



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

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### VCOS Board Teleconference Thursday, March 14, 2013

#### Minutes

#### Present:

Chief Timothy Wall, Chief Dave Fulmer, Chief Fred Windisch, Director Shane Ray, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Ted Lowden, Chief Mike Vaughn

#### Absent:

Chief Jim Wilson, Chief Fred Crosby, Chief Jim Seavey

#### Staff:

Joelle Fishkin

#### Approval of Minutes – Chief Timothy Wall

**Motion by Ted Lowden and seconded by Mike Vaughn to approve minutes of board meeting in South Carolina on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and minutes of January 10 and February 14 teleconferences as submitted. Motion carried.**

#### 2013 Election – Chief Timothy Wall

Chief Wall reports that Chief Joe Florentino is the Elections Committee Chair, Chief Rich Cowger and Chief James Watson are on the Elections Committee.

Chief Florentino reported that there are three open seats for at-large directors through 2016; and one open seat for the international director through 2016. He also reported that no candidates are eligible from the Eastern Division due to two sitting board members from that division.

Chief Florentino reported that Fred Windisch, Mike Vaughn, Fred Crosby, Shane Ray all have terms of office terminating in 2013.

Chief Wall reports that the first election announcement was sent to all members on March 28 and the election webpage was updated at that time. The deadline to apply as a candidate is May 1.

#### May-June Board Meeting in St. Louis (St. Louis airport Marriott Hotel) – Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Windisch reports the following logistics for the May board meeting in St. Louis:

**Thursday, May 30**

- BH&H & LTC instructors arrive afternoon or evening.
- Key members from VISION project arrive afternoon or evening (Toivo Sari, Randy Parr, Scott Seifert)
- Board can arrive Thursday if choose. If board members work on BH&H or LTC, must arrive Thursday.

**Friday, May 31**

- BH&H & LTC instructors work all day Friday
- Remainder VCOS Board members arrive by Friday afternoon

**Saturday, June 1**

- All VCOS non-board members work ½ day Saturday - can fly out Saturday afternoon/evening or can fly out Sunday morning.
- VCOS board members work all day Saturday (Board meeting 9 – 4:30)
- Dinner at Greg Render's fire department

**Sunday, June 2**

- VCOS board members work ½ day Sunday, fly out Sunday afternoon or evening (Sunday board meeting 8:30 – noon)

Dan Eggleston and Dave Fulmer will divide time between BH&H and LTC although Eggleston is to concentrate on LTC. Grady will float between BH&H & LTC. Mike Macdonald will stay with LTC.

Fred Windisch is working on the hotel contract and is currently only lacking Jim Seavey's arrival/departure dates. The hotel shuttle will deliver participants from airport to hotel.

**FROG update – Chief Fred Windisch**

The introductory FROG class was canceled due to lack of participation. There were 8 people signed up and they all were refunded their registration fee.

**Vision Project update – Chief Timothy Wall**

Tim Wall and Tim Tharp are continuing to trade emails regarding the Vision project. Randy Parr has stepped up to assist Tharp. Toivo Sari and Scott Seifert have been participating on teleconferences regarding the website design.

Fred Windisch has been contacted by a retired police officer working on a web-based portal for junior explorers who work with fire departments. Windisch gave his contact information to the Recruitment lane leader to make contact with him. The retired officer is with the Texas Rural Conservation Group; their long-term goal is to enhance junior programs in Texas. He wants to use the silver ribbon report for his work. He was given permission to do so.

Randy Parr will request support for the lane leaders to receive financial support to attend FRI. Windisch states VCOS may pay airfare or 2 hotel nights but not registration. Parr will put together a proposal.

**ISO update – Chief Fred Windisch**

Chief Windisch reports that a class was held in The Villages, Florida which was very successful with approximately 75 attendees. Larry Curl is putting together the next class. The goal is to do 1 class a month, focusing on different divisions. There were people from Georgia and Alabama at the Florida class.

Chief Windisch reported that Robert Bettenhausen was at class, helping with registration. Windisch hopes that EventBrite will be used for registration for future classes; one potential problem is that it does not accommodate purchase orders.

#### **Firefighter Cancer Support Network – Chief Mike Vaughn**

Chief Vaughn reports that he's moving forward with plans to attend the meeting in early May in Indianapolis.

Chief Wall reports that he had a conversation with Garry Briese about this group and their activities.

#### **Committee Reports – Committee Members**

Chief Ron Smith reported that the Innovation Conference in San Diego was very successful and educational.

#### **Newsletter on Risk Management – Chief Dave Fulmer**

Chief Fulmer reports that he has received a few articles and will be following up with Provident. He adds that he's looking for some graphs or photos to use with these articles.

#### **IAFC Personnel Updates – Chief Timothy Wall**

It has been reported that MaryJane Jackson has been reassigned and will not be working on Symposium in 2013. Alyssa Kolat will be her replacement.

#### **Roundtable Discussion**

Wall: John Buckman received the lifetime achievement award from NVFC. Wall will be representing the board at the CFSI dinner. Buckman will be given a \$500 gift card from VCOS at the dinner.

Wall: VCOS is having discussions with NVFC on holding a meeting between their Executive Committee and the VCOS Executive Committee. Our original plan was to hold this meeting in July in Chicago but this will probably be canceled.

Fulmer: Took a full-time job as a regional sales manager with Target Solutions covering the Northeast territories. He will be sending out information to everyone on the Target Solutions proposal. He will also send around an update on his personnel matter.

Ray: The inclusivity and diversity group is arriving today in South Carolina to begin work on the Diversity Report. The IAFC board is working on a program with the Chiefs of Police on the active-shooter process. Research work continues on the SC burns; there's a lot of information and we're working on an article for Fire Chiefs magazine.

Windisch: We may have made \$43,800 from Symposium 2012. This number is not in the January report so I need to investigate where the funds are sitting. I would like to move \$40,000 of this to the General Fund (61100) and move the balance into Symposium 2013. We paid \$26,000 to IAFC staff for their Symposium work.

Action: investigate when those funds will show up.

Action: investigate whether Jenn Knowlton and Kate Ruhe put their time to the Symposium account when they work on Symposium

Lowden: Spoke with a local police officer about the active shooter program; working with Fulmer on the IAFC scholarship.

Eggleston: Participated on a conference call yesterday with the Program Planning Committee. The program for FRI 2013 is coming along very nicely. There is the possibility of flexibility in case there is some big news item that needs to get plugged in at the last minute. Ken Richards is on the council so there is good representation for the volunteers.