



Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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VCOS Board Telecon October 9, 2014

Minutes

Called to order: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chief Jason Catrambone Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Shane Crutcher, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Randy Larson, Chief Timothy Wall, Chief Fred Windisch

Absent: Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Jim Seavey, and Chief Mike Vaughn

Guests: Mr. Mike MacDonald

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen, Ms. Sonja Palomaki

Welcome - Chief Wall

Motion by Chief Crutcher and seconded by Chief Windisch to approve the minutes from the annual meeting, August board meeting, and September call as submitted. Motion carried.

The CFSI Dinner is on April 16, 2015 and VCOS will have a table. This was included in the 2015 budget.

20th Anniversary Publication Update – Mr. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald reported that the 20th anniversary material is almost ready to be reviewed. He is waiting on a few more pieces before it is sent out for review. The publication includes information on VCOS history, accomplishments, involvement, dedications/quotes and projects. The goal is to have it to hand out at Symposium.

Final edits are needed by next week (week of October 13th). The IAFC will need to review the final version. Ms. Ameen will give the IAFC a heads up that it is coming. Other reviewers will be Chiefs Catrambone, Crutcher, Windisch, and Collins. Mr. MacDonald will manage all changes and take them however is easiest.

VCOS 2015 Budget – Chief Windisch

IAFC Treasurer Carrizzo will probably approve the submitted VCOS budget. Some budget items may need adjustments in February 2015 after the 2014 Symposium numbers are finalized.

NVFC SAFER R&R Grant – Chief Wall

Chief Flynn could not make the call so this will be on the agenda for the November Board Meeting.

Diversity Report – Chief Crutcher

A verbal report was given at the annual meeting. Chief Wall will reach out to Chief Shane Ray and Ms. Vickie Pritchett prior to the next board meeting to get an update and plan for the completion of this report.

Nominee for the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities– Chief Wall

A recommendation was received to nominate Chief Randy Parr.

Motion by Chief Collins and seconded by Chief Eggleston to approve Chief Randy Parr as the VCOS representative to the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities. Motion carried

Chief Parr should touch base with Mr. Ken LaSala to make sure he fills out everything needed. It will be an agenda item at the November meeting.

VISION – Chief Wall

Everyone should review the content and think of additional resources to put up. Cards about VISION will be handed at Symposium. The board should encourage others to submit content and other resources.

Transition Labor Management Project – Chief Larson

The agenda for the small meeting at Symposium has been set. On the first e-blast announcement, 22 qualified people sent in an interest request. There is not a need to get more people at this time. A questionnaire will be sent to these individuals prior to the meeting to gather additional information. The meeting will be held 9am-4pm Thursday at Symposium in the Waters Edge Ballroom. Mr. MacDonald will be the scribe for the meeting.

VCOS Member Survey – Chief Wall

A VCOS member survey is being developed. Ms. Ameen will get the survey into Survey Monkey. Chiefs Larson and Crutcher will help create the survey. The goal is to have the survey ready by October 23, 2014 for the VCOS Report From the Chair e-blast.

The goal of the survey is to determine the pulse of the membership, evaluate marketing, get feedback on VCOS educational offerings and other resources, and to help shape the VCOS strategic direction. It should be no longer than twenty questions.

Providing some type of financial incentive was suggested – either a gift card or free section membership for a year.

Symposium 2014 – Chief Windisch, Chief Collins, Chief Crutcher

Currently, 503 attendees have paid. The cut-off is 520 attendees. The committee is working on the daily logistics. Chief Collins reported that they are working on the minute-to-minute schedule. Chief Crutcher is working on the schedule for introducing speakers.

A draft breakout meeting schedule was sent to the board to review. Send any changes to Chief Wall. Chief Wall requests that board members wear a jacket and tie for the first morning of the Symposium. There will be a dinner Thursday evening with the VCOS board, IAFC staff, and IAFC Officers. Friday and Saturday evenings are open. The board meeting will be Sunday afternoon followed by a dinner for the VCOS board and partners/supporters.

The Symposium shirts are a Hawaiian style without a year listed.

Scholarship and award winners have been notified. The award winners are:

- Buckman Award Winner = Chief Mike Morgan of Colorado River Fire Rescue
- Retention and Recruitment Award Winner = Seymour (Tenn.) Volunteer Fire Department
- Safe Driving Award Winner = Rineyville (Ky.) Volunteer Fire Department

Communications Committee– Chief Crutcher

- The next quarterly newsletter will focus on the activities from Symposium.
- Social media and the website continue to be updated regularly.
- App – need to add room assignments. Please review the app and send changes to Chief Crutcher
- Several articles have been submitted for the November edition of On Scene that will focus on volunteer and combination department issues. If you want to submit an article, please send it ASAP.

2015 Board Meetings

- February 5 – 8, 2015 hosted by TargetSolutions in San Diego
- April 30 - May 3, 2015. Possibilities include Myrtle Beach, Reno, New England

Roundtable and Committee/Project Updates

- Chief Wall: The Interschutz Conference in Hannover, Germany will be June 8-13, 2015. He will get more information from the IAFC and Mark Light.
- Chief Crutcher: He will follow-up with artist Paul Combs about doing something for VCOS in the future.
- Chief Windisch: Ideas for presenters and topics for the 2015 Symposium should be sent to Chief Windisch. A wildland session request was recently received. Chief Wall suggested that the IAFC wildland programs be involved if that moves forward.
- Chief Eggleston:
 - A webinar on the Implication of the Legalization of Marijuana on Fire/EMS was conducted earlier today with Chief Senter of the Washington Fire Chiefs. 15 people attended.
 - Chief Jeff Johnson resigned from the ESCI board to work more on FirstNet and Chief Metcalf will be his replacement.

- Albemarle Fire Rescue received a \$100,000 Fire Prevention and Safety grant recently.
- Chief Eggleston reported that the Volunteer POV response best practices document is almost done. It will be unveiled at the Symposium. He has worked with the Safety, Health and Survival Section and the National Volunteer Fire Council on this effort. They may need some model policies. This could also be included on VISION.
- Chief Windisch was on a panel with Mark Light at the FEMSA meeting in San Antonio. Grant writing that will affect sponsors and dealers was discussed. He talked about the VCOS opportunities and how they could get more involved with VCOS. Chiefs Buckman, Vaughn and Windisch will attend another conference on October 25.

The next call will be on October 22 at 4pm ET to prepare for the Symposium.

Adjourned: 5:03 pm