

GREAT LAKES DIVISION/IAFC

Minutes of August 3, 2004 Board Teleconference

I Call to Order

President Timm Schabbel called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M. EDT (1:15 P.M. CDT); the following took part in the call: Vice President Kenn Taylor, Director Larry Gorud, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Hutchings, State Representatives Randy Sellnow-WI, Bill Schmidt-MI Bob Wilcox-IL and Paul Klapprich-MN.

II Acceptance / Additions to Agenda

President Schabbel asked for any additions to the agenda he had e-mailed to each member. It was suggested we should discuss the Nextel/Consensus Plan and the opposition of some of the fire service to the FCC's acceptance of the plan. President Schabbel added this to the agenda.

III Old Business

- A. FRI New Orleans: Hutchings reported that while everything seems to be coming together, it looks as though our attendance will be down considerably from three years ago. Gorud commented that the total attendance will be greater than last year in Dallas, but less than our last visit to New Orleans. Several other board members commented attendance from their areas would be down also. Gorud also mentioned there was some concern about having enough members present at the Sunday business meeting when the resolutions will be considered. He further stated that the resolutions that have been submitted are in the proper form and probably should receive approval except that there may be questions about the one calling for an IAFC spokesman. President Schabbel informed us that the Legislative Forum would be held on Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. and he has been asked to be a presenter. Unfortunately this will conflict with our scheduled board meeting. Neither Whitworth nor Bloom will be attending FRI. After considerable consideration it was decided President Schabbel and Gorud would attend the Legislative Forum and attempt to leave by 2:30 to join our board meeting which will be chaired by Vice President Taylor until they arrive. Schabbel will invite the state association presidents to join us at 4:30 for an informal get together before we open the hospitality room at 5:00 P.M.
- B. Forum 2005 Update: Taylor reported there is a commitment from the Green Bay Packers to participate and we will use Lambo Field for all of the activities. The speakers will discuss "Managing an NFL Corporation" and "Managing Emergency Service at Lambeau Field". Jeff Roemer and Chief Stauber from Green Bay have been working hard to put this program together. The headquarters hotel will be The Tundra Lodge Resort and Water Park where the room rate will be \$99.00/night and each room includes 4 water park passes. The dates selected are April 7-8, 2005 with the board meeting held on April 6. Taylor will have a brochure ready for promotion of Forum '05 at FRI.
- C. Legislative Network Update: The president reported that the legislative contact list is nearly complete. Wisconsin's info should be in soon. The goal is to be able to distribute the list at FRI.
- D. Strategic Plan Update/Identify Target Issues: President Schabbel stated while the plan is a good overall statement of our objectives, he would like to identify some target issues. From input he has received he suggested that we consider 1) Legislative Issues 2) Building relationships with the state chiefs' organizations and 3) Position Statements as our primary concerns. It was suggested we

should also prioritize membership and relations with FEMA. We will address the Strategic Plan more thoroughly when we meet in New Orleans. President Schabbel asked that everyone be prepared to address the sections of the plan that they have been assigned when we next meet.

- E. Review Position Statements: After a brief review of all the existing statements it was decided all would stand as read except “Legislative Update for IAFC Members”. Grorud moved that we should remove “Legislative Update for IAFC Members” as this has been accomplished. Second by Sellnow. Motion carried. Sellnow stated he is concerned that we do not have a statement that supports the right to volunteer. The president asked Sellnow to review the SE Division’s resolution on this matter and propose a statement for the GLD. Sellnow will get something to us by E-mail.
- F. Nextel/Consensus Plan: We should all be prepared to support the IAFC’s position to any governmental group requesting input. The small portion of the fire service that opposes the plan is not well informed and seems to be financially backed by competitive industry.

IV Good of the Order

Grorud announced that the IAFC’s executive director’s contract has been finalized and will run for three years with an additional one year “evergreen clause”. Sellnow asked how many of the board members would attend the divisions meeting hosted by IAFC incoming President Bob Di Poli at FRI on Friday at 2:30 P.M. in Rm #266 of the Convention Center. President Schabbel suggested that as many of us as possible attend. Taylor and Grorud reviewed the scheduled times for FRI activities; such as, opening session 9-11:30 A.M. on Thursday, GLD breakfast Friday 7:30 A.M. and Presidential Celebration Saturday at 7:00 P.M. with a reception before at 5:30 P.M.. Due to higher than expected attendance at the Presidential Celebration, the room location may be moved from the hotel to the Convention Center.

V Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans and will be held in the President’s suite.

VI Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Schmidt. Second by Sellnow. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M. EDT (2:05 P.M. CDT).

Respectfully submitted,

Ret. Chief Ron Hutchings, Secretary/Treasurer
Great Lakes Division IAFC