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Minutes EDIAFC Conference Call September 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Stahl

Opening Remarks - President Lowden

Ted said we would discuss the Staff changes at IAFC at the end of the conference call. Jon Holcombe did the address to the NJ Chiefs in Wildwood. Ted said he felt it was important for the new officers to be out in public

Minutes

The board received the minutes from the August 13, 2008 EDIAFC Board Meeting at FRI in Denver. There was a **motion** by Showmaker and a second by Warrick to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2008 EDIAFC Board Meeting. **Motion passed.**

Secretary Treasurer Report

Finance are typically low at this time of year due to the officer expenses for FRI. Some officers have still not submitted their expenses. Nor have we received the expenses from Russell for the hospitality room or the IAFC invoice for the luncheon. IAFC invoicing typically runs three months behind or more.

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
October	09	12
November	13	16
December	11	14

EDIAFC Conference

The hotel contracts are complete. At the current time, we are blocking the entire hotel which is 135 rooms and we still have the meeting room booked to do a full day preconference seminar.

Mark Showmaker reported progress on sponsors and work is beginning on the programs. President Lowden said that the NJ Chiefs had a good speaker and he may be worth considering. Mark will look into the speaker and also will be looking at Gordon Graham as another possible speaker. Les mentioned Gordon Routley as a speaker. Ted mentioned the VCOS/ISO Program.

ICC Training Day

Bob Stahl and Mark Showmaker reported everything was ready to go. The flyer is out and there has been some interest.

The training day will be held on November 7, 2008. The cost will be \$25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. The location will be Evesham Fire Rescue Headquarters in Marlton.

The topic for the course will be “**2006 IBC Fire Risks of Interior Finishes**”. 0.6 CEUs/6 contact hours credit will be given by the Fire Division of the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs.

The Secretary reported that he will be in contact with Shawn Stokes from the Membership Department about the 6 month free memberships which were committed by the old Member Services Director Gioia Albi. Shawn replaced Gioia, who resigned in the beginning of September

See attached Flyer for this event.

IAFC Leadership Summit

The Division will be represented by President Lowden and Vice President Warrick. Bill Walton will attend as the International Director.

IAFC Division Task Force

Les Warrick reported the IAFC Division Task Force there was not a lot to report. There are two teleconferences set up in September and October to review the Task Force recommendations. The final report will be submitted as a best practices guideline to the IAFC. He stated none of the report is “written in stone” conclusions.

IAFC Values Task Force

Les said he attended the meeting held at FRI. There are five areas that were identified where value statements were to be developed. Les will send out an overview of the meeting and ask to have comments back in five days from our Board.

Fire GPO

The Secretary reported that the EDIAFC Board had voted to renew with the GPO. Crosby Grindle will be sending official contracts shortly. Assuming they are identical in language to the generic contract we approved, the Secretary will sign the contracts and return them to the GPO. As of the call, they have still not arrived.

Open Agenda

Ted Lowden opened a discussion about the staff turn over at IAFC. He stated that he received a substantial explanation of the loss of Gioia Albi, but also noted that there has been a large turn over at IAFC.

Bill Walton stated he thought that the turn over was reasonable given the new administration change that took place with Mark Light. Bill stated that the IAFC Treasurer has reviewed the IAFC finances and that the Association is in good shape.

Ted Lowden asked if there were any different personnel policies instituted under Mark Light, that were different during Gary Briese's tenure. Bill Walton said he was not aware that had happened.

Bill Askenstedt noted the number of staff changes that had taken place and the problems that resulted from those changes.

Ted Lowden suggested that he contact Mark light first and then follow up with the IAFC Executive Officers.

Jon Holcombe said the NJ Chiefs are still trying to find their niche in the fire service

Adjournment

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