



## VCOS Board Telecon Minutes

Thursday, December 13, 2012

### Participants:

Chief Timothy S. Wall, Chair  
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer  
State Fire Marshal Shane Ray, International Director  
Chief Ted Lowden  
Chief James Seavey  
Chief Michael Vaughn  
Chief Jim Wilson

### Not On Call:

Chief Dave Fulmer, Vice-Chair  
Chief Fred Crosby  
Chief Dan Eggleston

Chief Wall brought the teleconference to order at approximately 4:00pm ET.

### February 2013 Board Meeting – Chief Timothy Wall

Chief Wall confirmed that the actual board meeting will begin at 1:00pm on Friday, although there will be activities Friday morning, and will end Saturday late afternoon.

Board members should fly into Columbia, SC, arriving Thursday and departing anytime on Sunday or else on Saturday after 7:00pm.

**Action:** Joelle will send board member names to Angie to authorize flights.

Vickie Pritchett has made hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn for the FROG attendees as well as the board members. Confirmation numbers will be sent out at a later date.

**Action:** Board members who don't book with Angie should send their flight information to Joelle  
**Action:** Joelle to call Vickie and give her credit card number for the hotel rooms

### FROG Working Group

The FROG Working Group will begin their work on Wednesday, January 30, working through Friday morning. On Friday afternoon, they will present their program to the VCOS Board. FROG Working Group members can leave Friday after 5:00pm or Saturday morning.

Vickie Pritchett has booked rooms for the FROG group.

## **Symposium Dates for 2013 through 2015 – Chief Fred Windisch**

Chief Windisch informed the board that an error was made when the contract was signed with the Hilton Hotel for Symposium 2013 and there are ongoing discussions between IAFC's conference staff and the hotel to change the dates to the traditional dates of November 7 through 10. It is looking reasonably probable that we can switch to these dates.

If these dates are changed, plan on our Symposium board meeting to occur on Sunday afternoon (November 10) and Monday morning (November 11).

Future contracts are as follows:

- 2014: November 6 through 9.
- 2015: November 12 through 15.

**Action:** Joelle to market new date on website and thru VCOS announcements as soon as it is confirmed.

## **Update on 2013 Budgets – Chief Fred Windisch**

Chief Windisch submitted three VCOS Budgets to IAFC Treasurer Chief Richard Carrizo and Mr. Robert Duke, IAFC's Director of Finance in late November. The budgets are:

- 61100 - General Account
- 61200 - Pierce Account
- 81300 – VCOS Vision Project Account

The 81200 Symposium Account is administered by IAFC Conference staff.

Chief Carrizo wanted some clarification on the Section's "deficit" spending. Chief Windisch submitted detailed explanations to him on Tuesday, December 11, with no response to date.

Chief Windisch reports that he has made some modifications to existing account codes and has established some new account codes.

Effective November 2012, the IAFC instituted a new electronic payables processing system for staff called [PN3 for Payables](#). Due to this, Chief Windisch reminds all board members that expense reports will not be accepted unless they are sent by email.

## **Firefighter Cancer Support Network – Chief Mike Vaughn**

Chief Vaughn reported on his activities with representatives of the Firefighter Cancer Support, a potential new VCOS partner based in Los Angeles. Keith Tyson introduced himself to Chief Wall at Symposium 2012 and Chief Wall established Chief Vaughn as chair of a committee to develop this relationship.

The Safety, Health & Survival Section (SHS) is already working with this group and Chief Vaughn will be communicating with Matt Tobia, SHS Chair. Garry Briesse is the Network's Executive Director. One possible outcome is a ribbon report on the topic of firefighter cancers.

## VCOS Symposium Newsletter Issue – Chief Dave Fulmer

Chief Fulmer, who was not on the call, reported by email that he had received several articles from Mike Macdonald and would be forwarding them to Joelle for the Symposium issue.

### Roundtable

**Windisch:** We held a successful “You and ISO” class in Mather, California and made some revenue of about \$700. There were about 60 attendees who submitted good reviews of the class. Larry Curl did a great job on logistics. In 2013, we have confirmed classes in Plainview IL in February and the Villages in Florida (near Tampa) in March. Both classes are posted on our website. We will cancel three weeks out if there are not enough registrants. We probably need to train another instructor or when Windisch cannot attend, which will happen for a potential class in July.

**Seavey:** Is preparing a report on upcoming booth travel to our “traditional” conferences and asks whether we should try some new venues. This report will be sent to the board shortly.

He also states that he has some ideas on how to adjust the safe driving initiative program and is going to make some proposals to Troy Markel.

**Ray:** Is looking forward to everyone coming to SC and wants folks to know that if they would like to come early, they can participate in live fire attack research and training from January 22-30 at the SC Fire Academy.

**Wall:** Asks Shane Ray whether he can gather some leaders together for a breakfast meeting with the board on Friday morning to talk about how to promote VCOS in South Carolina.

Chief Wall states that he spoke with Chief Greg Render, the BH&H Program Manager, regarding the 2013 schedule and which instructors are going off the committee and confirmed how many instructors can be trained. He also spoke with Chief Tim Tharp about incorporating some items from the Vision Project into BH&H modules.

Chief Wall states that Chief Fulmer and Chief Brett Waters are working with Target Solutions and will present an outline at the February board meeting on what progress is being made. Apparently, Target Solutions is interested in hosting our June board meeting in 2013.

Chief Wall mentioned that staff member Vicki Lee forwarded an email to him regarding the high number of deaths among volunteer wild land firefighters. This is another initiative Chief Wall would like to get the board to address, particularly in reference to firefighters getting regular physicals.

**Ray:** Already spoke with the South Carolina Chiefs about the upcoming board meeting.

**Wall:** Regrets to report that Michelle Kimball, his secretary for the past 24 years, died very unexpectedly a week ago.

Call ended: 4:37pm