

Great Lakes Division, IAFC

Minutes of Teleconference Call - January 28, 2004

I Call to Order

The teleconference was scheduled for 4:00 P.M. EST. President Schabbel called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M. with the following members taking part: President Timm Schabbel, Vice President Kenn Taylor, Division Director Larry Grorud, Sec/Treas Ron Hutchings, State Representatives Paul Klapprich-MN, Dale Duermit-OH, Robert Wilcox-IL, Brian Lott-IN and William Schmidt-MI.

II Acceptance/Additions to Agenda

President Schabbel asked for any changes or additions to the agenda that he had sent out by e-mail. Duermit stated he would like to give an update on a speaker for the Forum. This will be included under A-6.

III Old Business

A. Forum 2004

1. Nextel/Partner Sponsorship – To be addressed later in call when Lott joins in.
2. Brochure Status – Schmidt reported that we should have a draft to review by Friday. It is hoped that mailing can be 10 to 14 days after that. The president asked opinions as to trying to insert the brochure into the Trumpet as originally planned. Hutchings responded that in anticipation of this delay he had promoted the Forum in the Trumpet and included bios. The Trumpet will go to the printer on Thursday. After board discussion it was decided that we would send the Trumpet without the insert. This will reduce the number needed by 2200. The board, however, expressed displeasure with the increase in brochure price above the \$2500. originally approved. Duermit moved to proceed with the brochure and accept a cost increase up to \$3200. Second by Grorud. Motion passed.

Resume Nextel/Partnership discussion (A-1) - Lott reported that Nextel will sponsor a reception before the dinner. Nextel's partners will sponsor the lunch on the first day. Lott also believes that he has a sponsor for the hospitality room. We will also attempt to find a sponsor(s) for the breakfasts.

3. Board meeting – The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31 at 9:00 A.M.
4. State Presidents' Roundtable – President Schabbel has received responses from all of the states. We will have five state chief presidents and the vice president from MN present at the Forum.
5. Schedule – The last published schedule for Forum '04 seems to be satisfactory with dinner on Thursday to be at 7:30 P.M.
6. Outstanding Issues – Duermit reported that there will be one change in the presenters for the Forum. Dr. Terry Henley, who was originally going to present the program on Fire Department Reimbursables, and had been replaced by Glenn Goodpaster, will again be doing the program. Presenters will be questioned as to their needed AV equipment. Lott will have computers and projectors available so that we will only have to rent mics and screens from the hotel. Board members are to make their own hotel reservations for the board meeting and forum, and the Division will reimburse.

- B. Legislative Network: Schmidt has had no responses to requests for volunteers. Ohio is working on it and hopes it can be completed by the Forum. Indiana is working on the project. Illinois had made contacts – 40% of the representatives come from the Chicago area. President Schabbel would like to have this completed by the Forum, but suggested that we could start to work with a partial list.
- C. GLD-FEMA Partnership: Vice President Taylor will be meeting with Director Ed Buikema next Monday. At that time he hopes to build on the relationship we started with FEMA at our board meeting in November.

IV Good of the Order

Gorud, who is presently attending the IAFC board meeting, reported he had not received a response to our request to use the Member Alert Network for division communication. A review of the notes from a previous meeting mentioned that their current system is not adaptable for this use. They are considering a new system that may allow for our request. The announcement of the partnership between Nextel and the IAFC is to be put off until after the FCC rules on the proposed Consensus Plan. Plans for the partnership are continuing, however. Letters of support for the Consensus Plan that have been sent by IAFC members to their federal representatives seem to be helping. The Safer Act still has not been appropriated. All departments that apply for new Fire Act Grants will need a Dun and Bradstreet number for their applications.

Lott questioned the progress of the Fire-GPO. Schabbel said that Bernstein had not answered his e-mails. Hutchings commented that he had recently received an e-mail stating Alex had been replaced. Hutchings will get a copy of the e-mail to the president ASAP.

V Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be in Merrillville on March 31 at 9:00 A.M. as mentioned above in A-3.

VI Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lott. Second by Schmidt. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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