

## **Minutes – EDIAFC Conference Call July 17, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Walton, Chiamonte, Askenstedt, Pienkowski, Showmaker, Lowden, Warrick, Gouty, Watson,

Absent: Stahl, Cohan,

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the Conference Call of 06/12/05.

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

### **2005 EDIAFC Conference:**

We still have received the \$2000.00 pledged by Commerce Bank and Nextel has paid KOP Social Hall. The conference finances are closed out and we are about \$11,700.00 in the black.

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** No report.

**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: 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 he was not on the conference call but the Chief of the London fire brigade was invited at FRI . The minutes of the IAFC BOD meeting will address the Smoke Detector issue with Home Depot and the un listed UL standards.

### **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. The FRI luncheon was discussed and it was decided not to up the amount of people for which food was purchased. Any changes for next year will be based on this year's attendance.

### **Valor Committee**

The medals were received and cost about \$400.00. Les has contacted John Hill at First Bankers to make arrangements for them to be present. . We have not paid for the medals yet because the first batch were incorrect. We will make the presentation on July 27<sup>th</sup> in DC. The First Bankers donation will be to the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation.

Les, Mike and possibly Jack or Jim Watson may attend.

### **Fire Service Excellence Award**

Mike Chiamonte reported he sent out a proposal for the Board's review. Bill Walton commented on the idea that it should not necessarily be awarded annually and that it does not need to be a fire company or fire service organization. Bill Walton also suggested that the EDIAFC could also nominate candidates. Ken Pienkowski suggested including specific dates for when nominations would be accepted as opposed to using the Valor requirements. Mike

Chiaramonte agreed with the concept and offered to revise the dates to reflect the fiscal year. President Chiaramonte discussed budget issues. Les suggested that Del Marva Power may be an additional sponsor to help defer the costs.

### **Committees**

The President and Secretary have compiled the new committee lists. The President formally approved the committees as posted on the web site. The 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. The dates are posted on the web site. Ted is looking for a headline speaker in the area of safety. Mike Chiaramonte said that we should invite Dave Paulison to attend and Chief Paulison said he would attend if he is available.

### **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. The Board agreed that we will have a 5 state meeting on the Sunday afternoon after the Leadership Summit.

### **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. There has been no feedback since the call.

### **VCOS Elections**

Our endorsements are on our web site. Mike's letter went to about 750 by email and is in the Daily Dispatch. We are getting help from several states including MD, NY, and PA. Ballots are just starting to get to voters this week. Bill Askenstedt suggested we make a motion at the VCOS meeting that ballots be sent first class mail in the future. The Board Agreed.

### **ICC Appointments**

Bob Stahl was approved by the Board to continue as our ICC representative. Bob was to supply info for his letter and possibly one other to the President so that Mike could write the required recommendations. Mike will investigate.

### **Dan Gaumont Endorsement**

Dan Gaumont has requested our endorsement for his bid to become elected to the Board of the new Life Safety Section. His request was sent to the Board for review. There was a motion by Pienkowski and a second by Watson to endorse Dan Gaumont for Board Member of the Life Safety Section. The election will be held at FRI in Denver.

### **Smoke Detector Certification**

President Chiaramonte sent out a letter to the Board, from Ron Siarnicki regarding the UL certification of smoke detectors, noting that some chains are selling non UL listed detectors. Mike suggested writing a letter to the chains requesting they no longer do so. This situation now seems to be under control and a letter from the EDIAFC is not necessary at this time.

### **IAFC Leadership Summit**

The summit will be held on November 4 & 5, 2005 at the Capitol Hilton in Washington DC. Hotel and Registration for the Board will cost about \$3,850.00 We should add another \$3,000.00 for travel and per diem (\$300 per). Therefore our cost to send the entire Board will be almost \$7,000.00. I already know that we cannot get into the hotel a day early for a board meeting but I am checking on Sunday on the back end. An extra day will cost between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00 depending on the hotel rate. We have \$20,000.00 left for officer's travel and we will use \$12,000.00 – \$15,000.00 for FRI. This will leave nothing for any other Board meetings or travel of any kind. There will be a 5 states meeting on Sunday and an extra night's stay is available for those board members who need it. The Board discussed and considered the information about budget in the decision. Board Members should make their own hotel reservations. Bill Askenstedt will register everyone and pay the registration fees to IAFC.

### **Uniforms**

Mike Chiaramonte stated he would like to work on the agenda for the luncheon at FRI and for the Eastern presentation at the General session at FRI . Mike Chiaramonte suggested the Division jackets for Saturday and the Division shirts for Sunday for the Leadership Summit. Red jackets will be the uniform for the DC Valor presentation. Mike Chiaramonte will work on the FRI luncheon agenda with the Secretary and send it to the board for approval.

### **FRI State of the Division**

The secretary/treasurer and the president will work on this report.