

## **Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call December 12, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Cohan, Askenstedt, Walton, Pienkowski, Warrick, Jenaway, Chiaramonte, Watson,

**Absent:** Seavey, Gouty, Lowden, Stahl,

**Minutes:** The board received the minutes from the Board Meeting of 11/21/04.

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 11/21/04 Board meeting** by Pienkowski and a second by Warrick. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**2005 EDIAFC Conference:** Bill Jenaway reported the following;

1. The Morning speaker will be Congressman Curt Weldon. The PM speaker will be Dennis Rubin from Virginia speaking on safety
2. The hotels will be The Crown Plaza Valley Forge (full service hotel) at \$109 single and \$119/double or the Fairfield Inn at \$99
3. Vendors: Bill Jenaway has spoken to Campbell Supply, Commerce Bank, Total Fire, Draeger, Choice Marketing, and National Fire Sprinkler Assoc. Bernie said ICC and Nextel have also offered to sponsor.
4. Registration will be \$50.00 and include lunch and 1 banquet ticket. Extra Banquet tickets will be \$35.
5. The KOP Ladies Auxiliary is working on a luncheon fashion show for the ladies program
6. The conference luncheon will be at a new station with cheese stakes and hoagies
7. The Banquet and President's cocktail party will be held in at the KOP Social Hall
8. There was discussion of a Casino night. No decision yet
9. Bernie said NJ will sponsor \$500 for the conference. Jim Watson and Ken Pienkowski will check on DE and NY. Bill will send letters to each state asking for \$500.00 sponsors.
10. The conference flyer is nearly done.
11. The conference program will be \$900 for 40 pages with color cover. Bill Jenaway is looking for a sponsor for the book.

### **Conference 2005**

Les has a commitment of \$1,000 from Conectiv.

### **Secretary Treasurer Report:**

No Report. Report was given on 11/21/04 at the Board Meeting. Little has changed.

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

The remaining planned call is on December 12, 2004. International director provided the dates for the IAFC conference calls and based on those dates, the Secretary proposed the following dates for the EDIAFC conference calls;

Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 17, May 22, June 12, July 17, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11. All dates are Sunday nights. Time will remain 7 P.M. the phone number remains 866-809-4014 and the Code remains 2730602.

**Daily Dispatch:** The Secretary reported subscriptions continue to grow but there is still little input coming from the states other than NY.

**Logo and Banner:** The Secretary has the logo. Jim Watson said the banner is being worked on.

**IAFC Report:** Bill Walton reported the extent of happenings is included in the tele-conference minutes. The state meeting was appreciated by the IAFC BOD. Mike Chiaramonte said the current info on the Fire Corp is on the VCOS web site. The Fire and Life Safety Section asked the IAFC for an advance of \$25,000 to get started. No decision has been made thus far.

**FRI Hotel** -The Secretary copied the Board previously on the hotel prices and locations. We have selected the Embassy Suites and have 200 rooms in the block. This has yet to be confirmed by IAFC.

**NFA Letter approved by the Five State Summit**

Chief Cohan appointed Mike Chiaramonte, Tucker Dempsey, Mike Granados, Ted Lowden, Bob Stahl and Bill Dukes to draft a letter for his signature, to be transmitted to IAFC. Mike Chiaramonte sent out some basics for the group to begin formulating a strategy for the letter. Mike said Bob Stahl has gotten some information from the instructors. Mike said the problems at the NFA may be worse than we thought. We need to verify the facts before we take any action. Bill Walton said the IAFC discussed the realignment of the USFA.

**Fire Rescue GPO**

It was decided at the 11/24 Board meeting to look into having an E University program at the February Board Meeting in Evesham. The Secretary reported that this was tentatively arranged and only the exact date and time needed to be confirmed. He also reported that Caryn from the GPO had offered to come in for an extra day and do a second program in Delaware as had been requested by Director Watson. Jim will need to confirm a date with the Delaware Fire School. She is available immediately before or after our conference.

**Valor Award**

Mike Chiaramonte was requested to investigate potential alternatives for the Valor Award. Mike distributed a proposal for an "EDIAFC Fire Service Award of Excellence" to replace the current Valor Award by prior email. The award was tabled to the February BOD Meeting. Please get comments to Mike Chiaramonte as soon as possible. Mike said he would like to allow departments to be recipients as well as individuals. Bill Walton asked to make the award inclusive of DC.

**FRI Luncheon**

This will be discussed after the February Secretaries Meeting in Fairfax when more info is available.

**February Board Meeting & Five State Meeting**

The Board decided that the Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 25 at 1 PM in Evesham Township. The Five State Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26 at 8 AM. The Fire GPO presentation will be the morning program for the Five State Meeting.