

## **VCOS Board Teleconference Minutes**

**Thursday, July 12, 2012**

Present: Tim Wall, Joe Florentino, Shane Ray, Jim Wilson, Dave Fulmer, Dan Eggleston,

Guests: Jim Seavey, Mike Vaughn, Norvin Collins, John Nixon, Ted Lowden

Absent: Dave See, Fred Windisch, Fred Crosby

Staff: Joelle Fishkin

### **Welcome by Chairman Wall**

- Chief Tim Wall welcomed the guests, including board candidates and board members-elect, thanking all candidates and expressing his hope that they will continue to be involved with the section as their help is always needed and welcomed. He welcomed the board members-elect and explained his method of soliciting volunteers for board initiatives.
- Chief Collins and Chief Nixon graciously acknowledged the invitation to stay involved and resolved to do so.
- Chief Lowden, Chief Seavey and Chief Vaughn all expressed their excitement at being elected to the board and stated that they are looking forward with anticipation.

### **Election report – Chief Joe Florentino**

- 2012 marks the first year of electronic balloting and Chief Florentino thought it worked very efficiently. 425 electronic ballots were returned, which is a smaller number than we had been receiving with paper ballots (over 600 last year)  
20% of eligible voters voted.
- Chief Lowden, Chief Seavey and Chief Wall were elected to 3-year terms.
- Chief Vaughn was elected to a 1-year term.
- Chief Florentino will give a full report at the annual meeting and another report at the November board meeting at which time a discussion will be held to determine whether to continue the electronic process in 2013.
- Chief Wall thanks Chief Florentino for his many years of effort as the chair of the Elections Committee and volunteers him to continue as the elections chair in 2013, which Chief Florentino accepts.

### **NACo Reappointment – Chief Tim Wall**

- Chief Wall states that Chief Fred Crosby is being reappointed as the IAFC representative to NACo and Chief Crosby has consented to serve again for another year.

### **Symposium 2012 – Chief Fred Windisch and Chief Jim Wilson**

- All instructors are lined up although we're still waiting for some bios.
- Last update from MJ was June 14 due to FRI demands on her time. We're expecting increased information after FRI. At that time, there were:
  - 62 registrations and 185 rooms booked
- There will not be a Pierce factory tour this year so there is consideration of doubling up on vendor presentations on Friday afternoon.
- Nine vendors are interested in participating in the Vendor Venue. Some will be inside and some will be outside.

### **Report from International Director Shane Ray**

- There's the possibility of a complication during his attendance at the IAFC board meeting in Denver, as it will be his first day on the job as the SC State Fire Marshal. It is slightly possible that he may have to leave.
- Larry Sagen should be sending him some details on the Tony Pini Award for Diversity and Inclusivity. This will be included in the next VCOS announcement, scheduled for July 24.

### **Vision Project Update & Webinar – Chief Tim Wall**

- Tim Tharp is doing a great job of getting the 9 lanes together
- Everyone should have gotten notification of the special webinar on July 17<sup>th</sup>. It was sent out to all attendees of the March 2011 kick-off meeting in Washington DC
- We need to get more people involved in this project as there is a lot of work to be done. Every board member will be assigned to assist with one lane. This project will become a priority after FRI.
- The Business plan is almost complete and will be sent to the board of directors for review/approval.

### **FRI Scholarship – Chief Dan Eggleston**

- Received 18 very competitive applications and have selected 2 winners.
- Waiting for confirmation from Chief William Ball that he can attend.
- Confirmation has been received confirmation from Chief Schiessl.
- They will both have to submit W-9 forms and pick up their checks at the meeting.

### **FRI Updates – Chief Tim Wall**

- Chief Dave Fulmer and Chief Jim Wilson will be setting up the VCOS Booth
- Chief Fulmer will be sending around a sign-up sheet for others to help cover booth hours. (It's a great way for new board members to introduce themselves to the members.)

- VCOS Dinner Thursday night 7:00pm. Everyone welcome to attend and bring a guest. Email Joelle by Monday with acceptance and number coming.
- Chief Hank Clemmensen will swear in new board on Thursday, August 2. Jacket and tie required at annual meeting (or can wear uniform, if prefer).
- Chief Wall encourages everyone to attend the IAFC business meeting and show your support for the association.
- We will meet for breakfast on Thursday and Saturday
- You should attend your division luncheon and if you have the opportunity to speak, pump up the section and the Symposium and market the two Symposium scholarships.
- Current VCOS board members are all at the Hyatt Regency headquarters hotel.

#### **2013 VCOS board meetings – Chief Tim Wall**

- Symposium 2012 – we will pick up hotel rooms, airfare and meals for new board members. Need to arrive by Thursday and stay through Monday 2:00pm.
- 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting of 2013 - 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of February, Thursday to Sunday (January 31 – February 3)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of May, Thursday to Sunday (May 2 to May 5)
- FDIC is April 22-27, 2013
- CFSI is May 7-10, 2013

#### **Roundtable**

- Ted Lowden – will be listening and learning
- Jim Seavey – ditto and is looking forward to it
- Mike Vaughn – anxious to get to work
- Tim Wall – Eastern Division President Pete Mellits asked whether there is any project the division could work on with VCOS.