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Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call July 13, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Askenstedt, Warrick, Walton, Lowden, Hungerford, Lane, Showmaker, Mellits,
Absent: Holcombe, Stahl

Opening Remarks - President Lowden

The Division had a good month and got a lot accomplished. Some of the accomplishments will be discussed on this call.

Minutes

The board received the minutes from the June 22, 2008 Teleconference. There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Warrick to approve the minutes of the June 22, Conference Call. **Motion passed.**

Secretary Treasurer Report: No report. A full report was given at the Board meeting. The next report will be given at FRI

Conference Calls: Remember the conference call phone number is: **1-888-891-0496** and the code is **2732021**. All of the calls are Sunday at 7:00 PM. The 2008 schedule is as follows;

Month	IAFC Call	EDIAFC Call
August	FRI	FRI
September	11	14
October	09	12
November	13	16
December	11	14

EDIAFC Conference

The Secretary reported that he had still not received the New York sponsorship check. All other revenue and expenses are accounted for, for the 2008 conference. thought the sponsors, particularly VFIS, liked us being in York.

The ePresident advised that if our next request does not yield the amount owed us by New York, that they be advised that any future transactions be on a cash at the time of transaction basis. We are asking them for the \$500.00 one last time.

For the 2009 conference, we have received a packet from Rochester, which was kept for comparison and as an alternative for the future.

On Thursday, July 10th, Mark Showmaker, Bill Askenstedt and Sandy Haynes from Heritage Hills held a conference call to discuss holding the conference back in York. Sandy was asked to provide pricing for rooms and catering.

The hotel will be complete by next year. The terrace is done and four of the five floors are done with the renovations. All five will be done by next May.

The hotel is fast selling out for next year. As a courtesy, Heritage Hills has reserved the meeting rooms and blocked hotel rooms for us until after our conference call. We are holding the third weekend in May as per the Board's direction. We must make a decision soon or risk losing the dates.

The gazebo is not available on Saturday evening, but we can do the lunch on the new terrace, which was the original plan for last year. The Windows Ballroom is being held for our banquet on Saturday. All of the meeting space is available.

Prices were provided for various functions. There are some small increases, but overall they are reasonable. We will also get 1 comp room for every 25 nights stay we book, That should work out to about 6-10 free room nights.

Heritage Hills will also enter into a two year contract with all of the rates at the same price for both years if we contract for two years now.

Les said he liked the idea of doing another two years in York and emphasized having a good ladies program. The Secretary explained that the hotel had offered to do some ideas for the ladies to have the programs in house and avoid the need for buses which were costly last year.

There was a Motion to enter a two year contract with Heritage Hills for the 2009 and 2010 EDIAFC Conference by Showmaker. There was a second by Warrick. There was no further discussion and the **Motion** passed unanimously.

FRI Luncheon

Arrangements for the luncheon are complete. The cost will be @20.00 plus tax and gratuity which will bring the total to about \$27.00 per person. We will be around \$4,000.00 total which is less than last year, because we only reserved for 150. In the past, we booked at 200 and never filled the seats.

ICC Training Day

The training day will be held on November 7, 2008. The cost will be \$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. The location will be Evesham Fire Rescue Headquarters in Marlton.

The topics for the course are still to be finalized. Mark and Bob Stahl are working on the class topics. They are working on NJ CEU credits. They are waiting for answers from ICC

IAFC will offer free 6 month trial memberships to non-members attending the training.

The President asked if anyone else on the Board would like to host a second training session. Dan Lane said it is difficult to do the classes in NY. Mark Showmaker said that one of the goals was to expose other people to the IAFC and to use the classes as recruiting tools.

Les said he did not think the courses would do well in Delaware. He said perhaps in November something could be done. It was suggested Delaware might be a good location for attracting people from several states.

Mark Showmaker brought up that we need people for the code action committees, who will be reappointed in January.

Ted Lowden said he was interested in getting sponsors for the training programs.

Delaware Director

Les reported that Chief Willard "Bill" Betts, a long time fire service member is a good candidate. Bill attended the York conference and will be at FRI. Les feels the people in Delaware who are active in the IAFC support Bill as the appropriate candidate.

DE Chiefs will forward a letter of recommendation. The Board will approve it at FRI and officially appoint Chief Best to fill the vacancy of Delaware Director.

IAFC Power Point

The Secretary sent out a presentation by Mark Light that he got from IAFC staff. Bill Walton forwarded a link to another power point that can be downloaded from the IAFC web site. The consensus was that something better was needed. The Secretary suggested that Bill Walton ask the IAFC Board to have the IAFC staff develop a new power point that is current. He suggested doing it after FRI when the work load is off the staff and that perhaps it could be ready for the Leadership Summit.

Division Shirts

The Board approved buying one Division shirt for each Board Member. Someone needs to collect sizes from the Board and contact Margaret. Pete collected sizes from the Board and will handle ordering the shirts. Bill Askenstedt will pay the invoice when correct. Some Board members have not responded to Pete with their sizes.

Committee Expenses

Two months prior, Pete was asked to prepare recommendations for funding of Committee Chairs to attend various functions. On the last call, this was tabled, because Pete was not on the call. The intent of the discussion was to decide what funding would be provided to committee chairs or members for work or travel they did on behalf of the Division.

Pete stated that he wanted to provide incentives for people to be committee chairs. Ted said that he believed everyone agreed with the concept, but that there needed to be cautious in how we were going to afford this.

The financial concerns of the Board was to leave the current system of allowing the President to offer or respond to the needs of various committee chairs and members for future expenses associated with their EDIAFC assignments.

Values Focus Group

The Secretary submitted the names of Dan Lane, Les Warrick and Jon Holcombe as the Division representatives on the Values Focus Group. The President asked Les to provide a brief overview of the Group's Mission. Essentially it is provide input from the Divisions and the Sections to the IAFC's overall Value Statements

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The committee had a conference call last week to discuss the issue with Affiliate membership and came up with the following:

We decided to recommend to the Board and to the Membership that we place the issue of mandatory Division membership for Affiliate members before the membership for consideration, and action at the 2009 Conference, **but that we would also prepare workable language in case our recommendation is not followed, and action is proposed from the floor. (something the Eastern Division might want to do).**

The following would replace the current last paragraph of Article II, Section 1:

(a) The following classes of members must belong to the Division in which they are employed or reside: Regular, Departmental, Associate and Affiliate. All other classes of members may elect to join a Division, or be considered members of the International Division.

(b) For incumbent Affiliate members, this section shall be effective upon membership renewal.

At this time I do not know what the Division charges a Affiliate member but the IAFC charges \$75.00 so I think we should keep a Division charge at a minimum of say \$10.00 so there would be a total charge of \$85.00.

I agree with what we came up with but if you or any of the Board think otherwise please let me know because we are going to review this again at the Conference I am sure.

IAFC Leadership Summit

Les raised the issue of who should represent the Division. Pete Mellits suggested he should attend because of his proximity and because he would not incur hotel costs. The President suggested that the Division send the three Presidents due to financial constraints of the travel costs.

There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Warrick, that the three Presidents be funded to attend the Summit. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IAFC Division Task Force

Les Warrick reported the IAFC Division Task Force conference call was cancelled due to lack of time for preparation. The next call will be on July 30th.

Open Agenda

Les Warrick asked the President to send out the dress code for FRI.

The Secretary stated that he and the President had received drafts of the proposed new Fire Rescue GPO contract. They are currently reviewing those documents and they will send them to the entire Board after with any recommendations. The contracts will be discussed at the Board Meeting at FRI.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.