

**Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call October 24, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Cohan, Askenstedt, Warrick, Walton, Seavey, Jenaway, Gouty, Chiaramonte, Lowden,

**Absent:** Stahl, Watson, Pienkowski,

**Minutes:** The board received the minutes from the Board Meetings of 9/12/04.

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 9/12/04 Board meeting** by Gouty and a second by Warrick.  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**2005 EDIAFC Conference:**

Bill Jenaway reported on the progress of the conference so far.

The conference Hotels will be the Crown Plaza and the Hampton Inn. Bill is making arrangements with hotels. He will advise us of the rates. Attendees will do direct registration with the hotel.

Sponsors: Bill plans to contact Campbell Supply, Commerce Bank, and Motorola. Bill Askenstedt reported that ICC and Nextel have offered to help sponsor the conference. Two additional potential sponsors were found at the PA Career Chiefs Meeting. Bill Jenaway asked about state sponsored events. Comments were made that Bob Stahl would approach PA. Seavey thought MD may help. Bernie will ask Jersey but was unsure. **(It may be a good idea to discuss this in the November 5 State Meeting)**

There will be space available at the main Station for the Board and 5 State Meetings. There will be a social Friday night at the KOP Hall for which Bill Jenaway will seek a sponsor. Saturday lunch will be Philly style at the new KOP firehouse. Campbell Supply will shuttle attendees on apparatus. The Banquet will be casual and held in the firehouse social hall.

Bill Jenaway is working on three speakers; Political - Kurt Weldon invited, Technical - Billy Goldfeder, and Motivational - TBA.

The Memorial Service and Program will be done by Bill Jenaway and Les Warrick. It will include Father Steger and the KOP Chaplain.

The conference brochure will be prepared by KOP once the hotel info is final. They will do the printing. The Conference Book will be printed in KOP. They will handle the sponsor ads. The secretary will accumulate all of the reports of the Board, and from the IAFC and provide them to the conference committee. He will also provide the logos as needed. The Secretary will promote the Conference on the web site and in the Dispatch.

Bill Jenaway will continue to participate in Division Conference Calls.

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** The year opened with a balance of \$64,948.88. Income to date is 42,436.53, interest and disbursements have been \$40,118.04. The new balance is \$67,267.37 as of 10/18/04. The Check book balanced on October 08,2004. Officers travel is running over budget due to the added day approved by the Board for FRI and the added Board meeting.

**Conference Calls:** Remember the new conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the code is **2730602**

Planned dates are:                    10/24    11/14    12/12    all are Sunday at 7 PM.

**Daily Dispatch:** There has been very little input and cooperation thus far in getting the remaining states on line. PA has submitted their email list which is relatively small. DE has sent a partial. NJ has sent the career chiefs but not the state chiefs. Maryland has sent nothing. NY continues to update their lists and provide lots of info for the NY edition. Meanwhile the Dispatch continues to grow on its own and all five states are launched. All of the delivery problems have been resolved. Pennsylvania will be send us the master list from the office of the Fire Commissioner.  
**Logo and Banner:** Bill Askenstedt will resend the info to Les Warrick who will follow up in DE.

**SPM in Denver:** Askenstedt, Cohan, Chiamonte, Lowden, Miller, Assenheimer, Dukes, Warrick, Maney and Marvel attended from Eastern. The meeting was well attended and very productive. The Eastern received many compliments on the things we are doing including the 5 state summits, web site and Daily Dispatch. All of the presentations can be downloaded from the IAFC web Site. There are also three promotional power point presentations on the same web page. The Secretary has all three along with the "IAFC accomplishments" power point on a CD.

**IAFC Report:** Bill Walton reported nothing new since the SPM. He reported to the Board on the improving conditions of Rodney Marvel.

**Five State Meeting:** The next 5 State Summit will be on November 20 & 21 at IAFCHQ in Fairfax. The hotel info has been sent everyone already. Remember the deadline for the reduced rate is 10/28/04. Please make your reservations ASAP!!!! Please try to get people from your states to attend. Make some phone calls to get it done if need be. Please help. Remind the states of the hotel deadline.

Known Attendees so far are;

DE - Watson,

MD - Seavey, Miller, Gouty, Steger

NJ - Askenstedt, Cohan, Lowden, Dukes, Anderson

NY - Pienkowski, LaBelle, Maney, Chiamonte

PA - Mann, Stahl

**FRI Hotel** -The Secretary reviewed three potential hotels. They were the Adams Mark which is the best hotel and closest to the Convention Center. It would be shared with the DOD. The Hyatt which is the headquarters hotel may not be available and has no suites for hospitality is a potential hotel. The Embassy Suites is very nice with a pool, and health club. It has the advantage of providing breakfast and a happy hour which would cut out expenses.