

Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call June 12, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Cohan, Pienkowski, Watson, Showmaker, Lowden, Warrick, Stahl, Gouty,

Absent: Walton, Chiaramonte,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Conference Call of 05/22/05.

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

2005 EDIAFC Conference:

The Secretary reported that the conference budget currently stood at \$9,712.20 in the black. We still have Commerce Bank at \$2,000.00 pledged but not yet received. All of the bills are paid that I am aware of and Bill Jenaway has nothing further that he knows about.

Secretary Treasurer Report: Report was sent to the Board by email on 6/8/05

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: 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 Reported

FRI Update

The Secretary reported there is a very high attendance and it is difficult finding rooms. He urged the Board to tell anyone still not registered to do so ASAP.

Valor Committee

We still need a venue and date for the presentation to the DC winners and to get the name of the charity to which the First Bankers check will go to. Les was able to get more medals and has ordered extras since the award will be continued. Les has contacted John Hill at First Bankers to make arrangements. Les and Bill are working with DC on a date. Les said the presentation will be at station 15 in DC at a date to be announced.

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. The President still needs to formally appoint them. The pending committees are on the web site with names and contact info.

2006 EDIAFC Conference

The Board opted for the first weekend in June for the conference.

Ted is looking for a headline speaker in the area of safety.

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. He is still awaiting word on his appointment.

Web Site

The site crashed last month due to too much traffic. It has been fixed and the traffic has been reduced by moving some clients to another server. In addition, The secretary purchased an additional 100 meg of space because our first 100 meg was at 85% capacity. The additional space cost \$50.00 for the remainder of 2005 and will cost \$100 per year thereafter.

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. Please work on your state officers.

NYS AFC Legislative Issues

Bill Askenstedt, Bill Walton, Mike Chiaramonte, Ken LaSala and Tom LaBelle held a legislative conference call recently. Minutes were sent to the Board.

VCOS Elections

Have we heard anything more.

New Business

New Castle County held a legislative Day at the Fire School attended by many local government officials who were given hands on live fire training. Gioia from IAFC also attended. Jack Gouty said MFRI does a similar program in Maryland.

New Castle County Firemen's Association has offered to host a board and five state at the fire training center in the fall in conjunction with another program to bring in more government officials and possibly IAFC staff.

Bob Stahl needs an appointment letter for his position as EDIAFC representative to ICC **Moved** by Watson, second by Cohan to reappoint Bob Stahl. **Approved unanimously.**

MSFA Convention

MSFA Association starts on June 18th in Ocean City, MD.