



International Association of Fire Chiefs

VCOS Board Telecon 12 April 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 Jim Cook, Board Member at Large
Chief Norvin Collins, Board Member at Large

IAFC Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jason Catrambone, Board Member at Large
Chief Al Yancey, Board Member at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Mr. Kevin McGee, Chief Operations Officer
Mr. Dan Seidberg, President, IamResponding.com

Call to Order

Chief Flynn chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1413 hrs ET.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

MOTION: 12 March 2022-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the March 8, 2022 and March 15, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

COWGER/HARDWICK

Chair Report

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

VCOS and NVFC received the Senate Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Safety Leadership Award at the CFSI Dinner in Washington DC for the Lavender Ribbon Report.

The IAFC Executive Board is arranging to meet with the VCOS Executive Board in June to follow up on the topics that were initiated at the VCOS Executive Board meeting in Pensacola.

The IAFC Board of Directors will hold its second phase of the Strategic Directions process in June. The VCOS Board of Directors will have a representative in attendance.

There are 5 candidates for the 2022 VCOS at-large Board of Director positions.

VICE CHAIR REPORT

Chief Cowger, Vice Chair

The Board liaison to committees' assignments will be presented at the May Board of Directors meeting.

International Director's Report

Chief Catrambone, International Director

No report

Secretary Treasurer Report

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Windisch has not yet received accounting of the profit from Symposium in the Sun (estimated at approximately \$70k).

Brand and Message Strategy Development

Chief Yancey, Board Member At Large

No Report

Education Programs Update

Chief Flynn, Chair

Chief Collins and Chief Flynn received positive feedback from students attending the FROG. Students' feedback included updating videos and keeping content as is.

Old Business

Chief Sterling, Board Member at Large

Chief Sterling attended the CFSI Dinner on April 7, 2022. Very nice recognition of the VCOS for their efforts on the Lavender Ribbon Report. He congratulates all who worked so hard on this project.

At the February 19, 2022 Board Meeting in Pensacola, Florida under **New Business** Chief Flynn appointed Chief Paul Sterling, Chief Joe Florentino and Ed Rush to serve on the Elections Committee. As of this meeting, neither Chief Sterling or Chief Rush have been contacted by anyone concerning our charge as Election Committee Members.

Chief Sterling noted that with great interest for 2-years in a row, the Strategic Direction Plan mentions concern that the "***Election candidate vetting provides little opportunity for candidate forum and vetting.***"

March 8, 2022 meeting minutes reflect that every Board Member is on at least one Committee. Chief Sterling asked what committee is he assigned to? He stated that he has asked this question repeatedly.

On 7/15/21, Chief Horn and Chief Sterling were solicited by email as to what committees they wished to serve on. They were provided with a list of committees and Chief Sterling responded to that request on 7/19/21. He informed the Board that as of this meeting, he has not been notified of his committee assignment (s) nor has he seen a committee list. (E-mails of 7/15 and 7/19 attached)

New Business

No new business.

The telecon ended at 1440 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
Interim VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Chuck Flynn
VCOS, Chair

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