

## **Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call April 15, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Minutes: The board received the minutes from the March 11, 2007 Board of Directors meeting  
There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Pienkowski to approve the minutes of the  
March 11, 2007 Conference Call. **Motion passed.**

### **Secretary Treasurer Report:**

**Treasurer's Report** - We are still right on track with out annual operating budget. The  
\$40,000.00 CD was reinvested for 12 months at 5.25% as the Board approved. The interest for  
the prior year was about \$1,800.00 which was rolled into the new CD. A full report will be given  
for the year at the conference.

The Secretary reported that he had no information at all as to what the impact of this year's  
conference will have. All of my budget projections will therefore be based on a zero based  
conference. That means I will not plan to for income or for any expense as a result of the  
conference. If that changes and I receive any reliable information one way or the other, I will  
adjust projections accordingly.

**Membership Report** - Membership is still flat. We have dipped to 1,980 dues paying members  
a new low for this decade. We are also no longer the largest Division in the IAFC. That honor  
now belongs to the Southeastern Division.

### **Correspondence:**

Conference Calls: Remember the conference call phone number is: **1-866-809-4014** and the code  
is **2730202**. All of the calls are Sunday at 7:00 PM. The 2007 schedule is as follows;

<b>Month</b>	<b>IAFC Call</b>	<b>EDIAFC Call</b>
June	14	17
July	12	15
August	09	12
September	13	16
October	11	14
November	08	11
December	13	16

## **IAFC Report:**

Bill Walton was not on the call

## **Committee Reports**

**Memorial Committee:** Les reported all was ready and they now have a permanent cross for the ceremony

**C&B Committee:** Ken Pienkowski had no report.

**Valor Award:** We had lots of applicants for this year. Les ordered new ribbons

## **Fire Service Excellence Award**

Les circulated some suggestions and the email replies appeared to give full affirmation for his selection. Based on that, the Board has signified their authorization to go forward. Les reported the award was ordered and Margret Gouty is going to sponsor the cost of the award.

The Secretary asked if Conectiv was still going to provide a sponsorship for the award this year and if the Valor Committee had heard from VFIS about their sponsorship of the Valor Award. Les reported that Conectiv will make a general contribution to the Division, but he was not sure when or how much. He said there were changes going on and their ability to dole out money was changing.

## **Old Business**

### **2007 EDIAFC Conference:**

The web site was updated to include the newly added speakers which were provided by Bill Walton. There are very few sponsors listed on the web site, because no information on sponsors has been provided.

Jim Watson said there were 51 conference registrations and 100 for the banquet.

The agenda is on the web site. Friday is the opening ceremony. Garry will do the keynote followed by the memorial service, business and technical sessions. There will be a beach party in the evening. Saturday there will be technical sessions. In the evening will be the banquet.

Friday the ladies will go shopping, lunch and a winery. Saturday they will go to the outlets.

Many people are calling to say that they cannot get rooms at either hotel. The secretary reported that he tried and was told everything was sold out, even though Ted Doyle reported there were

still rooms. He asked the President to please get him accurate information so he could respond to those calling.

**2008 EDIAFC Conference:** No report

### **FRI Atlanta**

The Embassy has been locked in as the Division Hotel, We will get all of the rooms at the Embassy. There still will not be enough for the entire Division, so we will also have rooms at other hotels. The secretary has blocked all of the remaining rooms for the Embassy Suites.

One room is being held for each board member, plus one extra for Ted Lowden and Ken Pienkowski for NYSAFC. One is also reserved for Russell Hartung who does the hospitality room. Ken will not be able to attend and his room is going to NYSAFC. Jim Watson said he needed rooms in Delaware, but did not yet have the info. The Secretary said he also had a list of people waiting and urged everyone to let him know ASAP if they needed rooms.

The Secretary has forwarded hotel forms to the Board. Those forms should be completed and submitted by the end of May. Please advise the Secretary when you reserve your room. All the room are suites and the hotel is non smoking, so your you have very little to choose other than your arrival and departure dates.

The Secretary said he thought we will have a big attendance at FRI in Atlanta. He recommended that we reserve lunch for 200 even though we have never been able to fill the lunch. The Divisions have agreed to have the IAFC arrange the luncheons so they are all the same and we realize a significant savings on the cost per person. The Division Secretaries will approve the menu and cost. The Secretary stated that this year the Board should all work very hard to personally get people from our states to commit to attend the lunch so that we can actively promote the Division.

There was a **motion** by Showmaker, and a second by Pienkowski, to authorize the Secretary contracting for 200 people for the Division lunch and act on behalf of the Division in selecting the menu and price with the other Division Secretaries. **The motion was approved.**

There was a **motion** by Showmaker, and a second by Warrick, to authorize the Secretary to reserve four nights room for Russell Hartung at FRI in return for his operation of the hospitality room. The motion included hosting the room at the Embassy Suites. **The motion was approved.**

There was a **motion** by Pienkowski and second by Warrick, that the Board approve four nights lodging, travel expenses and a maximum of 5 days per diem for those attending FRI. The Board should stay Wednesday night through Sunday morning, traveling on Wednesday and Sunday. **The Motion was approved.**

This year FRI will offer a Company Officer Leadership Symposium. It will run from Tuesday, 8/21 through Thursday 8/23 like a pre conference seminar. The intent is to introduce mid level officers to the IAFC. It is a good opportunity to send officers.

### **NY Line of Duty Death Meeting:**

Ken Pienkowski said there was no meetings yet.

### **Fire GPO:**

The Secretary reported that Mike Chiaramonte had assumed the duties of the liaison for the Division. Mike participated in the last conference call. The Secretary also reported that the State distributions from the GPO will total over \$2,200 and will be ready to give out at the conference.

Mike Chiaramonte was not on the call.

### **IAFC Leadership Orientation & CFSI**

The Secretary reported that he was the only representative from the Board at the summit. He stated that the summit has really been changed to be an orientation for incoming Division Presidents and that it was a worthwhile meeting for them to attend. All of the other Divisions were represented by one or more of their Presidents.

The Secretary also attended the retirement celebration for Garry Briese and assisted the President in making the presentation for the Division. While in DC, the Secretary attended the IAFC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, met with Dan Lane at the new ICC Headquarters to finish processing the Eastern application for Chapter status and attended the CFSI Dinner where Garry Briese was given the Mason Langford Award.

The Secretary reminded the Board to promote the IAFCF and to urge members to apply for scholarships. Under the new guidelines, applicants do not need to be IAFC members, but they do need an IAFC member to sign their application as a sponsor. This is an excellent way for the Board to promote the Division by sponsoring applicants from your departments or neighboring departments and explaining that this is another member benefit of joining the IAFC

### **Elections:**

Ryan's Printing has submitted an invoice for approximately \$1,700.00 for printing and mailing the ballots. It matched the estimate provided by Larry Vaughan and I have paid the billed. Ryan Printing wanted the payment up front because they were paying the postage. Ryan Printing is the company that we have dealt with for years and the price was very good. Larry Vaughan and Charlie Hungerford did a great job. Apparently, ballots are just now reaching the membership.

## **ICC Codes Action Committee Appointments**

The four current committee members are Robert Stahl, Mark Showmaker, Grover Ingle and George Maney. The Secretary sent an email to the Board on February 16, 2007 recommending reappointment of Bob and Mark and finding replacements for George and Grover. George is no longer an IAFC member since he retired and is no longer eligible, Grover has not attended any meetings in two years.

On the last conference call Bob Stahl said the next meeting conflicts with Firehouse Expo and that will make it difficult to find people to sit on the Board. Bob will try to see if the meeting can be rescheduled. The decision to appoint four members was tabled until this conference call.

At the present time, there have been no new nominees for the ICC Appointments.

The Board opted to appoint Mark Showmaker, who will attend the ICC Meeting and inform ICC that we will have no other nominees. Bob Stahl asked not to be appointed because he cannot attend the meeting.

## **Fire Corp.**

Jim Watson was contacted at CFSI by Brian Mcquewen from FASNY regarding Fore Corp. Ken Pienkowski said he already referred him to Tim Wall.

Jim Watson thanked the Board for their participation in the conference calls during the year.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.