire Service. He requested the Division's support and endorsement.

Chief Rick Burch of Roanoke County, Virginia addressed the Division as the second candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2004. His theme is "Pick Rick" He provided handout material on his candidacy. He is running on his experience in the Fire Service and his background as a Past President of the Southeastern Division. He has the endorsement of Missouri Valley and Southeastern Divisions. He requested the Division's support and endorsement.

Chief Julian Taliaferro addressed the Division as the IAFC Treasurer and a candidate for reelection as Treasurer in 2004. He is running on his record. He affirmed that the IAFC is in good financial shape. He recommended that the IAFC BOD not increase dues in the current year. He stated that the IAFC has paid off the mortgage on the IAFC office and that for the first time in modern history, the IAFC was debt free. The IAFC is pursuing non-dues sources of income and he believes the IAFC will be successful in that attempt. The IAFC has also hired a full time grant manager which should also increase grant income. These efforts should allow the IAFC to do more for the members. Julian has received the endorsement of the Southeastern and New England Divisions. He requested the Division's support and endorsement.

Chief Don Oliver from Wilson, North Carolina addressed the Division as the third candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2004. His theme is "Building on Our Successes" He provided handout material on his candidacy. His platform is expanding on coalitions and partnerships, advancing the professional qualifications of Fire Officers, and improving the use of technology in the fire service. He requested the Division's support and endorsement.

Chief Robert DiPaoli addressed the Division as the IAFC 2nd VP. Chief DiPaoli thanked the Division for its support during his first year as 2nd VP. He thanked the NYS AFC BOD members present for their support in his campaign. He looks forward to being 1st VP and working with President Mitchell. He will also start his program with the priority of getting membership higher and getting involved with Capitol Hill. He asked members to mark May 5th on their calendars as the date of the CFSI Dinner and to join him and the IAFC leadership in Washington. He asked members to get involved and thanked everyone for their support.

Chief William Killen addressed the Division as the 2nd VP elect and a member of the Eastern Division. Chief Killen thanked the Division for their support. He looks forward to serving as the new 2nd VP. He believes that communications are important. He hopes to be successful in hearing the voice of the members.

Chief Randy Brugman addressed the Division as the IAFC President. Randy thanked the Board for the privilege as serving as President. He stressed that we have learned that speaking together, in unity, with concise goals, we are successful but, when we are fragmented, we are not very successful. He stated that individual ability to communicate with legislators was the key to success. He cited the book, "Tipping Point" and made the analogy that, we have not yet reached the "tipping point" where things will go in our favor. Individual efforts are what will make it happen. Chief Brugman received a standing ovation from the members assembled.

President's Report – President Wayne Tetterer

President Tetterer thanked the Board of Directors for their support during the past year.

1st Vice President's Report – 1st Vice President James Seavey

Chief Seavey reported that the 2003 conference was the first ever outside of the Eastern Division Boundaries.

2nd Vice President's Report - 2nd Vice President Bernie Cohan

See attached report

International Director William Walton

Chief Walton reiterated the Financial report given by Julian Taliaferro, mentioning the good financial health of the IAFC and the search to find non dues revenue. He said the IAFC has revisited and updated their Strategic Plan. Bill closed by stating the need for the fire service to come together at the grass roots level in order influence change through their legislators. He said that the Eastern now had a good pipeline of information from the IAFC down to the state level. He urged Chiefs to get their email addresses to their associations in order for them to get timely information.

Treasurer's Report

See attached reports. 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 to the Board along with the 2002-03 audit report from Jon Townley.

The Treasurer reported sponsorship income was being sought and we were having some success. He reported that the new Fire GPO partnership had the potential to bring in considerable revenue to the Division. He also reported on the need to eliminate the conference fund and volunteer fund by passing the proposed Resolution under new business.

Secretary Report

Membership: See attached Report:

Chief Flagel from Delaware asked about the Fire GPO mailing lists. The Secretary explained that a letter would go out from the GPO explaining the process very shortly. He stated that the GPO would provide the Eastern mailing list to vendors.

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 underway since 8 AM The agenda is very tight.

Mass was last night 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Valor Report - Director Gouty

There were three nominations for this year's award. They were from NY, NJ and DE. The winner of this year's Valor Award is Captain Bruce Hornecker from Millburn, New Jersey. The presentation will be at 4 P.M. on September 11th at the NJSAFC meeting in Wildwood, NJ. Runners up were four members of the Ossining, NY Volunteer Fire Department and Naomi Rickards from Lewes, Delaware. Runner up awards will be present by the State Directors.

Volunteer Committee - Mark Showmaker

See Attached Report.

Strategic Planning Committee - Ted Lowden

Ted explained that many Divisions have started or completed their Strategic Plans and that many are directly linked to the IAFC Strategic Plan. Ted said the committee felt the Board needed to get in better touch with its members. He said that the Division had contacted each of the 5 member states and invited them to a planning session. At that session, it was agreed that the states would all support the Eastern Division and the Division in turn would work with the states. It was also agreed that, we would no longer be adversarial to the IAFC but rather, we would be supportive of the IAFC. It was also decided that timely consensus achieving communication would be developed so that we could respond rapidly to issues affecting us.

The committee is also working to develop a mission statement and some vision statements. They are also trying develop achievable goals including increasing membership. Ted wants to develop a line of communication between IAFCHQ and the local fire chief. He asked the members present to help by talking to others chiefs about joining the IAFC. He said that he wanted the Strategic Plan to be simple and concise and fit on a single sheet of paper.

Constitution and By-laws - Ken Anderson

See Attached Report. Ken stated that there were 4 proposed By-Law changes and one proposed Resolution to come before the Division under new business. He also said there were no resolutions to be presented at the IAFC General session this year.

State Chief/EDIAFC Board Summit - Chief Jim Seavey

Chief Seavey reported that the Division held a first ever meeting between the Eastern Division Board of Directors and the 5 State Fire Chiefs Organizations. He said the meeting was extremely successful and that several key points came out of the meeting. Those are

1. There will be an initiative to change how the state directors for the 5 states are selected and that will include by-law changes by the states and the Division to have the states select their own Directors to the Eastern Division
2. There is a new web site under development which will supply constant timely information to the membership.
3. The states and the Division will promote each others conferences and the states share a general interest with us in bring the Eastern Conference back to the geographical confines of the Division.
4. The Division and the states agreed to hold regular joint meetings to continue the progress that was started.

IAFC Foundation - Chief Bill Killen, President

The IAFCF will hold a Strategic Planning Session in September. The Foundation is a non-profit Foundation that promotes education by awarding scholarships. This year the Foundation awarded \$19,200.00 in scholarships. It should be much higher. The people who need the scholarships are very deserving.

The Foundation is moving forward. Chief Killen wants to refocus on ties with the Divisions. He urged the Eastern Division to support the Foundation. He has worked to reunite with the IAFC and the Foundation has adopted the IAFC logo as its own. The relations have improved to the extent that the IAFC has offered the IAFCF office space in their headquarters in Fairfax. The IAFC leadership wants the Foundation to be a success. He asked for the support of the Division and the states.

Chief Killen stated he expects funding for the Foundation to come from bequests from members of the Heritage Club. He cited some examples of this type of support. His goal is to reach 10,000,000.00 in endowments. He thanked the Secretary for his efforts on the IAFCF BOD and asked members to stop by Foundation booth at the convention center.

OLD BUSINESS

Conference Status - Chief James Seavey: Chief Seavey stated that there had been much discussion in the Division over the future of the EDIAFC Conference. Last year the decision was made to move the conference to FRI. The decision was based on cost and bang for the buck. The EDIAFC Board found that there were more active Chiefs at the breakfast at FRI than at the Division Conferences. Based on the Board's recommendation, the membership voted to move the conference to FRI.

At the Saturday BOD Meeting there was additional discussion on the conference. It was decided to wait until the Board saw the results of today's conference before making a decision on scheduling of the 2004 conference. It was also decided to evaluate the input of the partnering state associations.

Chief Gouty thanked First Bankers Corporation and VFIS for their sponsorship of the Valor Awards.

No further Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Constitution & By-laws and Resolutions - Ken Anderson

Ken Anderson stated that there were four proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Division, which were published as required in the Division Newsletter. He suggested, therefore, that they not be read in full but rather, capsulized for approval. There were no objections. (The four full proposals and summaries including the EDIAFC Board recommendations for each are included at the end of this document)

Proposal #1 - To provide for a mail ballot for the election of Officers and for voting on Constitution and By-law Amendments. Recommended by the Board. Motion made and seconded from the floor. No Discussion. **Approved without dissent.**

Proposal #2 - To Provide for a "State" Director for the District of Columbia. Not recommended by the Board. Motion made and seconded to reject the proposal. No discussion. **Motion carried** by more than a 2/3 majority and thus the proposed amendment is rejected.

Proposal #3 - Proposal to Clarify Life Members Dues. Recommended by the Board. Motion made and seconded from the floor. No discussion. **Motion approved** by a 2/3 majority following a hand count

Proposal #4 - Proposal to retitle "Active Members" to "Regular Members" for consistency with the IAFC By-Laws. Recommended by the Board. Motion made and seconded from the floor. No discussion. **Passed** without dissent.

Resolution to eliminate the dedication of certain percentages of the EDIAFC member dues to the restricted use of \$4.00 for the conference fund and \$1.00 to the Volunteer Fund. The resolution was requested by the Treasurer and recommended by the Board to eliminate needlessly encumbered funds. (The resolution was published in the Division newsletter and is attached at the end of this document). Motion made and seconded from the floor. No discussion. **Approved** without dissent.

The Secretary announced a ten minute recess.

Citizen Corp - Mike Chiaramonte

Chief Chiaramonte addressed the members regarding the advantages of Citizen Corp. Citizen Corp Volunteers can perform services for fire service organizations which detract from the time that could be otherwise devoted to more critical matters. The Fire Chief determines what services he needs and recruiters from Citizen Corp provide Volunteers to fulfill the services. Fire Departments need to take the initiative to start the process. Mike offered numerous examples of what volunteers can assist with. He spoke of the use of Citizen Corp Volunteers by Police organizations. He stressed that volunteers can handle many mundane tasks, freeing up important time for things like training.

Mike reported that the IAFC has signed an agreement with Citizen Corp and the Eastern and VCOS have supported it. He urged members to get involved. There will be an article in Fire Chief Magazine, written by Mike, which provides contact info and email addresses.

Hartford Conn Union Contract - Jim Seavey

The City of Hartford Conn, has entered into a contract with their firefighters local that prohibits members of the union from volunteering as firefighters in other jurisdictions beginning in 2008. This action has caused outrage from neighboring communities and many volunteer organizations. The EDIAFC BOD approved a letter of displeasure to the Mayor of Hartford on this issue.

NFFF Memorial - Jim Seavey

Chief Seavey discussed the NFFF Memorial weekend of 2002 which was held in Washington, D.C. because of the size of the event. He reported that the Eastern Division Officers, Secretary Askenstedt, International Director Walton and NY Director Chiaramonte all spent a full week of volunteer time working for the NFFF. This year the weekend is back in Emmitsburg. There will be a reception on Thursday in Washington. Chief Siarnicki has requested that the states of the Eastern Division provide apparatus and uniformed personnel for the ceremony on Sunday, October 5, 2003. Interested participants should contact Chief Siarnicki through the NFFF web site. The President may attend.

800 MHZ Interference Situation - Jim Seavey

Chief Seavey discussed the conflict problems between cell phone transmissions and 800 MHZ radio transmissions. There has been a coalition developed to make recommendations on solutions to the problems. The IAFC is represented on the coalition. Their recommendations are in front of the FCC for review and support is needed. Mike Granados will be appointed to follow the issue for the EDIAFC.

Logo Change - Bill Askenstedt

Chief Askenstedt reported that the EDIAFC BOD had honored a request from the IAFC for unity and had voted to adopt a new Division Logo which will incorporate the IAFC Logo. The Secretary discussed the appearance of the new logo.

New Structure for FRI 2004 - Bill Askenstedt

Chief Askenstedt reported on the IAFC's new structure for FRI. Under the new structure, the IAFC BOD meetings and the pre-conference seminars will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. The opening session and workshops begin on Thursday, The Division Breakfast is on Friday instead of Sunday, and exhibits will be on Friday and Saturday, two days instead of three. The banquet will be on Saturday night and the closing session will be on Sunday. Monday will be eliminated.

The Board is looking into how we will now fit our conference into the FRI conference schedule and information will be sent out via the newsletter and the web site. The Eastern hotel for New Orleans will be the Sheraton as it was three years ago. The official conference dates are August 12-15. FRI shuttle bus use will be restricted to people staying in IAFC hotel blocks only. If you do not stay at an IAFC hotel, you will not be allowed to ride the shuttles.

Mark Showmaker requested clarification on housing allocation. The Secretary explained that access to the IAFC hotels required members to be registered for the conference. Bus access required the member to be in a hotel. In the case of two registered members sharing a room, only the one who registered the room got validated for the bus access. This will need to be explored by the Secretary with staff.

International Code Council - Robert Stahl & Dan Lane

Chief Stahl introduced Dan Lane, the Eastern Regional Representative for the ICC. Chief Stahl acknowledged Dan's contribution from the ICC to help support the Eastern breakfast. Dan reported that the 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.

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.

Bob Stahl reported that he is the Eastern representative to the IFCC. He said that the Eastern is looking for 4 people to serve on the ICC regional committee. In particular, he wants to involve people from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania since New Jersey and New York already have several people involved in the ICC. He asked the states to forward knowledgeable candidates to fill the committee positions. Bob said that both NFPA and ICC have promised to listen more to fire service input and wish to become more involved with firefighter safety within the code process.

Fire GPO - Alex Bornstein

The Secretary introduced Alex Bornstein, Executive Director of the Fire GPO. Bill stated that the Eastern had 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 allows them to achieve greater purchasing volume and greater discounting.

Chief Gouty asked what the funding breakdown was. Alex explained that it was a five part breakdown. 20% goes to the WFCFA for admin costs, 20% goes to Klackamas Fire District which pays Alex, 20 % goes to the IAFC and 40% goes to the Division. The Division 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.

This concluded the new business presented from the Board. The Secretary then called for any new business from the floor.

Chief James Mullholland from Pennsylvania presented a question as to why the Board was changing the way State Directors were being elected. Chief Seavey explained that this will be a long process of transition. He said that the intent was to get greater input from all of the Chiefs of each state. He said that he did anticipate that any new process, if developed, would impact any of the currently serving directors.

Chief Mark Showmaker stated his problem with the proposed state involvement with selecting directors was that non-dues paying members would influence IAFC Division Officer elections. Chief Seavey responded that only Eastern dues paying members would be allowed to vote for State Directors at State meetings. Mark responded that he would lose his right to vote, because he did not choose to participate in the Keystone Chiefs Association. Chief Seavey agreed that he would in the proposed new structure. He said however, that it was possible, that state directors could potentially be elected by mail in the future, in which case, the issue was moot.

Mark Showmaker said that Chief Seavey presented the proposed new structure as if it were a done deal. Chief Seavey said that was not the case. He said the proposals were agreed to be things to work on but, they were not final.

Chief Seavey than asked that new business be interrupted to allow for nominations of officers and state caucuses so that elections could be completed.

Nomination Of Officers

The President relinquished the chair to the Secretary to allow for the acceptance of nominations for the Board of Directors of the Division. The Secretary stated, that there were vacancies to be filled for the positions of; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and State Directors from Maryland and New York for full 2 year terms and from Delaware for a one year unexpired term

President Tettermer opened nominations for President of the EDIAFC. Nominations for all positions were called for three times prior to the acceptance of a motion to close the nominations.

President

James Seavey - MD

Nominated by Past President Mike Granados, seconded by Chief Robert Steger, Ocean City, MD and 1st VP of .MSAFC and by Chief Jack Gouty, Maryland State Director

Motion and second, that nominations be closed. **Carried.**

1st Vice President

Chief Bernie Cohan - NJ

Nominated by Chief Ken Anderson, Delran, NJ, seconded by Chief Larry Wood, Carlstadt, NJ.

Motion and second, that the nominations be closed. **Carried.**

2nd Vice President

Chief Mike Chiaramonte, - NY

Nominated by Chief Ken Pienkowski, Past President, NYS AFC, seconded by Dan Lane, Eastern Regional Director ICC.

Motion and second, that the nominations be closed. **Carried.**

Since there were no contested elections, the President requested a motion from the floor to have the Secretary cast one ballot for each of the nominees.

Motion and second, that the Secretary cast one ballot for the offices of; President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President as they are uncontested. **Carried.**

The Secretary cast one ballot for Chief James Seavey as President, Chief Bernie Cohan as 1st Vice President, Chief Michael Chiaramonte as 2nd Vice President.

At this time, each state was directed to a spot to hold the State Caucus. 15 minutes was allowed for the states to caucus. At the conclusion of the caucuses the states of Delaware, Maryland and New York announced their new Directors. They are James Watson, Jack Gouty and Ken Pienkowski respectively.

Installation of Officers

Chief Randy Brugman, President of the IAFC swore in the new Officers of the Eastern Division

President	Chief James P. Seavey, Sr.	Maryland
1 st Vice President	Chief Bernie Cohan	New Jersey
2 nd Vice President	Chief Michael D. Chiaramonte	New York
Past President	Chief Wayne Tetterer	Pennsylvania
State Director	Chief James Watson	Delaware
State Director	Chief Jack Gouty	Maryland
State Director	Chief Kenneth Pienkowski	New York

NEW BUSINESS RESUMED

Reports of the State Caucus

Delaware

Delaware Director – Past EDIAFC President Jon Townley

See Attached Caucus Report.

Maryland

Maryland Director – Director Gouty

See Attached Caucus report

New Jersey

New Jersey Director – Director Lowden

See Attached Caucus Report.

New York

New York Director – Director Chiaramonte

See Attached Caucus Report. Mike thanked the Division for electing him as 2nd VP.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Director – Director Stahl

See Attached Caucus Report.

Chief Jim Mullholland addressed the Conference on the issue of the EDIAFC Conference. He stated that he wished to see the conference brought back to the Eastern Division. He said the main issue was money. He thought the conference did not have to be as elaborate as past conferences but, should be in the east. He believed it could be done.

Chief Mullholland also expressed dissatisfaction with FRI. He stated he did not feel he got his money's worth. He mentioned the canceled pre-conference seminars and schedule conflicts. He said that he would have been better off staying in a non-IAFC hotel for less money and simply paying for exhibit passes rather than the full registration.

Chief Seavey thanked Chief Mullholland for his comments. Chief Seavey mentioned that Crosby Grindle, the IAFC conference coordinator, had been informed of many of the problems that occurred at FRI. He also stated that Dallas was not a favorite city and added to the problem. He said we were in Dallas because the vendors like Dallas and the IAFC makes money there.

Chief Seavey addressed the comments on the Eastern Conference. He cited the poor attendance at the Eastern Conference today and the few members that remained for the entire conference as evidence that having the conference at FRI was not working either. He added that he was not against bringing the conference back to Maryland but, that may not be the best solution either. He suggested that a brief conference each year in New Jersey because of the central location might be an option. He concluded that the Board will need time to come up with a solution, probably by the Board Meeting in November.

Chief Seavey stated there was a good chance the conference could return to the eastern states.

Chief Larry Wood, Past President of the EDIAFC stated that the real reason the conference was moved to FRI was because it was too expensive to run as a separate function. He said the conference could be kept at FRI if the time was condensed and the time frame shortened. He stated that the long conference today created to many conflicts with schedules at FRI

Chief Seavey said New Orleans would be even tougher for conflicts than Dallas.

Chief Woods said the Board should make the decision on the conference, not the membership. He argued that bringing the conference back to the east would not be successful.

Chief Seavey asked the members to send their input to the board to help with the decision.

Chief Flegal from Delaware said that if members have complaints about the conference they should send them to everyone. He said communications should be copied to everyone. Chief Seavey agreed

Chief Walton requested a motion to endorse the candidacy of Julian Taliaferro for re-election as IAFC Treasurer in 2004. Chief Walton commented on Chief Taliaferro's record, history with the IAFC and the strides the IAFC had made financially under Julian's leadership. Chief Bernie Cohan made a **Motion to endorse Chief Julian Taliaferro for Treasurer of the IAFC in 2004**. Chief Mike Chiaramonte seconded the motion. No Discussion, **Carried Unanimously**.

Chief Seavey clarified that there are 2 "two hatter" issues. One is harassment of union firefighters who volunteer. That issue is still active and being followed. The other issue is the FLSA issue which has temporarily disappeared under President Bush, but could resurface in a Democratic administration. The IAFC continues to try to find a permanent solution legislatively.

Chief Seavey gave closing comments which included his back ground with the EDIAFC. He stated that we had been at crossroads financially and with our strained relationship with the IAFC. He said that under his and administration, the EDIAFC would focus on new and critical issues. He will streamline the committees of the Division.

Chief Seavey's goals include working more closely with the parent IAFC, Homeland Security, Grant Funding, 800 & 700 Mhz frequency spectrum issues, improving communications and information technology, involvement in ICC code issues, enhancing networking with the 5 state chiefs associations, and encouraging our members to purchase through the Fire GPO contracts.

Chief Seavey said that many members will be asked to help with his initiatives during the coming year. He pledged his tireless efforts and the dedication of the EDIAFC Board. He thanked Immediate Past President Tettemer for his efforts in the prior years and he thanked the membership for their support.

Past President Tettemer addressed the membership relative to his term as President. He stated the year went very quick. He thanked the Board for their support during his term. He said that there were several challenges during the year and that the Division had progressed. The Board achieved the goal of establishing a mail ballot. He felt the State Chiefs Summit and the development of the web site were key milestones. He thanked those that worked on these projects and thanked the members for their support.

Chief Seavey said that a gift order for Past president Tettemer was expected to arrive prior to FRI but did not. He said the gift would be presented at another date and location. He also thanked all of those who stayed for the entire conference for their dedication to the Division.

Chief Bill Walton made a motion to endorse the candidacy of Chief Rick Burch of Roanoke, Virginia for the office of IAFC 2nd Vice President for 2004. Chief Gouty seconded the motion and Chief Watson from Delaware added a second. No Discussion. **Passed unanimously.**

Chief Seavey thanked Amy from the IAFC staff for being present for the Conference.

Motion by Chiaramonte, second by Chief Woods to adjourn. No discussion, Carried **Unanimously.**

State Caucus Report Form

State Reporting _____Delaware_____

Nominations for Office

President _____

1st Vice President _____

2nd Vice President _____

Secretary Treasurer (3 Year Term) _____

International Director (3 Year Term) _____

State Director (2 Year Term) _____James Watson_____

Vol. Comm. Voting Members (2) _____Mike Edison_____

_____Les Warrick_____

Vol. Comm. Alternates (2) _____Steve Red Flegal_

_____TBA_____

Valor Committee _____Les Warrick_____

_____Grover Ingle_____

Other _____Endorsed Rick Burch

State Caucus Report Form

State Reporting _____Maryland_____

Nominations for Office

President _____James Seavey_____

1st Vice President _____Bernie Cohan_____

2nd Vice President _____Mike Chiamonte_____

Secretary Treasurer (3 Year Term) _____

International Director (3 Year Term) _____

State Director (2 Year Term) _____Jack Gouty_____

Vol. Comm. Voting Members (2) _____Steve Miller_____

_____Fred Welsh_____

Vol. Comm. Alternates (2) _____Peter Mellits_____

_____Doc Moltrup_____

Valor Committee _____Steve Reid_____

_____Steve Miller_____

Other _____

State Caucus Report Form

State Reporting

____New Jersey____

Nominations for Office

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary Treasurer (3 Year Term)

International Director (3 Year Term)

State Director (2 Year Term)

Vol. Comm. Voting Members (2)

____Dave Arons____

____George Cox____

Vol. Comm. Alternates (2)

____Bill Askenstedt____

Valor Committee

____Jim Carty____

____Bryan Ward____

Other

State Caucus Report Form

State Reporting

____New York_____

Nominations for Office

President

____Seavey_____

1st Vice President

____Cohan_____

2nd Vice President

____Chiaramonte_____

Secretary Treasurer (3 Year Term)

International Director (3 Year Term)

State Director (2 Year Term)

____Pienkowski_____

Vol. Comm. Voting Members (2)

____Oscar Spruet_____

____Pete McMahon_____

Vol. Comm. Alternates (2)

____Steve Pischotta_____

____Greg Turrell_____

Valor Committee

____Ed Sendlenski_____

____Greg Turrell_____

Other

State Caucus Report Form

State Reporting

____Pennsylvania____

Nominations for Office

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary Treasurer (3 Year Term)

International Director (3 Year Term)

State Director (2 Year Term)

Vol. Comm. Voting Members (2)

____Mark Showmaker____

____Robert Edwards____

Vol. Comm. Alternates (2)

____Jay McKay_____

____Jim Mullholland____

Valor Committee

____Jay McCay_____

____Mark Showmaker____

Other

PROPOSAL #1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO PROVIDE FOR A MAIL BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VOTING ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Words to be deleted are within brackets with a strikethrough, ~~thus~~. Words to be added are in bold type and underlined, **thus**.

Article I – Name (No change.)

Article II – Territory (No change.)

Article III - Purposes and Objects (No change.)

Article IV – Membership (No change.)

Article V – Officers (No change.)

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. and Sec. 2. (No change)

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members; one (1) from each of the states of this Division. For the purposes of this Section, members from the District of Columbia will be grouped with Maryland for the election of a Director. The Directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term at a caucus of the members from the state present and registered at the annual conference. In the event of a tie vote, the voting on the second ballot shall be confined to the nominees tied. ~~[The caucus shall be held prior to the time set for nominations of officers].~~ The members of the Board of Directors shall also be the State Vice-Presidents as provided in the Constitution of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Sec 4. through Sec. 6. (No change)

Article VII - Elections and Meetings

Sec. 1. ~~[All nominations for Officers and Eastern Director to the International Association of Fire Chiefs shall be made from the floor.]~~ **The President shall appoint an Elections Committee consisting of one (1) judge, two (2) tellers and two (2) clerks.**

Sec. 2. Candidates for President and First and Second Vice President shall advance in progressive order, by State, after serving as State Director. The order of progression is as follows: New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey. A candidate for Eastern Director to the International Association of Fire Chiefs shall have served as a member of the Board of Officers or as Chair of a Division Committee for three (3) years.

Sec. 3. State Directors shall be elected by their respective States during the State Caucus which shall be called immediately ~~[before nomination of officers]~~ **following the report of the Elections Committee.**

Sec. 4. ~~[The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare ballots of the names nominated for office, and the election shall be held as set forth in the agenda for the Conference. The President shall appoint a Board to supervise the election consisting of one (1) judge, two (2) tellers and two (2) clerks. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, the voting on the second ballot shall be confined to the nominees tied. Members must show a current paid dues card and be registered at the Conference to be eligible to vote.]~~ **The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer, and Eastern Director to the International Association of Fire Chiefs shall be elected by mail ballot.**

Sec. 5. Members who desire to be candidates for these offices shall submit their name, membership number, office being sought, a resume of their qualifications, and their platform (not to exceed 500 words) to the Secretary/Treasurer, in writing, at least 90 days prior to the date set for the opening of the annual conference. Candidates for President and First and Second Vice President shall be or have been members of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall forward all nominations to the Elections Committee.

Sec. 6. For any office for which there is only one (1) nomination, the Chair of the Elections Committee, as the representative of the Division, shall cast a ballot for such nominee and shall thereupon declare such nominee elected.

Sec. 7. For all offices for which there are two (2) or more candidates the Elections Committee shall conduct an election by mail ballot. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare and send a mail ballot to all active, departmental and life members eligible to vote at the time the ballot is mailed. The mail ballot shall be sent at least sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the opening of the annual conference and must be returned to and received by the person designated on the ballot at least fifteen (15) days prior to the opening date of the Conference. Returned

ballots will remain sealed for tabulation by the Elections Committee at the annual conference.

Sec. 8. In the election of President, First and Second Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Eastern Director to the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Results of the vote will be presented to the membership during the business meeting of the annual conference. In the event of a tie vote, the Board of Directors shall select the winner from the candidates tied.

Sec. 9. The complete conduct of the elections and decisions in any matters of dispute that may arise during such elections shall be in the hands of the Elections committee. The Judge shall be the Chair of the committee and shall serve in that capacity the entire year.

Sec. 10. Election campaigns are expected to be conducted on the highest level. Any questions concerning ethics of the campaign should be referred to the Elections Committee.

Sec. [5] **11.** Installation of all Officers and Directors shall take place at the annual conference.

Sec. [6] **12.** The Annual Conference shall be held ~~during~~ at a time determined by the Board of Officers.

Article VIII – Dues (No change.)

Article IX - Amendments

Sec. 1. The Division shall have full power at any meeting to alter, amend or revise this Constitution, providing that notice of such alteration, amendment or revision shall have been given in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Division at least ~~[sixty (60)]~~ **ninety (90)** days prior to the Annual Conference of the Division. The Secretary/Treasurer shall see that **notice of the proposed changes and a ballot is prepared and sent to** every member of the Division ~~[shall have]~~ at least ~~[thirty (30)]~~ **sixty (60)** days ~~[notice of such~~

~~proposed alteration, amendment or revision]~~ prior to the date set for the Annual Conference. **The mail ballot must be returned to and received by the Secretary/Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days prior to the opening date of the Conference. Returned ballots will remain sealed and be delivered to the Elections Committee for tabulation at the annual conference.** A two-thirds majority vote of the members entitled to vote, ~~[who are present, registered at the conference,]~~ and voting, shall be necessary for the adoption of such alteration, amendment or revision.

Sec. 2. and Sec. 3. (No change.)

Article X - Rules of Order

Sec. 1. through Sec. 9. (No change.)

Sec. 10. Order of Business

Memorial Service
Calling of the roll
Adoption of the minutes of the previous Conference
Appointment of members to fill vacancies on Committees
Report of Secretary/Treasurer
Report of Board of Officers
Reading of Communications
Introduction of Resolutions
Report of Election Committee
State Caucuses
Nomination of Officers
Reports of Standing Committees
Topics and Contributed Papers
Unfinished Business
New Business
~~[Election of Officers]~~ **Elections, if required**
Consideration of Resolutions
Final Adjournment

The President shall have the discretion to alter the Order of Business as deemed expedient and desirable.

The Eastern Division was a proponent of a mail ballot for IAFC voting. The Board felt that a similar proposal should be made for the Division voting. In this proposal, State Directors will continue to be selected at a caucus of the members from the respective state during the annual meeting—now being held in connection with FRI. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and the election of Division officers would be subject to a mail ballot. The Board recommends a **YES** vote on this proposal.

PROPOSAL #2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A "STATE" DIRECTOR FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Words to be deleted are within brackets with a strikethrough, [~~thus~~]. Words to be added are in bold type and underlined, **thus**.

Article V - Officers

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** members; one (1) from each of the states of this Division **and one (1) from the District of Columbia**. ~~For the purposes of this Section, members from the District of Columbia will be grouped with Maryland for the election of a Director.~~ The Directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term at a caucus of the members from the ~~state~~ **respective jurisdictions** present and registered at the annual conference. In the event of a tie vote, the voting on the second ballot shall be confined to the nominees tied. The caucus shall be held

prior to the time set for nominations of officers. The members of the Board of Directors shall also be the State Vice-Presidents as provided in the Constitution of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Sec. 4. There shall be a Board of Officers consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Eastern Director to the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the Board of Directors. The Board of Officers shall meet at such time and place as the President shall designate. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

The members at the 2002 Conference directed that a proposal to provide a Director for the District of Columbia be prepared. The Board of Directors has reviewed this proposal. There is only one fire department in the District. There are very few members from the District. The DCFD is represented in the IAFC Metro Section. The Board recommends a **NO** vote on this proposal.

PROPOSAL #3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS TO CLARIFY LIFE MEMBER DUES

Words to be deleted are within brackets with a strikethrough, [~~thus~~]. Words to be added are in bold type and underlined, **thus**.

Article VIII - Dues

Sec. 1. The fiscal year of the Division shall be May 1 to April 30, of any calendar year. Annual dues for active and departmental members of the Association and the International

Association of Fire Chiefs shall be due and payable by the members anniversary date. Active Life, Associate Life and Honorary Life members shall be exempt from the payment of dues **but may be charged for Division services**. Dues for Sustaining Members shall be \$50.00 per year.

The Board of Directors has been looking at the budget of the Division. There is concern that the cost of services for non-dues paying members could become significant. The words proposed to be added are consistent with the IAFC Constitution and By-laws and provide flexibility if needed. The Board recommends a **YES** vote on this proposal.

PROPSAL #4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO PROVIDE THAT “ACTIVE MEMBERS” SHALL BE RETITLED “REGULAR MEMBERS”

Words to be deleted are within brackets with a strikethrough, [~~thus~~]. Words to be added are in bold type and underlined, **thus**.

Constitution, Article IV - Membership

Sec. 1. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. The individual membership of the Division shall consist of:

(a) ~~ACTIVE~~ **REGULAR** MEMBERS - ~~Active~~ **Regular** Membership shall include the chief officers of regularly organized public, governmental or industrial fire departments, all State and Provincial Fire Marshals, active members in retirement, Fire Commissioners and/or Fire Directors who devote full time to administration and fire fighting operations. ~~Active~~ **Regular** Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and By-laws, and shall be entitled to hold elective office, serve as members of the Board of Directors and to participate fully in the affairs of the Division.

(b) ~~ACTIVE~~ **REGULAR** LIFE MEMBERS - ~~Active~~ **Regular** Life Membership shall include only ~~active~~ **regular** members who have retired from the fire service, provided that they have been members of the Division continuously for ten (10) years and further provided that they are not identified with fire protection commercially or have become a Chief, Assistant Chief, Commissioner, Fire Marshal or Fire Director of another public, governmental or industrial fire department. ~~Active~~ **Regular** Life Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and By-laws, and shall be entitled to participate fully in the affairs of the Division with the exception of holding elective office. ~~Active~~ **Regular** Life Membership may be obtained by application to and certification from the Executive Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

(c) (No change)

(d) ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS - Associate Life Membership shall include only Associate Members who have retired from the service they represented as Associate Member, provided that they have been members of the

Division for ten (10) years and further provided that they do not become identified with any of the services which would make them eligible for either ~~Active~~ **Regular** or Associate Membership. Associate Life Members shall be entitled to participate fully in the affairs of the Division, with the exception of holding elective office and voting privileges. Associate Life Membership may be obtained by application to and certification from the Executive Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

Article VIII - Dues

Sec. 1. The fiscal year of the Division shall be May 1 to April 30, of any calendar year. Annual dues for ~~active~~ **regular** and departmental members of the Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs shall be due and payable by the member's anniversary date. ~~Active~~ **Regular** Life, Associate Life and Honorary Life members shall be exempt from the payment of dues. Dues for Sustaining Members shall be \$50.00 per year.

Article IX - Amendments

Sec. 1. (No change)

Sec. 2. Nothing contained in the preceding section shall prevent the Division, in meeting assembled, from altering, amending or revising any part of the Constitution upon a favorable vote of a four-fifths majority vote of the members entitled to vote, who are present, registered at the conference, and voting, providing however, that notice of such action shall be given and printed copies made available to all ~~Active~~ **Regular**, ~~Active~~ **Regular** Life, and Departmental Members present, at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the time when all proposed alterations, amendments or revisions shall be read in open meeting. Amendments with less than twenty four (24) hours notice shall be referred to the Board of Directors for their consideration and recommendation to the next Annual Conference for action.

Sec. 3. (No change)

The Board of Directors authorized the preparation of this proposal to make the wording of the Division Constitution and By-laws consistent with the IAFC Constitution and By-laws. The Board recommends a **YES** vote on this proposal.

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE RESTRICTION OF POSTIONS OF THE ANNUAL DUES

WHEREAS, the dues for several membership classifications in the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs is established by resolution from time to time; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage local fire departments to invite the Division to hold the annual conference in their jurisdictions, the Division previously enacted a \$5.00 increase in the annual dues with the provision that \$1.00 would be devoted to the work of the Volunteer Committee and \$4.00 would be devoted to the costs of the Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, there continued to be a lack of invitations to host an Annual Conference and the Board of Directors approved a proposal that future annual meetings of the Division will be held at the location of Fire-Rescue International; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Committee funds were principally spent for programs at the annual conference within the area of the Division; and

WHEREAS, although the overall financial structure of the Division is satisfactory, the restriction on spending certain funds only for the annual conference and the Volunteer Committee creates an operational restriction on the function of the Division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, meeting in annual session this 24th day of August, 2003, that the funds from the annual dues restricted for the annual conference and the Volunteer Committee, accumulated by virtue of previous action of the Division, be removed from the existing restriction and included in the general funds of the Division.

REPORT OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
EDIAFC

NOW THAT CHIEF TED LOWDEN IS THE NJ DIRECTOR I DO NOT HAVE TOO MUCH TO REPORT.

AS YOUR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT I HAVE ACTED AS LIASION OF THE EDIAFC AT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION MEETINGS: BAYSHORE FIRE CHIEFS, NJ CAREER FIRE CHIEFS, NJ STATE FIRE CHIEFS, NJ ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS AND OTHERS.

I HAVE BEEN SUCESSFUL IN OBTAINING TWO SPONSORS TO ASSIST IN SOME OF THE DIVISION EXPENSES AT FRI IN DALLAS.

I HAVE CONTACTED THE TWO NEW JERSEY SENATORS AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ASK THAT THEY OPPOSE THE DECISION TO REMOVE THE FIRE ACT GRANT FROM CONTROL OF THE USFA (WHO ARE FIRE PEOPLE). AS MOST OF YOU KNOW IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE GRANTS BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS TO DECIDE WHO GETS WHAT MONEYS AND COULD ALSO TAKE 20% OFF THE TOP FOR "ADMINISTRATION COSTS".

WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSLEY WITH DIRECTOR PETRILLO OF THE NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY ON MANY FIRE ISSUES.

ON JULY 19TH THE EASTERN BOD MET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FIVE STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATIONS. THIS MEETING PROVIDED INFORMATION FROM THE EASTERN TO THE STATES AND INFORMATION FROM THE STATES TO OUR BOD. THE MEETING WAS A SUCCESS AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM THE STATES IN THE FUTURE.

BERNIE COHAN
2ND.VP EDIAFC