

Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call May. 21, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the conference call of 04/23/06.

There was a **motion** by Cohan and a second by Showmaker, to approve the minutes of the 04/23/06 conference call. **Motion passed.**

Secretary Treasurer Report: The secretary will send out the year end report to the board with the minutes from this call. The board will have time to review it in advance of the Board Meeting. The detailed report will be presented at the conference.

Conference Calls: Remember the new conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the code is **2730202**. The proposed schedule for 2006 Conference calls is as follows:

Jun 11, Jul 16, Aug 13, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17

All of the calls are Sunday at 7:00 PM.

IAFC Report: Bill Walton reported that the IAFC Board met in McClean, Va, The IAFC saw a power point presentation on MASTF . The Board made a motion to establish an Emergency Management Committee which will become a standing committee to carry on the work of the MASTF Task Force.

The IAFC Board approved a zero tolerance policy on fire department behavior which includes sexual tolerance, racial discrimination, etc.

The IAFC Board talked at length about the Fire-Rescue GPO. The Board voted to disassociate itself with the GPO and to encourage Divisions to re-evaluate their relations with the GPO. Most Divisions are disappointed in the GPO. New England and Western are supporting the GPO

Dave Paulison will sit for his review in front of the Senate this week. Ken Burris explained the government process to the IAFC Board. He predicted Dave would be approved, but told the board that there would be a significant battle, based more on FEMA itself, than on Dave Paulison and his qualifications.

Bill Walton explained that the IAFF got a lot done in Washington because they play hardball and are politically active.

The IAFC Strategic Planning Meeting will be in McClean VA, on October 27, 28 and 29th. The hotel will be the McClean Tyson Hilton.

Mike Chiaramonte asked if the board discussed the election protocol policy proposed by the IAFC Election Committee. Bill Walton said that most Divisions agree that the IAFC did not give the Divisions enough time to review the policy and that many Divisions do not want the IAFC telling them how to run their Divisions. We will discuss the matter in June.

Committee Reports:

Mike Granados, chair of the Communications Committee has moved to California

Memorial Committee: The program for the conference has been completed and is ready to go. Father Stgeger's attendance is still questionable. Les will work on a back up plan with the other clergy.

Valor Committee: Les has submitted a written report which will be distributed with the agenda for the Board Meeting. DC had the 5 winners again this year. The committee is trying to set up a presentation on June 5th in Washington. Les said he was available to go. He will work with Steve Reid to try to make the arrangements.

Old Business

FRI Issues: All is on schedule. The lunch is still being worked on. No answers yet. Russell has accepted to do the hospitality room. IAFC has confirmed the Secretary's room, the president's room and the suite. Ted Lowden said that he invited the NJ Career Chiefs to use our hospitality room since they are having very few people go to Dallas and they have always financially supported our room.

Fire Service Excellence Award: Conectiv pulled their sponsorship for 2006 and gave their \$1,000.00 to the conference instead.

2006 EDIAFC Conference

The Secretary reported Conference sponsors have pledged \$19,250.00 to date. There are 52 registered for the full conference. 95 people are registered for the banquet as well as about 16 for the partners program. Four sponsors still have not paid. They are Draeger, Wilmington Manor VFD, Total Fire PCVB and VFIS. \$14,250 has actually been received

The conference program was printed. Considerable time was spent reminding sponsors to submit their ads and officers to submit their reports. All of the sponsors except VFIS made the program. VFIS will sponsor the welcome reception.

We recently reached an agreement with the Philadelphia Convention and Visitor Bureau to Sponsor our conference Banquet for up to \$3,000.00. They will be present at the conference to hand out materials advertising FRI 2010 in Philadelphia.

The Secretary advised the Board that the New Jersey and Delaware Directors were up for re-election at the conference and that Maryland would need to elect a Director to replace Jack Gouty.

Ted Lowden reported all is ready.

National Mutual Aid System:

Ted Lowden reported that the Committee did a full report that was given to the IAFC Board at their recent Board Meeting. Ted thanked and lauded the State Directors for their efforts. President Chiaramonte thanked Ted Lowden and the Directors for their hard work and efforts.

NY Line of Duty Death Meeting:

Ken reported that the group meets tomorrow and he will give a report at the Board Meeting. Several states have started the Courage to be Safe program.

Fire Corps: Tim Wall will make a presentation at the June Board Meeting. Mike Chiaramonte asked that departments register citizens programs with Fire Corp.

New Business

Fire GPO: The Secretary had previously reported on the last conference call. There will be another call this week. We did receive an additional check for \$463.00 since our last conference call. The consensus is that we will still not renew in October.

Safer Grant Peer Reviewers: Chief Phillips was our only volunteer and his name was submitted.

Request for Endorsement of Dan Gaumont for Secretary of the IAFC Safety, Health & Survival Section

Chief Cohan made a **motion to endorse Dan Gaumont for Secretary of the IAFC Safety Health and Survival Section**. There was a second by Watson. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VCOS Replacement for Ed Mann

Mark Showmaker said that Ed Mann was not running for re-election to the VCOS Board. He suggested that we find a candidate from Eastern to replace him. The Secretary reported that the deadline for candidates to declare was May 15th and it is too late.

Bill Walton said the VCOS Section pulled their By-Law amendment from the ballot, but Bill questioned if there might be a move to pass it off the floor at the conference. It was agreed that we need to have people attend the VCOS meeting in Dallas to assure that a By-Law change can not be put through. The change would need an 80% majority

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00