

Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call February 13, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Walton, Lowden, Cohan, Gouty, Warrick, Chiaramonte, Watson,

Absent: Seavey, Pienkowski, Jenaway, Stahl,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Conference Call of 01/16/05.

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 01/16/15 Conference Call** by Gouty and a second by Walton.

Motion approved unanimously.

2005 EDIAFC Conference: Bill Jenaway reported the following;

1. Speakers - Morning speaker will be Congressman Curt Weldon. The PM speaker will be Dennis Rubin from Virginia speaking on safety
2. Hotels will be The Crown Plaza Valley Forge (full service hotel) at \$109 single and \$119/double or the Fairfield Inn at \$99
3. Sponsors: Campbell Supply, Commerce Bank, Total Fire, Draeger, Choice Marketing, and National Fire Sprinkler Assoc. Bernie said ICC and Nextel have also offered to sponsor. Motorola may sponsor Dennis Rubin, Bill has touched with some other vendors. Campbell Responded and Commerce has not responded.
4. Registration will be \$50.00 and include lunch and 1 banquet ticket. Extra Banquet tickets will be \$35. Please register.
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. Idea has been dropped.
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. Roger Steger said Md will be a \$500.00 sponsor. Jim Watson said he would have the check from DE and Les will have the check from Conectiv.
10. The conference flyer is done and on the web site. Do we want to do a mailing?
11. The conference program will be \$900 for 40 pages with color cover. Bill Jenaway is looking for a sponsor for the book.
12. Les has a commitment of \$1,000 from Conectiv. The Secretary sent a thanks you letter.
13. Jim Broman has emailed that he will attend the 5 state meeting and conference. He is a candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2006.

The Secretary sent letters to all five state associations requesting \$500.00 sponsorships on December 14, 2004. There has been no response except NJ which committed \$500.00 which has not yet been received. The NJ Career Chiefs have already given \$500.00.No other states have responded thus far.

Secretary Treasurer Report: Reports sent to Board for approval. January memberships were 36 new and 185 renew for 221 total paid.

Conference Calls: Remember the new conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the new code is **2730202** , the dates for the EDIAFC conference calls are: 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 2730202.

Daily Dispatch: The Secretary reported subscriptions continue to grow. We have done several special alerts for the EDIAFC conference and the GPO meeting in February.

Banner: Jim Watson will follow up.

IAFC Report: Bill Walton reported:

Bill stated Curt Weldon will be the Homeland Security Vice Chair. Curt has stated that the USFA is important to the fire service.

Bill Walton said the police were hit with about 600 million in cuts in the Bush budget for 2006. The Fire Grant budget is proposed at 500 million as Bush proposed last year. Bill said that Dave Paulison sent a letter to the IAFC saying the concerns of the fire service were unwarranted. The letter said the administration is behind the USFA. Bill

also said that there were a lot of classes at the NFA which were not being filled. Ted Lowden said the classes seemed to be very under filled. There was discussion of the curriculum needing to be changed. Mike Chiaramonte and Bill Walton commented on the fact that the NFA does not promote itself well. Bill said the EFO program seemed to be suffering as well. Bill Walton said Bob DiPoli has been seriously ill and that is why he has not responded to our issues relative to the USFA and the NFA. The IAFC Executive Board discussed the NFA situation briefly but noone challenged Garry's statement that there did not seem to be a problem. The Secretary emailed Bob last week and asked for an update prior to tonight's call. There was no response. Bill Walton explained this was due to his health.

Bill Walton reported that there will followup on the fire act grants to assess there impact on the fire service.

Bill Walton reported that there will be a retirement party for Bob DiPoli. He will send out the information shortly.

NFA Letter approved by the Five State Summit

Mike Chiaramonte did the original draft. Several changes were proposed and sent back to Mike for final approval. The letter has yet to be completed. The Board opted to wait on the letter.

Fire Rescue GPO

The Fire Rescue GPO E University program for the Board and Five States will be put on by Caryn Tilton on Saturday February 26th in the morning session. Caryn will also do the same program on Sunday at the Delaware State Fire Training Academy. Registrations have been very slow after an initial surge. There have been no RSVPs for the DE session.

We received are first check from the GPO. It was for \$84.21 which represent our 20% and the 20% for the state associations. I have the breakdown by state but I am not sure what period the check covers. I have requested a clarification from Jeff Griffin and Andrew Forrester. The Secretary said that over 85% of the sales were from Zoll and in the state of NY. No one else seems to be buying much thus far. Hopefully the GPO seminars will spark some interest. Because the revenue is so small at this time, I do not plan to distribute the state shares until mid year. Semi annual distribution is sufficient for now.

FRI Luncheon

Our Board approved the FRI luncheon for Friday from 11:30 to 1:00 PM. The secretary is working on the arrangements. It should be finalized at the Division Secretaries Meeting on March 18th in Fairfax.

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. Hopefully everyone has reserved their rooms. None of the states have responded except Ed Mann from PA who cannot attend.

Elections

The Constitution and By-Laws specify exactly what is required to run for office under the amendments which established the mail ballot. The deadline for nominations has passed. The candidates are Chiaramonte for President, Watson for 1st VP, Stahl for 2nd VP and Bill Walton for International Director. I will send all of the nominations to Larry Vaughan, Elections Chairman for review and official report. Assuming all is in order, we can then decide when we wish to announce the winners.