



International Association of Fire Chiefs

VCOS Board Telecon 08 March 2022

Participants:

IAFC Board Members Present:

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair
Chief Rich Cowger, Vice Chair
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Paul Sterling, Board Member at Large
Chief Brita Horn, Board Member at Large
Chief Kevin Hardwick, Board Member at Large
Chief Al Yancey, Board Member at Large

IAFC Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jason Catrambone, Board Member at Large
Chief Jim Cook, Board Member at Large
Chief Norvin Collins, Board Member at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Mr. Kevin McGee, Chief Operations Officer

Call to Order

Chief Flynn chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1401 hrs ET.

Approval of December 2021 Minutes

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

MOTION: 08 MAR 2022-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the February 18-19, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

COWGER/HARDWICK

VICE CHAIR REPORT

Chief Cowger, Vice Chair

Every board member is on at least one VCOS Committee. A process is underway to consolidate committees. Chief Cowger recommends that each committee has a Board liaison.

International Director's Report

Chief Catrambone, International Director

The federal government is now funded through March 11, 2022. HR 6768 legislation is for the reauthorization of FirstNet. The IAFC continues to work with its law enforcement and EMS partners in the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition to try and pass legislation to fund a nationwide NG 9-1-1 deployment. Next Gen 911 \$10-\$15 billion in additional funding is proposed.

Secretary Treasurer Report

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Windisch has not yet received the December financials. Please send travel expense reports to Chief Windisch and he will provide approval and submit to Bill.com for reimbursement.

Brand and Message Strategy Development

Chief Yancey, Board Member At Large

The committee is in the process of completing the Strategic Direction process.

Education Programs Update

Chief Flynn, Chair

There will be Board representation at the FROG program in Roanoke Virginia to include Chief Flynn. FROG programs are once again being scheduled in various locations in the United States.

Old Business

Chief Horn provided a new member Task Force report. She expressed a need to determine how to handle logistics for new members.

Chief Yancey reported that the Chaplain report is being prepared by the Federation of Chaplains with its partners.

Cowger and Windisch reported that a soft roll out of VCOS rebranding at FRI with a final roll out at SUN.

New Business

Planning is in process for the in-person May 2022 BOD meeting. Details will be shared as they are made. A Montana location is being considered.

The telecon ended at 1450 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
Interim VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Chuck Flynn
VCOS, Chair

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