

## EDIAFC Conference Call Sunday, February 15

The call started at 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** Seavey, Cohan, Chiaramonte, Askenstedt, Watson, Gouty, Lowden, Pienkowski, Stahl, Tetteimer, Walton

**Absent:** None

**Secretary Treasurer:** There was a motion by Askenstedt and a second by Bernie, to obtain a Division credit card from Yardville Bank. The card will have no annual fee and a fixed 9.99% rate. Currently we have a debit card only, which has a \$1,000.00 per day limit. This is a problem for paying for things like banquets, Board hotel rooms, the breakfast, etc. The Secretary will order cards for the Pres. and one for the Treasurer and put the two VPs on a signers.

**FRI New Orleans:** The initial problems with the web site registration are fixed and I will provide a much better update after the Division Secretaries meeting in March.

**Web Site:** All seems okay. Please report problems and send input.

**Elections:** Larry and Charlie met with Seavey, Cohan and Askenstedt on a conference call to go over rules regulations and procedures. 4 nominations have been received. Cohan for President, Chiaramonte for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Watson for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Askenstedt for Secretary Treasurer. We are ready to do a ballot if needed.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is out. It is also on the web-site if you want to download it. There is very little graphic content because I tried to keep it to 6 pages which was difficult given the verbose nature of some of our contributors.

**Conference:** There was a discussion period for the conference. The following items were resolved.

1. Mike Chiaramonte will prepare a conference flyer/brochure /registration form. He will contact Dan Lane of ICC to solicit help in preparing and printing the brochure. He will include information from three area hotels for those wishing accommodations. No rooms will be blocked.
2. The Board voted to have a \$50.00 conference registration fee which will include lunch and 1 banquet ticket. Additional banquet tickets will be \$30.00 each.
3. Registration will be required by may 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The schedule will be continental breakfast from 8-9 Business from 9-noon. Lunch 12-1PM. Resume Business from 1-1:30. Technical session 1:30 to 4:00. Banquet time remains to be decided.
5. Ted Lowden will arrange for the breakfast and lunch at the fire station. He will look for an outside facility for the banquet based on 50-100 people.
6. Director Watson will handle the registration returns.

All information related to the conference should be e-mailed to the secretary for distribution ASAP. (Although it was not discussed, I will ask Les if he will do the Memorial Service program again this year.)

Mike Chiaramonte updated the Board on the technical session. It is confirmed and there will be no charge. It was suggested that we may cover 2 nights hotel and travel and also provide a \$300.00 honorarium. Jim and Jack have requested the MSAFC to sponsor the technical session including the items listed and the lunch.

**Five State Meeting:** The meeting will be well attended if the RSVPs hold true. All of the states will be well represented except PA which has not responded. In addition, to the various Presidents and VPs, Tom LaBelle requested permission to attend which I told him would be most welcome. Wayne will try to touch base with Tom Markey from PA. Jim said he believed Garry Briese was planing to attend. Jim will contact Bill on Thursday to go over the agenda.

**800 MHz Consensus Plan:** The plan is still in Committee. No action expected until the end of the year. Jim commented on the Americas Most Wanted segment on the Consensus Plan. The segment was in favor of the plan

and aired incidents where adoption would assist public safety officers. There was strong feedback from the show.

**Montgomery County Issues:** The letter requested by MSAFC and Montgomery County has still not been sent. Jim will work on the letter this week. Nothing new to report.

**Fund Raising Efforts:** Vice President Cohan had nothing new to report and expressed disappointment with the responses.

**Pocket Badges and Stationary:** Will be available at the 5 state meeting.

**IAFC BOD Meeting:** Bill Walton and Jim Seavey commented on the meeting and the presentation by Tom Ridge. Bill will provide minutes to the Secretary for distribution. They also discussed the IAFC/Nextel agreement which was discussed in Executive Session at the IAFC. Details are not public.

**IAFC Division Officers Conference Call:** Askenstedt provided minutes of the call via email on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board reviewed them prior the call. There were no questions. The Secretary commented that there was no agenda and no real value to the call. Calls on the prior administration were better organized and more productive.

**Eastern Division Conference Calls:** The last call lasted almost 2 hours and cost \$175.00.

The secretary confirmed that we have 3 of 5 nominees for the Peer Grant Review Process. They are Phillips, Anderson and Gouty. Two more are need and they must be submitted by Wednesday. Please copy the President and the Secretary if you have anyone. The forms are on the web site. If no other names are provided, the Secretary will get Eastern names of people who submitted to VCOS. VCOS had to turn away 29 people because they had 34 nominees. The final decision will be made with Jim on Thursday.

I will attempt to get everyone an agenda for the meeting on Thursday. Please email me any conference updates, grant nominees, or items for the meeting by Wednesday.