

## **Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call August 19 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Askenstedt, Watson, Warrick, Cohan, Gouty, Showmaker, Lowden, Mellits, Walton, Stahl, Maney

Absent:

### **Minutes**

The board received the minutes from the July 15, 2007 conference call

There was a **motion** by Warrick and a second by Showmaker to approve the minutes of the July 15, conference call. **Motion passed.**

**Secretary Treasurer Report:** No report. Report will be given at the Board meeting in Atlanta

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>
September	13	16
October	11	14
November	08	11
December	13	16

**Fire Rescue GPO:** Jim Seavey accepted the position of liaison to the GPO and will replace Mike Chiaramonte. The Secretary put Jim Seavey in touch with Crosby Grindle from the GPO. The Secretary also learned that Mike Chiaramonte has not participated in the conference calls and that the GPO has opted not to hold a meeting in Atlanta, although they will have staff at FRI. Further, Jim Seavey was added as the Eastern Liaison and will be getting conference call notifications when they occur. Crosby will also send him some back minutes. Jim intends to be at the Eastern Board Meeting in Atlanta, but probably will not make it because his flight arrives Thursday at 9:30 and we should be adjourned before he reaches the Convention Center. Be prepared for a discussion on the distribution of funds at the FRI Board meeting.

**FRI:** The Board meeting is on Thursday at 08:00 in room #213 at the Convention Center. The luncheon is on Thursday at 11:00 at the Convention Center. The President sent out a dress code via email, which is primarily wearing red jackets on Thursday.

**IAFC Election Committee:** The President announced that Larry Vaughan will continue to chair the EDIAFC Election Committee. The president appointed Charles Hungerford as the EDIAFC representative on the IAFC Election Committee. There is a committee orientation meeting in Atlanta and the Election Committee also meets in Atlanta. Charlie is unable to attend FRI this year, but should be able to catch up.

**EDIAFC Constitution and By-Laws:** President Stahl requested input on the composition of the Division C&B Committee. It is presently Jon Townley as Chair, Ken Anderson, and Ken Pienkowski. The committee composition will be discussed further at FRI. The Secretary pointed out that Jon Townley has serious health issues and will likely be unable to perform his rolls on the Eastern or IAFC Committees for at least 3 to 4 months. Ken Pienkowski is no longer interested in serving the Eastern in any roll and Ken Anderson previously asked to step down, but would probably help if requested.

#### **Valor Award and Fire Excellence Award Funding**

President Stahl reported that Valor Award Committee Chair Stephen Reid and Fire Excellence Award Committee Chair Dan Lane had been contacted about the respective committees working on funding for the awards. Both agreed to same. President Stahl also asked them to coordinate the effort with Secretary-Treasurer Askenstedt to make sure we did not conflict with other sponsorships, etc.

#### **LAST**

The NFFF has asked the IAFC to assist them in putting together a command function component of their LAST(Local Assistance State Teams). EDIAFC has been asked to assign someone that is very diplomatic, and that would be willing to take on the roll of organizing this within your division. The designee will need to attend a training session scheduled for November 2-3 at the National Fire Academy. All expenses will be paid by the NFFF for the training. We need to appoint this person, preferably at FRI but no later than September 1.

#### **Kentland (Maryland) Volunteer Fire Department**

President Stahl requested the Board's opinion regarding the Eastern Division's involvement. President Stahl also placed it on the agenda for FRI. Steve Miller indicated he will attend the FRI Eastern Board meeting and it may be good to get his input.

#### **New Correspondence**

The Secretary stated that he had sent revised agendas to the Board that added two recently received items of business. One was a request for support from PFESI and the other was request for support of a proposed bill to add federal funding for state training academies. Both were received this past week

#### **Adjournment**

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