



International Association of Fire Chiefs

VCOS Board Telecon 12 July 2022

Participants:

IAFC Board Members Present:

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair
Chief Rich Cowger, Vice Chair
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Paul Sterling, Board Member-at-Large
Chief Brita Horn, Board Member-at-Large
Chief Kevin Hardwick, Board Member-at-Large
Chief Norvin Collins, Board Member-at-Large
Chief Al Yancey, Board Member-at-Large
Chief Jason Catrambone, Board Member-at-Large

IAFC Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jim Cook, Board Member-at-Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Shawn Stokes
Mr. Kevin McGee, Chief Operations Officer

Call to Order

Chief Flynn chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1402 hrs ET. Chief Flynn welcomed Chief Shawn Stokes to the Board.

Approval of 14 June 2022 Minutes

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

MOTION: 14 June 2022-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the June 14, 2022. Motion carried.

COWGER/STERLING

Chair Report

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

Chiefs Horn, Yancey, and Sterling will serve on the 2022 VCOS FRI Scholarship Award Selection Committee. Applications close on 20 July and the Committee will review the applications and select the awardees immediately after the application deadline. He

encouraged Board members to seek applicants.

Articles are submitted for the next VCOS Newsletter for the Spring/Summer edition for a late July release.

Section chairs began a monthly conference call to discuss topics of mutual interest and to enhance communications between the sections.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Cowger, Vice Chair

Chief Cowger briefed the committee on the IAFC Strategic Directions work session he attended, representing VCOS. He explained the process and commented that it was productive and well facilitated.

International Director's Report

Chief Catrambone, International Director

Chief Catrambone provided a legislative overview that was presented to the IAFC Board of Directors to include PSOB benefit legislation for suicides that IAFC opposed and the President's SAFER and Fire Act funding proposal that is supported by Congress and now with the Senate.

Secretary Treasurer Report

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

No report

Brand and Message Strategy Development

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

Most items for VCOS logo marketing giveaway have been purchased for distribution at FRI and Symposium in the Sun as part of the soft and hard implementation of the new VCOS brand and messaging. Items include challenge coins, VCOS stickers, coasters, pens, chip clips, and t-shirts. Polo shirts will be purchased for Board members.

Brand and message talking points will be reviewed by the Board Executive Committee to be ready for distribution to the Board before FRI.

A corner of the Pierce Manufacturing local dealer Siddons-Martin Emergency Group local dealer Meet and Greet event at FRI is set aside for VCOS at no cost to the section.

New Member Initiatives

Chief Horn

Chief Horn will meet with Bill Rehkopf, Communications and Marketing

Director on July 14th to confer on the material to be sent to new members.

MOTION: 14 June 2022-02

Motion made and seconded to approve \$50 gift cards for the members of the New Member Task Group as appreciation for their contributions. Motion carried.

STERLING/COWGER

Education Programs Update

Chief Flynn, Chair

The FROG Revisit meeting to address updates to the program will be held later in July. This working meeting will be the first refresh in 10 years with a revised program result by the conclusion of the meeting. Student feedback has indicated that the material is still relevant. The meeting is supported by Volunteer Workforce Solutions.

The revisions to the White Ribbon report are complete and were submitted to the editors. The report is targeted for release by FRI.

Old Business

Chief Yancey reported that the Chaplain Program established a partnership with the Federated Chaplains. The Chaplain document is close to completion. Chief Yancey is seeking chaplain pictures for the document that represent the work and support services that chaplains perform. The distribution is targeted for the 2022 Symposium in the Sun. The Chaplain Program will have a VCOS supported booth at Symposium in the Sun.

The telecon ended at 1458 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
Interim VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Fred Windisch,
VCOS Secretary/Treasurer

Fire Chief Chuck Flynn
VCOS, Chair

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