



# Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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## VCOS Board of Directors Meeting

**August 19, 2020**  
**#VirtualFRI via Teams**

### MINUTES

Present: Chief Donna Black, Chief Jason Catrambone, Chair Charles Flynn, Chief Fred Windisch, Chief Jim Cook, Chief Ed Rush, Chief Rich Cowger, Chief Ron Oettel, Chief Al Yancey, Chief Kevin Hardwick, First Vice President Richard Carrizzo

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen

The meeting started at 2:08 pm ET.

#### **Welcome – Chief Flynn**

Chief Flynn started the meeting and asked incoming President Carrizzo if he had any additional comments for the group. Chief Carrizzo said it has been a challenging year. The IAFC staff and board have worked very hard through this tough time. We have learned from our past and are moving forward.

Chief Windisch reminded Chief Carrizzo to look at the Pierce Fund and how best to classify that money. Chief Carrizzo and Chief Black will look closer at that with the accounting company. The IAFC is still waiting on the 2019 draft audit.

#### **Candidates – Chief Rush**

Chief Rush reported that Chief Flynn expressed interest as Chair and Chief Windisch as Secretary/Treasurer. No one else put in for those positions. For Vice Chair, Chief Cowger and Chief Cook are interested in that position, so we need to have an election.

**Motion by Chief Catrambone and seconded by Chief Cowger for the unanimous acceptance of Chief Flynn for VCOS Chair and Chief Windisch for VCOS Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.**

Chief Flynn asked if Chief Cook or Cowger had any comments for the group. Chief Cook stated that he wanted to contribute to VCOS in a bigger and better way. Chief Cowger said he will serve the VCOS board the best way possible in whatever role the board chooses. VCOS Board Members were instructed to send an email to Ms. Ameen with their vote. Email/text votes were compiled by Ms. Ameen and Chief Cowger won as Vice Chair.

Next week we will have a meeting to select the International Director. Chief Collins, Chief Catrambone, and Chief Eggleston are interested. We will invite them onto the VCOS Board call and they can give a statement and the VCOS Board can ask any questions they have. Chief Eggleston can ask as a mentor to help get a new International Director up to speed. Chief Black clarified that it is very time consuming, but good work is being done.

Chief Windisch stated that he has 2 years left on his term and this will likely be his last term. We should have someone shadow Chief Windisch with financials, Symposium in the Sun, etc.

Chief Flynn stated that he does want to have an in-person board meeting this year if possible in October/November.

Chief Black thanked the VCOS board for all their support as this is her last VCOS board meeting. She wished Chief Hardwick good luck.

Chief Windisch is now thinking about some type of a virtual Symposium in the Sun to make up some of the money. He was against a virtual conference at first, but he has changed his mind after talking to some other people and thinking about VCOS financials.

Call to choose the International Director will be next Thursday the 27th at 2pm ET. We will ask Chief Collins and Catrambone to come on the call and make a statement about their desire/qualifications for the position. On this call we will also talk about Symposium in the Sun cancellation and virtual option.

Chief Flynn adjourned the meeting. The meeting ended at 2:38pm ET.