

Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call June 24 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Lowden, Cohan, Warrick, Stahl

Absent: Mellits, Showmaker, Maney, Watson, Walton, Gouty

DUE TO A FAILURE TO HAVE A QUORUM ON THE CALL, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. THEREFORE THE AGENDA FOR JULY WILL BE THE SAME WITH ADDITIONAL ITEMS. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE ON THE NEXT CALL AS THERE IS BUSINESS THAT MUST BE TRANSACTED.

Minutes

The board received the minutes from the May 17, 2007 Board of Directors meeting
There was a **motion** by _____ and a second by _____ to approve the minutes of the May 17, Board Meeting. **Motion was tabled for lack of a quorum.**

The board received the minutes from the May 18, 2007 Annual Conference
There was a **motion** by _____ and a second by _____ to approve the minutes of the May 18, EDIAFC Conference. **Motion was tabled for lack of a quorum.**

Secretary Treasurer Report:

The Secretary reported that he has recovered substantially from being ill and was back to doing EDIAFC business full as normal. He also reported that his home computers took a lightning strike and two of five computers were lost. This caused two days of inability to edit the web site. Luckily, almost all of the EDIAFC data was backed up except a few recent files of post Delaware minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Due to the minimal activity since the Conference, there is little to report. None of our financial records were lost from the computer issues. All of the bills, which were primarily officer's expenses have been paid, thanks to Josette writing the checks and bring them to the hospital for my signature.

Membership Report - No report.

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;

Month	IAFC Call	EDIAFC Call
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:

No report

C&B Committee:

The Secretary reported that the Division will be asked for their recommendation for the Eastern slot on the IAFC C&B Committee. That recommendation is made by the Division President around FRI. Jon Townley is currently our representative and can be reappointed or replaced. Our recommendation is binding.

Ken Pienkowski is currently the Representative at Large on the IAFC C&B Committee. That appointment is made by the IAFC President. We asked Ken be appointed by Bill Killen who appointed him. We can recommend that Ken be reappointed, recommend someone else, or do nothing. Our recommendation for the at large position is not binding on the IAFC President and we can only hope he considers anything we suggest. Typically, that position is filled by someone from the President's Division.

Valor Award:

The Secretary reported that we did not get any sponsors for the Valor Award Program last year and the cost is getting near \$1,000.00 between awards and the expenses for people to attend conferences to make the presentation. He suggested that the committee be tasked with trying to solicit sponsors.

Fire Service Excellence Award:

The Secretary reported that we did not get any sponsors for the Excellence Award Program last year and the cost is around \$500.00 for the award. He suggested that the committee be tasked with trying to solicit sponsors. This year there was no expense to present the award since the recipient was already attending our conference. If we have to present the award in another venue

or if we pay expenses for the recipient to attend our conference, the cost of this program will also hit \$1,000.00 or more.

Dan Lane has left ICC, but has informed the Secretary that he intends to stay active in the Division and will retain the chair of the Excellence Committee. Dan intends to seek the New York Director's position the next time the position is open. He has also offered to continue to help get sponsor money from ICC in the future.

Old Business

At the recent Board Meeting, there was a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Burn Foundation when they attended the Conference on the 18th. No one showed up and it was the consensus of the Board that we not make the donation. Since the donation was voted by the Board, There should be a motion to rescind the original motion.

There was a **motion** by _____ and a second by _____ to rescind the motion to donate \$100.00 to the burn Foundation. **Motion was tabled for lack of a quorum.**

There was discussion by the Board, but no official action taken regarding Fire GPO disbursements being made to the Keystone Chiefs. Some Board members had suggested that they not be included because of their failure to participate in the Division all year.

The Secretary reported that the bulk of the GPO revenue in PA was related to EMS purchases by the Philly area burn centers and not from Fire and EMS agency purchases.

There was a **motion** by _____ and a second by _____ to continue/discontinue providing GPO disbursements to the Keystone Chiefs. **Motion was tabled for lack of a quorum.**

2008 EDIAFC Conference:

The Secretary reported that he had begun working with the York Convention Bureau to reserve the Harley Tour and buses for the tour. York will also provide staff for registration Thursday evening and Friday morning. They will have gift bags for attendees which we can add anything to that we would like such as membership brochures, conference materials and the like.

The Secretary has also begun reaching out to potential sponsors, but responses have yet to be received. The Secretary recommended that each Director attempt to solicit at least to sponsors for the conference. State Directors should solicit sponsorships from the state associations as in the past.

Chief Devlin from Philadelphia has stated that he will be sending a proposal on the EMS Tracking Program they will be doing at the conference as well as a bio of the speaker. He also said that Commissioner Ayres would like to do a presentation on Emergency Preparedness.

We need to begin work on the technical program immediately. Aside from PFD, PFESI and Ed Mann have offered potential programs is we need them. A committee should be formed to take the lead in setting up the speakers for the conference. Aside from PFD, we need two 90 minute programs for Friday afternoon. Saturday morning will be the opening session with the Memorial Service, Business session the Keynote. Perhaps Dennis Rubin from DC Might be interested. The PFD EMS program must be on Saturday because ACS has committed to sponsoring the BBQ that day.

Saturday Afternoon, we can do one or two 90 minute programs and Sunday morning we can have a short business session to finish any unfinished business, or we can do one speaker Saturday afternoon and do the final business ten as well, leaving Sunday open.

Getting the program lined up is key to advertising to get people to come. People don't come to conferences when they don't know what is on the program. The early registrations for Delaware prove that. **DE registration did not pick up until the program was finally available.**

President Stahl indicted he intends to appoint Mark Showmaker conference chairman for the York Conference and have Lowden, Askenstedt and himself serve on the committee.

FRI Atlanta

The Embassy has long been full and we are filling the rooms at the Sheraton. Registration will be very high this year.

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.** (This was from a prior conference call).

The Secretary has since booked the room and set up for 200 people. All of the Divisions have agreed to the same menu to get better pricing. Our cost should be \$25.00 per person for a total of \$5,000.00

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.** (This was from a prior call and has been done)

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 was also from a prior call and is included for informational purposes for new Board Members.

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.

President Stahl asked the Secretary to look for a time slot for the EDIAFC Board to meet in Atlanta. Members of the Board should be prepared to comment on their schedule during the July Conference call.

NY Line of Duty Death Meeting:

Ken Pienkowski is no longer on the Board. George Maney the new director from NY had volunteered to monitor this program and report as needed. The secretary reported that, NY State Fire Administrator Burns left that position a few months ago and he coordinated the program. Since then, nothing has happened. Retired Chief Thomas Murphy from Endicott New York was finally hired to replace Burns last week, but he resigned after only one day on the job for unknown reasons. As a result the LODD program remains in limbo.

Fire GPO:

We continue to see a decent revenue stream. We have received the first check for this fiscal year which was \$1,515.45. There has been nothing new from Mike Chiaramonte since he took over as the liaison. Mike is leaving the division and will need to be replaced as the liaison. The Board recommended Past President James Seavey. There was a **motion** by _____ and a second by _____ to appoint Jim Seavey as the new GPO liaison. **Motion was tabled for lack of a quorum.**

Elections:

The Secretary commented on the great job done by the elections committee and Larry Vaughan and Charlie Hungerford in particular. He reminded the Board that Mike Chiaramonte was our current representative to the IAFC Elections Committee and needed to be replaced since Mike is switching Divisions. The Secretary recommend that the Board appoint Larry Vaughan as the Eastern recommendation for our representative on the IAFC Elections Committee. That recommendation is binding on the IAFC.

Mike currently is the chair of the committee, but our representative will not be the chair, although he could be considered, it would be very unlikely that a new member of the committee would be elected as the chairman.

ICC

We have been awarded our ICC Chapter status. The materials are in the process of being sent to us. There will be more to report after they arrive. I will most likely remain as an annual sponsor of our conference according to Dan Lane, our former representative.

EDIAFC Constitution and By-Laws

There were many emails circulated by the Board on possible amendments to the Division By-Laws. There was discussion about what the best approach is to adopting the needed changes.

VCOS Ballots:

The Secretary reported that Bill Walton had contacted him after speaking to Mike Chiaramonte. Mike had informed him that the VCOS ballots were out and that he was very concerned that the “Windisch” Amendment might pass.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.