



Officers Section

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VCOS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 16 December 2025

Participants:

VCOS Board Members Present:

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair
Chief Shawn P. Stokes, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Fred Windisch, Director at Large
Chief Jason Caughey, Director at Large
Chief Jordan Cramer, Director at Large
Chief Spencer Cheatham, Director at Large
Chief Tim Sendelbach, Director at Large

VCOS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair
Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director
Chief Kevin Cooney, Director at Large

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 1406 hrs ET. A roll call was made and a quorum was present.

Approval of November 12, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

MOTION: December 16, 2025-01

**Motion made and seconded to approve the November 12, 2025 Board meeting minutes.
Motion carried.**

Windisch/Sendelbach

Chair Report

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger reported that the Executive Committee reviewed agenda and the 2026 Budget. A discussion was conducted on the logistics for the March meeting. Chief Cowger informed the Board that Chief Yancey is proposing bylaws changes that will be sent to the Board and placed on the January 2026 Board meeting agenda.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair

No report.

International Director Report

Chief Jason Catrambone

No report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Chief Shawn P. Stokes

Chief Stokes presented the 2026 budget.

MOTION: December 16, 2025-02

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2026 Section Budget that will be submitted to the IAFC. Motion carried.

Windisch/Caughey

Partnerships and Sponsorships

Chief Jason Caughey

Chief Caughey stated that the Partnership and Sponsorship plan that was approved in November is being prepared in the proper written format.

Education Coordinator Report

Chief John M Buckman III

Chief Buckman III stated that the 2026 education plan as a concept proposal will be presented to the Education Committee in January. Chief Buckman mentioned that one of the proposals is for live burn training targeting younger fire service members with an identified venue.

The CTA program can do sessions at four state conferences next year. VCOS has established a partnership for course offerings with NVFC. The deadline to submit an education session proposal for the NVFC conference was unintentionally missed. A proposal will be submitted to NVFC for the following year.

| There are eight venues for evaluation of the next SITS hotel contract. A report will

be sent to the Board after the committee meeting.

Support Position Report

Mikel Robinson

Ms. Robinson will begin a monthly newsletter. She will also send an email blast to section members before the end of the year as part of the VCOS Communications plan.

Ms. Robinson will be contacting Board members to coordinate hotel and travel accommodations for the CFSI events and Board meeting. Chief Stokes and Kevin will plan for the provision of ground transportation.

Staff Liaison

Kevin McGee

Kevin informed the Board that he reserved a table for the Board at the CFSI Dinner. Please let Mikel know if you want to join the VCOS table as names must be sent to CFSI in advance of the dinner.

Old Business

Chief Cowger announced that the consensus date for the in-person Board meeting is June 18.

MOTION: December 16, 2025-03

Motion made and seconded to hold the June 2026 Board meeting at Flathead MT. Motion carried.

Caughey/Sendelbach

Chief Cowger will contact Chief Eggleston to inform him of the Board decision on representative to NACo. He also discussed the NFFF representation transition from Chief Cooney to Chief Sendelbach.

New Business

Chief Cowger announced that the March Board meeting will be held after CFSI.

Chief Caughey will send a proposal to create a VCOS Hall of Fame.

Chief Stokes and Chief Windisch will review the Training Associates Inc and Full Scope Management Inc contracts on behalf of the Board.

The telecon ended at 1456 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee

VCOS Staff Liaison

Chief Shawn P. Stokes
Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Rich Cowger
Chair

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