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VCOS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 10 June 2025

Participants:

VCOS Board Members Present:

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair
Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director
Chief Jason Caughey, Director at Large
Chief Shawn Stokes, Director at Large
Chief Jordan Cramer, Director at Large
Chief Kevin Cooney, Director at Large
Chief Spencer Cheatham, Director at Large
Chief Tim Sendelbach, Director at Large

VCOS Board Members Not Present:

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison
Mikel Robinson, Staff Support Contractor
Chief John Buckman III, Education Coordinator

Call to Order

Chief Rich Cowger called the meeting to order at 1403 hrs ET.

Approval of May 16-17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

MOTION: June 10, 2025-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the May 16-17, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Caughey/Stokes

Chair Report

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger reported that the Executive Committee held a discussion on the webinar contract that will be addressed during the Education Report. He also stated that the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the June 10, 2025 Board meeting agenda in preparation for the Board meeting.

International Director Report

Chief Jason Catrambone

Chief Catrambone briefed the Board on the IAFC Board meeting held in Bozeman MT. He informed the Board that Chief Norris Croom submitted to serve in IAFC Executive Committee Director at Large position.

Chief Catrambone reported that Federal funds are now being received from federal contracts and grants with a slow start up due to payment backlog.

Chief Catrambone reported that the Gold (Data) Ribbon Report was approved by the IAFC Board allowing for it to be published.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Windisch will submit the Treasurer's report after he compiles them to be sent to the Board by email.

Strategic Plan

Chief Spencer Cheatham

MOTION: June 10, 2025-02

Motion made and seconded to approve the Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

Cheatham/Yancey

Election Committee

Chief Kevin Cooney

Chief Cooney stated that the election ballot closes at 11:59 PM today (6/11/2025).

Education Coordinator Report

Chief John M Buckman III

Chief Buckman III reported that a Transition course was conducted in Ohio that included a strategic planning discussion. Instructors for Symposium in the Sun is close to being finalized.

Chief Buckman informed the Board that the IAFC awarded a contract to the new IAFC webinar contractor and that each webinar will cost a flat \$500 charge.

Mikel Robinson informed the Board that she has capacity in her contract to do up to 18 webinars per year.

MOTION: June 10, 2025-03

Motion made and seconded to have Full Scope Management Inc. (Mikel Robinson) support Chief John Buckman to conduct 18 webinars each year if doing so is not in conflict with any separate contract obligations. Motion carried.

Sendelbach/Stokes

Chief Cowger will contact IAFC CEO Rob Brown to determine if there are any contractual conflicts with Mikel Robinson doing the VCOS webinars.

Communications Committee Report

Chief Spencer Cheatham

Chief Cheatham informed the Board that the Newsletter will be distributed next week. He discussed the survey of membership to better inform the Board of their interests and needs from the section. At Chief Sendelbach's request, Chief Cheatham will obtain data on the Newsletter to evaluate its value.

Support Position Report

Mikel Robinson

Ms. Robinson reported that the Board dinner will be held on Wednesday 8/13 from 6:00-8:00PM ET.

The VCOS member survey will be ready for distribution once the Board provides their feedback.

Staff Liaison Report

Kevin McGee

Mr. McGee reported that forty-four of the seventy-three 2023 SITS attendees who received a complementary VCOS membership renewed their membership. Chief Windisch stated that the complementary VCOS membership campaign was successful and should be replicated at 2025 SITS.

Kevin stated that a hotel room block was requested for the VCOS Board and staff. The VCOS Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday 8/13 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM ET.

Old Business

Chief Cowger mentioned that he and Chief Yancey will meet with the NVFC Board next week.

New Business

No new business.

The telecon ended at 1506 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
VCOS Staff Liaison

Chief Fred Windisch
Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Rich Cowger
Chair

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