

Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call May 22, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Watson, Showmaker, Chiaramonte, Cohan, Stahl, Warrick,

Absent: Lowden, Walton, Pienkowski, Gouty,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Board Meeting of 05/13/05 and the Conference Minutes for the 78th Conference in King of Prussia on May 14, 2005

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

There was a **motion to approve the minutes of the 05/14/05 Conference** by Cohan and a second by Warrick . Mark Showmaker said Robert Edwards was the second member of the Valor Committee instead of himself, **The secretary will correct the minutes. Motion approved as amended unanimously.**

2005 EDIAFC Conference:

The Secretary reported that the conference budget currently stood at \$10,213.20 in the black. We still have \$2,750.00 in sponsor pledges out. They are Commerce Bank at \$2,000.00 VFIS at \$250.00 and NYSAFC \$500.00. We still owe for the Memorial flowers which is unknown yet and \$900.00 for the conference programs for which we are awaiting the invoice. We paid \$4,000.00 to KOP and Nextel paid \$3,250.00 which closed out all of the meals, catering, breaks banquet etc. The other \$1,750.00 from Nextel paid for the conference flyer mailing and the Nextel Speakers expenses. The Secretary expects a net income over expenses for the conference to be about \$11,500.00 when everything is final. This is well over our budget anticipation.

Secretary Treasurer Report: No Report. Full report was distributed at the conference covering the year end wrap up. Our fiscal year ends May 1. Taxes were completed and mailed.

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: 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:

No report.

FRI Update

The secretary has listed Dennis Oneal as the FRI lunch speaker on the web site.

Ken Pienkowski asked the Board to consider having a 50/50 at the FRI lunch to save some money. He suggested perhaps some of the spouses might run it. There was a **motion** by Watson and second by Showmaker not to have a 50/50. **Passed 6 to 1.**

Valor Committee

We still need a venue and date for the presentation to the DC winners. We also need another medal and to get the name of the charity to which the First Bankers check will go to. Then we need to contact John Hill at First Bankers to make arrangements. Les is working on getting additional medals. Bill Askenstedt is working with DC on a date.

Fire Service Excellence Award

Mike is working on the excellence award with changes submitted by several board members. He will mail the amended changes to the board shortly. Les Warrick asked that another chairman be appointed for this committee. Mike Chiaramonte asked for volunteers to chair the committee. Bill Askenstedt suggested having the committee elect a chair from their members. Mike Chiaramonte said information about the award will be coming out shortly. The board decided to have the committee elect a chair.

Committees

The President and secretary have compiled the new committee lists. Once approved by the president the Secretary will mail it out to the Board and Committee Chairs.

2006 EDIAFC Conference

We need to discuss a date for the conference now that the location has been decided. Tabled. Mike Chiaramonte suggested having Tim Sendelbach from Georgia as a speaker.

Safer Grant Review Nominee

The Secretary asked Chief Harold Phillips from NY to accept the Eastern position. He accepted and his name was submitted to the IAFC prior to the deadline.

Web Site

The secretary updated the officers on the web site. There are conference highlights and pictures on the site as well. Endorsements of Jim Broman for IAFC 2nd VP and Steve Miller for the VCOS Board are also posted. They were also in the dispatch.

Five State Meeting

The Secretary had previously suggested inviting the Five States to participate in our Board Meeting at FRI on Thursday afternoon. In light of the failed attempt at King of Prussia, he urged all of the state directors to encourage their state associations to be represented. In KOP, Jim Seavey said that Ferno had offered to do a 15 minute presentation for the Board at FRI. The Board decided to not to have Ferno attend. **Motion** by Cohan, second by Warrick not to invite Ferno. **Motion Approved unanimously.**

Talioferro Retirement

Mike Chiaramonte brought up having the President and Secretary attend Julian Talioferro's retirement dinner and presenting him with a plaque in recognition of his service to the IAFC. There was a motion by Watson and second by Cohan to have the President and Secretary attend

NYS AFC Legislative Issues

Issue one was the Fire Chief on DHS. NY wanted a secretary and an under Secretary position for fire. Issue two was about task forces. Mike asked the issues be tabled until the next call.

VCOS Elections

Jim O'Neil asked why we were questioning candidates qualifications. Mike Chiaramonte responded that the Division was concerned that everything was done properly.