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**VCOS Board Teleconference
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
3:00 p.m. Eastern/2:00 p.m. Central/1:00 p.m. Mountain/12:00 p.m. Pacific
Attendees dialed-in via Teams Meeting**

MINUTES

Present: Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Ron Oettel, Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Ed Rush, Chief Jason Catrambone, Chief Jim Cook, Chief Rich Cowger, Chief Kevin Hardwick, Chief Fred Windisch

Absent: Chief Yancey

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen

The call started at 3:05 PM.

Welcome/Chair's Report – Chief Cowger on behalf of Chief Flynn

Chief Cowger started the call.

Motion by Chief Oettel and seconded by Chief Rush to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vice Chair's Report – Chief Cowger

No update.

International Director Report – Chief Catrambone

Chiefs Schuldt and Christopoulos were appointed to the GPSS Board of Directors. The IAFC Board is going through the 2021 budget next week. They are hoping to have some profit next year. They are planning on having some in-person conferences in 2021.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Ms. Ameen on behalf of Chief Windisch

Chief Windisch submitted the 2021 VCOS budget to Treasurer Locke. He included 2 in-person VCOS Board meetings. He included spending down some of the Pierce fund, but we have to see if that will be approved.

Symposium in the Sun – Chief Windisch

Firehouse has their virtual conference the same initial dates we had selected in December. We are looking to move Virtual Sun to January and make it a shorter event with more “on demand” recorded sessions. The VCOS board agreed with that plan.

Communications Committee – Chief Rush

The Fall newsletter was released via email earlier this month. It is also available on the VCOS website.

Education Programs Update – Chief Flynn

The Surviving the Job webinar scheduled for October 13 was postponed until December. Updates are being worked on with the Red Ribbon Report and the Yellow Ribbon Report. The BH&H class scheduled for November in Tennessee has been cancelled.

Old Business – Chief Flynn

No old business was discussed.

New Business – Chief Flynn

Ms. Ameen went over the deliverables in the new IAFC SAFER volunteer recruitment and retention grant. The grant will last 3 years and is about \$2.5 million.

Chief Flynn asked the VCOS board if they were alright with having Chief Eggleston take the vacant NACo seat since Chief Singer has retired. All were in agreement and Chief Flynn will talk to Chief Eggleston about it.

Roundtable, Announcement, and Committee Updates

Oettel: He will conduct a presentation on commitment in November – similar to what he presented last year at Symposium in the Sun.

Windisch: He is still going to Clearwater during the Symposium in the Sun dates and will visit Pierce while there and do some pre-planning for next year’s conference.

Catrambone: His department just got a new tiller and they are excited to do some training.

Cowger: He finished a long fire assignment. A lot is still burning out west – even at 9,000 ft. elevation in Colorado!

The call adjourned at 3:50 PM.