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Officers Section

VCOS Board Special Teleconference

Wednesday, January 25, 2018

3 p.m. Eastern/2 p.m. Central/1 p.m. Mountain/12 p.m. Pacific

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MINUTES

Present: Chief Joe Florentino, Chief Donna Black, Chief Jason Catrambone, Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Jim Cook, Chief Rich Cowger, Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Ed Rush, Chairman Timothy Wall, Chief Fred Windisch

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen, Ms. Jenny Bragiel Cozad

The call started at 3pm.

Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chairman Wall

Chief Wall welcomed the board to the call.

VCOS Election Committee

Chairman Wall welcomed and introduced Chief Florentino to the call to discuss the VCOS Election Committee. Chief Florentino provided an overview of the committee and explained that he should have recommendations to the board within the next week. He stated that a bylaw change will most likely need to be made to clarify that the VCOS is following the IAFC. He recommended taking a vote to suspend current VCOS bylaws or a statement that the VCOS follows the IAFC's elections to prevent confusion.

Chairman Wall inquired if a bylaw change was needed immediately. Chief Florentino explained one will be needed eventually but right now a board motion that clarifies would be sufficient enough and would demonstrate transparency. Chief Florentino continued to say a bylaw change by 2018 would be the easiest, but either way a motion saying the VCOS will follow the IAFC dates is necessary.

Chief Windisch inquired if a bylaw change was necessary, since it is a technical change. Chief Florentino responded that a bylaw change was necessary based on precedent, although a statement of clarification could suffice. Ms. Ameen clarified that the VCOS bylaws are currently technically correct, but misleading. A change would ensure clarity. Chief Collins read the bylaw in question for the group and conquered with Ms. Ameen.

Motion by Chief Collins and seconded by Chief Seavey to submit by February 1 a bylaw change to Article 5 Section 6 to align the first date with the IAFC and make the second date occur 7 days later. Motion carried.

Chief Windisch inquired if there was a way to limit the number of candidates.

Action Item: Chief Florentino to investigate limiting the number of candidates with the VCOS Election committee and submit recommendations to the VCOS board.

Chairman Wall thanked Chief Florentino for his time.

IAFC Elections

Chairman Wall updated the VCOS board on the IAFC election. Chief Dan Eggleston is running for president and Chief Gary Ludwig is running for 1st Vice President, both have been certified and approved by the IAFC. Both are running even if someone else runs. He explained that if they remain unopposed, there will automatically get the position without an election. Chairman Wall referenced Chief Eggleston's and Chief Ludwig's requests for endorsement.

Chairman Wall clarified that Chief Richard Carrizzo is not running in 2018 for 2nd Vice President and reminded the board that the VCOS board agreed not to endorse anyone until Feb 1 for 2nd Vice President.

Motion by Chief Windisch and seconded by Chief Flynn for the VCOS Board of Directors to endorse Chief Gary Ludwig for 2018 IAFC 1st VP and Chief Dan Eggleston for 2018 IAFC President. Motion carried.

February Board Meeting - Chief Wall

Chairman Wall reminded the board that there will be a 2 hour meet and greet in the morning on Saturday, February 10 in Halifax. Several fire chiefs in the area have been invited to the meet and greet and Chief Black has been chosen to take the lead on the presentation of the VCOS for the meet and greet.

Roundtable

Chief Windisch: I will be representing the VCOS at Pierce tomorrow at the dealer's meeting.

Chief Black: Chief Windisch is the keynote speaker for our North Carolina conference next week.

Chairman Wall thanked the board for their time and ended the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:27pm Eastern Time.

The next meeting will be February 9 & 10 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.