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VCOS Board Teleconference Wednesday, January 13, 2016

4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central/2 p.m. Mountain/1 p.m. Pacific

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MINUTES

Present: Chief Donna Black, Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Shane Crutcher, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Randy Larson, Chief Ed Rush, Chief Jim Seavey, Chief Timothy Wall, and Chief Fred Windisch

Absent: None

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen

The call started at 4:02pm.

Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chief Wall

The board reviewed the December call minutes.

Motion by Chief Flynn and seconded by Chief Crutcher to approve the minutes from the December board call. Motion carried.

An IAFC Elections Taskforce is being assembled to look at potentially consolidating the election process, timing, and some eligibility rules. VCOS appointed Chief Florentino to the taskforce as the VCOS Elections Chair.

Cancer Position Statements Update – Chief Eggleston

The IAFC board reviewed the three cancer position statements and asked that they be combined into one overall position statement. They also asked that VCOS work with the Safety, Health, and Survival Section on it.

Motion by Chief Flynn and seconded by Chief Collins to work with the Safety Health and Survival Section to resubmit the cancer position statements as 1 combined position statement instead of 3 separate ones. Motion carried.

Symposium in the West – Chief Collins

The conference will be in Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill Resort May 13-14, 2016. The theme is “Dare to Lead.”

The brochure is being put together and will be going out soon. All sponsors we reached out to have committed to sponsoring. Some are sponsoring networking events and others are sponsoring presenters. We have commitments from TargetSolutions, VFIS, Provident, Shell Pipeline, iamresponding, ISO, and Ward Diesel. Our goal is to get 125 attendees. Right now there are 11 people registered. Is there a minimum? There is no set minimum that has been discussed. Chief Windisch stated he is sending two people and they haven't registered yet.

Should we do shirts? Consensus was to hold up on that and see how many registrations we get. We could always just send shirts to the conference and not have the Curly come in. In the future it might be best to make shirts part of the registration cost and process. People can choose their size when they register and then get the shirt with their registration information on-site. The Symposium in the West Committee can make the final decision on the shirts.

February Board Meeting

- Friday = guests and programs updates, tour of facility; Saturday = partners updates and VCOS business
- Guests attending: Mark Light, Chief Carrizzo, NFPA (Ryan Depew), Missouri Valley Division (Chief John Paul Jones), Kidde (Neal Zipser), Chief Brett Waters, Skip Gibson, Joe Giorgi, Jeff Siegrist, Ron Oettel, Diana Rothe-Smith (IAFC –National SAFER project)
- Invites extended to but haven't heard back: Western Fire Chiefs Association, Nevada Fire Chiefs Association, VCOS members in NV, Reno contacts, FLSS
- Award and scholarship liaisons should come with a marketing plan and timeline
 - Buckman Award – Jim Seavey, Ed Rush, Norvin Collins
 - Retention & Recruitment Award – Fred Windisch, Chuck Flynn
 - Safe Driving Award - Fred Windisch, Chuck Flynn
 - Training Officer Award – Norvin Collins, Ken Sedlak, Dan Eggleston
 - FRI Scholarship - Randy Larson, Donna Black
 - Symposium Scholarship - Shane Crutcher, Jim Seavey
 - Emerging Leader Scholarship - Tim Wall

Chief Carrizzo will be doing a Budgeting 101 (just for the VCOS board for about 45 minutes - 1 hour). Mr. Mark Light will deliver a “Working the Room” presentation on networking skills. We did some cost sharing for hotel rooms to get some of the guests and other partners to come attend the board meeting.

Kidde Campaign – Chief Crutcher

Kidde is coming to the February board meeting and we will talk about the volunteer campaign. NFPA and FLSS will also attend. Chief Crutcher is the main VCOS point of contact for this project. Chiefs Flynn and Larson have been working with IAFC VWS staff on a checklist for departments that will host the Craig Morgan media events. The checklist contains actions for before, during, and after the event. Mr. Neal Zipser from Kidde is trying to come to IAFC headquarters at the end of January for a meeting as well.

NVFC SAFER – Chief Flynn

Notes from the last call were attached. NVFC has NASCAR driver Joey Logano as a spokesperson for their campaign. He did a PSA about the program.

Target Solutions Partnership – Chief Collins

Target Solutions wants to increase their investment to VCOS from \$5,000 last year to \$13,000 this year. They will support the Training Officer Award again, exhibit at Symposium in the Sun, have a sponsorship at Symposium in the West, and want to conduct a focus group at Symposium in the Sun. Chief Windisch said they could make the focus group work.

The board said that Chief Wall and Chief Collins can review the contract and move forward without any additional approval needed from the board.

Old Business

The following people were submitted as AFG reviewers on behalf of VCOS: Ed Rush (NY), Tom LaBelle (VA), Tim Whitham (KS), James Nolan (CT)

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network group is coming together again and wants Chief Eggleston to facilitate. The flight would be about \$200. The FCSN might pick up some costs. Chief Seavey suggested talking to Mr. Bryan Frieders about cost. They also may want Chief Buckman to attend/facilitate.

Motion by Chief Windisch and seconded by Chief Flynn to have VCOS pick up any costs that the FCSN doesn't. Motion carried.

Chief Collins confirmed there is room in the budget for that. The meeting is the week after next.

Chief Windisch sent out a draft survey for the board to review that will go out to the various VCOS education program leaders. Don't fill it out. He wants comments on if anything is missing. He will report back at the February meeting with any surveys he receives.

Chief Windisch got more information from NFFF about how they would use any additional money VCOS donates to them via a dues increase. This will be discussed at the February board meeting.

Chief Black will work with Chief Windisch on the New Board Member packet and have a report for the February board meeting.

Chief Windisch reported that the bylaws modifications are still with the CBR committee. They were trying to delay a decision until March, but we want it sooner. He should know something before the February board meeting. Aren't other sections selecting the International Director in the same way we are proposing? Yes, the Metro section does it and some others.

Chief Eggleston is still working to find a time to get the LTC group together. January didn't work out so they will aim for February.

New Business

The Annual Pierce Dealer Meeting is February 19 in Green Bay, WI. Chief Render will be going as the VCOS BH&H Manager. The cost is \$1,500 or less. VCOS will have a table there.

The iWomen conference is March 4-5 in Sacramento. Should we send a representative? Chief Eggleston will be there for some of it. Chief Larson will reach out to iWomen.

Roundtable and Committee/Project Updates

Seavey: The exhibiting taskforce is working on quotes and booth design. They will have a final proposal by the February board meeting. They are working on logistics for the shows we will attend. The Eastern Division is concerned about the future role of divisions. The meeting in March will decide if we need to have a constitutional convention and look at how the IAFC is made-up, etc. There is a lot of apprehension about this, but no decision yet on any changes to the governance/structure of the IAFC. The IAFC hired a facilitator for the March meeting. This initial March meeting is just for the IAFC board. If there is a follow-up meeting then there may be delegates from other groups.

Ameen: Don't forget that reports for the February VCOS board meeting packet are due January 24.

Larson: They have monthly LEC committee calls set-up. Chief Morgan reached out to the Denver meeting attendees for additional information.

Flynn: Please sent any SOPs regarding chief out of town travel. He may post on KnowledgeNet to get additional ones.

Rush: He will follow-up to see if Near Miss got a spike in Near Miss reports after the efforts at Symposium in the Sun. He will update the board at the February meeting.

Eggleston: ISO is coming to meet with him about developing policies for POV response for getting ISO rating credit. Albemarle has partnered with the IAFC to help with a rail project.

Black: She will work on the new board member packet and have information prepared for February regarding the FRI scholarships. She will also help with the iWomen partnership.

Wall: Another volunteer department was consolidated into his department. Some IAFC staff are coming up this week for the CT VWS program. They are looking at conducting a volunteer summit using the VCOS model from the past.

Seavey: Thanks for all of the emails and notes regarding his retirement.

The next VCOS meeting is February 5 & 6 in Reno.

The call ended at 5:02pm.