

GREAT LAKES DIVISION/IAFC

Minutes of June 21, 2004 Board Teleconference

I Call to Order

The teleconference was called to order by President Schabbel at 1:30 P.M. CDT. The following members participated in the call: Division Director Larry Grorud, Sec/Treas Ron Hutchings, State Representatives Randy Sellnow- WI, Brian Lott-IN, Dale Duermit-OH and Paul Klapprich-MN. There was also one guest, Deputy Chief Keith Condra from Fishers, IN, who represents the GLD on The Fire GPO Board.

II Acceptance / Additions to agenda

President Schabbel asked for any additions to the agenda that he had provided to everyone by e-mail at an earlier date. There were none.

At the request of the president, Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2004 Board meeting. Second by Grorud. Minutes were approved.

III Old Business

- A. Fire GPO: Keith Condra joined in the teleconference to update the board concerning The Fire GPO which we have agreed to participate with. Condra represented the GLD in Seattle May 11-14 and has provided an extensive written report to the board members. The purpose of the May meeting was to form an advisory council to advise The Fire GPO. Condra felt that things were finally beginning to move along after 13 months of little happening. The new web site is scheduled to come on line July 9th. Beta testing will start next week. Condra stated that in his opinion the new web site should make it much easier to work with the GPO and will provide greater access to the Amerinet contract. There are other contracts available at this time – some with good pricing, others less favorable. Prices in many areas will be driven by the numbers. He suggested that when we become comfortable with the program we may want to consider a link from the GLD web site to the GPO. Condra asked for assistance in securing e-mail addresses for GLD members so that an e-newsletter could be sent out that promotes the GPO. By agreement between the Fire GPO and the IAFC contact lists cannot come from any data base originating with the IAFC. By providing the link to the newsletter to members it will allow them to sign up to receive the e-newsletter monthly.

After discussion of the availability of e-mail addresses President Schabbel stated that he would contact each state individually to determine the availability of a state e-mail list. He also suggested that we could post it on our web site. The next Fire GPO Advisory Council meeting is to be held in New Orleans at FRI. Duermit moved that the GLD approve up to \$1000.00 to cover the registration, hotel and per diem for Condra to attend FRI in New Orleans and take part in the Fire/Rescue GPO meetings. Second by Schmidt. Motion passed.

- B. FRI - New Orleans: President Schabbel asked if all of the board members will be attending FRI. Schmidt will not attend as out of state travel was cut from his budget. At this time Schmidt is in doubt as to whether he will be able to continue to serve on the GLD Board.

The GLD Board meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 12 in the hospitality suite at the Fairmont Hotel. The Division breakfast will be 7:30 A.M. on Friday, August 13.

President Schabbel has invited the presidents of the GLD chiefs' associations to meet with our board at FRI. So far the response has been good. A time and date will be determined later. Regarding the financial audit, the president proposed that in order to have the audit completed before FRI possibly Duermit, Taylor and himself could get together at the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Conference in July to complete this. Lott made this a motion. Second by Sellnow. Motion passed.

- C. Forum 2005 update: The president spoke with the Forum Chairman, Taylor, this morning and he reported that Jeff Roemer and Green Bay Chief Jeff Stauber have been negotiating with the Green Bay Packers to hold the Forum with their partnership in 2005. At this time the possibilities look good.
- D. Legislative Network: Schabbel reported he has received all of the contacts from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. He will work with Sellnow to finish up Wisconsin while he attends the WFCA meeting next weekend.
- E. Strategic Plan update: The president would like to have another teleconference in July and devote most of the time to the Strategic Plan review. He asked the board members to complete their review of assigned sections before then and attempt to focus on 5 or 10 major areas that we can be more specific with.

IV Good of the Order

The president mentioned he had some concern with candidates announcing their candidacy for IAFC office so far in advance and how it would affect our endorsements. After a brief review of our policies it was determined that our concerns were covered as we stated we would not make any endorsements that are more than one year in advance.

Grorud reported that the IAFC Board is attempting to negotiate a new three year contract with Garry Briese and has hired an outside firm to do a job evaluation to aid in this endeavor.

V Next Meeting

A question arose regarding the dates for the Minnesota Fire Chiefs' Conference. After review it was determined the dates were October 20-23. Klapprich will verify the dates with President Schabbel and they will determine when we will hold our board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lott. Second by Schmidt. Meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ret. Chief Ron Hutchings, Secretary Treasurer
Great Lakes Division