



Eastern Division International Association of Fire Chiefs

Committee Assignments

Be Active: contribute to the growth and effectiveness of the organization while shaping the future of fire, rescue, and EMS services. For additional information or interest in joining a committee email info@ediafc.com.

Eligibility Criteria: to serve on an EDIAFC committee, applicants must:

- Be a current member of the EDIAFC.
- Have their membership dues paid in full.

Constitution & Bylaws (Policy/Procedures)	
Committee Co-Chair	Gary Kirchbaum (MD)
Committee Co-Chair	Chris Burnett (NJ)
Member At-Large	Michael Robinson (MD)
Member At-Large	John Sly (PA)
Member At-Large	Thomas O'Donnell (PA)
Member At-Large	James McClelland (MD)
• Review and recommend updates to the Constitution & Bylaws. • Process and propose amendments. • Develop and maintain a comprehensive Policies & Procedures Manual.	

Legislative (Grants/CFSI/NFPA)	
Committee Co-Chair	AJ McCarthy (PA)
Committee Co-Chair	Paul Sullivan (MD)
Member At-Large	Steve Cooley (NY)
Member At-Large	Caroll Spriggs, (MD)
Member At-Large	Ken Phillips (DE)
• Research potential grant opportunities. • Draft and submit grant applications for Board approval. • Monitor state and federal legislation impacting fire, rescue, and EMS services in Maryland, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. • Share legislative insights among states for mutual benefit.	

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Marketing & Fundraising	
Committee Co-Chair	Jon Townley (DE)
Committee Co-Chair	Joe Cunningham (NJ)
Member At-Large	John Sly (PA)
Member At-Large	Beau Crowding (PA)
Member At-Large	Rick Clark, Sr. (DE)
- Identify funding opportunities to support organizational development and leadership initiatives. - Support division sustainability into the future as a viable organization.	

Strategic Plan (Membership Initiatives)	
Committee Co-Chair (President)	Scott Little (PA)
Committee Co-Chair (1 st Vice President)	Stephen Maichle (DE)
Member At-Large	Andy Hall (DE)
Member At-Large	Michael Chiaramonte (NY)
Member At-Large	Brian Boyce (PA)
Member At-Large	Ray Clark (DE)
- Working to implement the recommendations in the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan that focuses on membership engagement and transparency. - Improve communication through website, social media, et. - Manage the Division's public relations through its website and social media platforms, promoting the organization's vision and mission.	

Public Relations (Valor Award, Memorial, Scholarship)	
Committee Co-Chair	Bill Walton (DE)
Committee Co-Chair	Paul Sterling, Jr. (MD)
Member At-Large	Frank Hand (PA)
Member At-Large	Joesph Fahd (NY)
Member At-Large	Jon Townley (DE)
Member At-Large	Les Warrick (DE)
Member At-Large	Michael Rickards (DE)
- Manage the policy and application process for the EDIAFC Valor Award. - Evaluate applications and determine award recipients.	

- Administer and review scholarship applications, ensuring equitable distribution of awards.

Training & Leadership Development (Health & Safety)

Committee Co-Chair	Tom Coe (MD)
Committee Co-Chair	Jansen Casscles (NY)
Member At-Large	John Poole (PA)
Member At-Large	Joe Madzelan (PA)
Member At-Large	Bryce Thompson (DE)
• Set up in-person training courses throughout the year. These are to engage members on a variety of topics to help give them actionable takeaways that will help them continue to develop and grow as fire service leaders. • Pass on knowledge	

Nominations

Committee Co-Chair (Immediate Past President)	Joe Fahd (NY)
Committee Co-Chair (International Director)	James Yates (NJ)
Member At-Large	Corey Smedley (MD)
Member At-Large	Blaine Leis (PA)
Member At-large	Michael Rickards (DE)
• Oversee the nomination and election process for the Division's 10 officers. • Manage candidate verification, ballot preparation, and vote counting, including electronic and mail-in ballots.	

Website

Committee Co-Chair	Chris Burnett (NJ)
Committee Co-Chair	Michael Chiamonte (NY)
Member At-Large	AJ McCarthy (PA)
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• Oversee the strategic plan recommendations for increased use of website for communications.	

- Improve overall awareness of EDIAFC, training opportunities, and benefits for the members.

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