

Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call April 17, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Warrick, Watson, Seavey, Pienkowski, Walton, Chiamonte, Cohan, Gouty, Jenaway, Stahl, Lowden

Absent:

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Board Meeting of 03/13/05.

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 03/13/05 Board Meeting** by Pienkowski and a second by Walton. **Motion approved unanimously.**

2005 EDIAFC Conference:

1. Speakers - Morning speakers will be Congressman Curt Weldon and Bill Pessimer and Bill Purcell from Nextel talking on interoperability. The PM speaker will be Dennis Rubin from Virginia speaking on safety. All speakers are ready to go.
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, Motorola Total Fire, Draeger, Choice Marketing, and National Fire Sprinkler Assoc. have all promised to help. Motorola will sponsor Dennis Rubin; Bill has touched with some other vendors. Commerce has pledged \$2,000.00 and bags. Nextel will be a platinum sponsor for \$5,000.00. Conectiv has given \$1,000.00. All of the 5 states have pledged \$500.00 sponsorships. Cheesequake VFC and NJ Career Chiefs have sent \$500.00 each. ICC has paid the \$900.000 to print the program. Nextel has paid for the printing of the flyer so far. Sponsor income to date is \$5,650.00.
4. Registration will be \$50.00 and include lunch and 1 banquet ticket. Extra Banquet tickets will be \$35. Please register. Board members must also pay to attend. Registration to date has totaled \$2,460.00.
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. Jenaway will MC the dinner.
8. The conference program will be \$900 for 40 pages with color cover. ICC will sponsor the program book. Bill A. and Bill J need to work out the layout and schedule. Officers must have their reports in on the 15th!
9. Jim Broman has emailed that he will attend the 5 state meeting and conference. He is a candidate for IAFC 2nd VP in 2006.
10. Current conference income from sponsors and registration is \$4,880.00. No expenses have been incurred so far.

There are still BOD members not registered for the conference, some have not yet sent their reports.

Garry Briese and Bob DiPoli were asked to submit letters to address the Conference and to be placed in the conference program. Garry has submitted his. Bob DiPoli plans to attend. The secretary asked the Board to have Bob as a guest and waive registration and banquet costs. There was a **motion** to comp Bob DiPoli his registration and partner banquet ticket by Pienkowski and second by Warrick. The motion was approved unanimously.

Les Warrick reported on the status of the Memorial Service. Program is just about complete.

Bill Askenstedt did a conference mailing to the entire Division. Josette re-did the conference flyer before the mailing. Nextel paid for the printing as part of their sponsorship. Bill had another blast for the conference put out in the Daily Dispatch

Secretary Treasurer Report: No Report. Full report will be distributed for the conference covering the year end wrap up. Our fiscal year ends May 1.

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: 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.

IAFC Report: Bill Walton no report at this time. Bill will email some info on EMS. Mike Chiaramonte asked if there has been any progress on the two latter issue. Bill said little is occurring. Mike asked if we were satisfied with the NFA issue. Bill said the IAFC had not had any further feedback on the NFA. Bill said the IAFC BOD was so far happy with Chertoff.

NFA Letter approved by the Five State Summit

Bob Stahl requested to re-visit this subject based on new information. He said Wayne Powell told him that the NFA was still having problems. Wayne told Garry Briese and Garry did not relate all of the info to the IAFC BOD. Bob said the NFA cuts were still an issue. Bob believes we should pursue the fact that Garry Briese may have lied to the IAFC BOD.

Fire Rescue GPO

Bill Askenstedt was on the GPO Advisory Board call in place of Jim Seavey. A report was emailed to the Board. Jim Seavey said he is working with the other Division reps to deal with GPO issues. Mike Chiaramonte asked how much time the GPO needed to straighten out their problems. Jim Seavey the end of 2005 we should see improvements. Bill Askenstedt said Jeff Griffen said 12-18 months was needed.

FRI Luncheon

The Division lunch will be at the Convention Center at 11:30 Friday. Menus were sent by email. The Secretary recommended the Deli lunch for \$22.00 per person. All selections will also have a 19% gratuity and 7% tax added on which will make the cost about \$28.00 per person. For 200 that will cost \$5,600.00 For 250 it would cost \$7,000.00 There was a **motion** by Seavey and a second by Watson to have the recommended lunch selection for 200 people. **The Motion passed unanimously.**

FRI Hospitality Suite

There was a request by Mike Chiaramonte to have the Division pay for two extra nights at FRI for the President. Mike is sharing the 2 bedroom suite provide by the IAFC for 4 nights with Russell who will run the hospitality room. Mike is requesting two extra nights at the regular room rate. There was a **motion** by Cohan and a second by Watson to have the Division pay the extra two nights.

There was a request by Jim Seavey to have Russell Hartung run the hospitality room for FRI. Russell ran it in New Orleans and is willing to do so again. The Board had previously voted to give Russell a comp registration and room at King of Prussia. The proposal is to comp his room for FRI instead. This will not cost the Division anything since the room has an extra bedroom and is paid for by the IAFC. There was a **motion** by Pienkowski and a second by Watson to approve comping Russell for FRI. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Board Meeting & Five State Meeting

We will be meeting in KOP on Friday, May 13th. As discussed the Board and the 5 States are invited to attend the session starting at 9 AM Thursday.

The Secretary recommended having the Eastern Board Meeting at FRI on **Thursday, August 11th at 1:30 PM**. He suggested that we invite the 5 states to attend if they desired. **The BOD approved the time.**

Valor Committee

Les Warrick provided an update on the current Valor Award. NY and DC were the only submissions. There may be multiple winners.

New Award Format

Mike Chiaramonte requested the Board discuss the new award format he has recommended. This was tabled from the prior meeting. Mike will re-send the proposal. He would like to have it reviewed for decision at KOP.

2006 EDIAFC Conference

NYS AFC had previously offered to host the 2006 conference in Binghamton, NY. At the recent 5 State Meeting, Tom LaBelle announced that the NYS AFC was moving their annual conference from Syracuse to Lake George. He has offered to host the 2006 EDIAFC Conference in conjunction with Fire 2006. He has requested the Eastern Board to respond as soon as possible as to our intent and our needs assuming we agree to have the conference with them.

There was discussion on a prior call pro and con to a joint conference. Ted Lowden expressed concerns about revenue issues and the potential loss of revenue and future sponsors. There were numerous questions regarding how the conference would work in Lake George. The Board decided to ask Ken Pienkowski to meet with New York and get more information. The matter will be discussed on the next call when the information is secured. This will be held until the KOP Board Meeting.

IAFC C&B Committee

Bill Askenstedt contacted Larry Vaughan at the Board's request to see if he would accept the seat held by Ken Anderson as the EDIAFC representative to the Committee. Ken is resigning after FRI. Larry's email declining the position was sent to the Board. Another candidate needs to be found. Jon Townley is not interested. The Board was encouraged to look for alternatives.

Ken Anderson's Retirement

Bill Askenstedt reported that the EDIAFC and the IAFC C&B Committee will jointly present a plaque to Ken at FRI. The details are underway for the plaque and we are awaiting word on the exact date and time the presentation can be made.

Near Miss Program

The IAFC has asked the Divisions to send letters of endorsement for the "Near Miss Program" The Secretary sent out a draft letter for the Board to review prior to the call. There was a **motion** by Chiaromonte and a second by Pienkowski, to send the endorsement letter for the Near Miss Program . **Motion approved unanimously.**