



# International Association of Fire Chiefs

## VCOS Board Telecon 14 June 2022

### Participants:

#### *IAFC Board Members Present:*

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

#### *IAFC Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Rich Cowger, Vice Chair

#### *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. Chief Flynn informed the Board that Chief Cowger was not attending as he is responding to an extensive flooding emergency in his community.

### Approval of May 13-14 2022 Minutes

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

#### **MOTION: 14 June 2022-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the May 13-14, 2022. Motion carried.**

**COLLINS/HARDWICK**

## **Chair Report**

Chief Chuck Flynn, Chair

### **MOTION: 14 June 2022-02**

**Motion made and seconded to approve endorsement of Chief Rich Cowger for the Career Chief of the Year award.**

**YANCEY/HARDWICK**

### **MOTION: 14 June 2022-03**

**Motion made and seconded to approve endorsement of Chief Mark Dempsey for the Volunteer Chief of the Year award.**

**STERLING/COOK**

The VCOS annual meeting will be held at Fire Rescue International on August 25th at 1330 hrs CT. The room location is to be determined. Board members are to wear Class A uniforms.

The next VCOS Newsletter will be issued in July that will be a Spring/Summer edition. There will be 3 VCOS Newsletter issues released in 2022.

## **International Director's Report**

Chief Catrambone, International Director

The IAFC Board of Directors are presenting a resolution to support the Ukrainian firefighters.

Chief Catrambone provided a legislative overview that was presented to the IAFC Board of Directors.

## **Secretary Treasurer Report**

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

No report

## **Brand and Message Strategy Development**

Chief Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

The purchasing process is underway for VCOS logo items for distribution at FRI and Symposium in the Sun as part of the soft and hard implementation of the new VCOS brand and messaging to include coasters, pens, and t-shirts. Polo shirts will be purchased for Board members.

## **Education Programs Update**

Chief Flynn, Chair

The FROG Revisit meeting to address updates to the program will be held in July.

## **Old Business**

Chief Yancey reported that the pace of development of the Chaplain Program material has slowed recently, however the committee has made a lot of progress.

## **New Business**

Chief Windisch reported that 90% of the presenters for the 2022 Symposium in the Sun have been selected. It is anticipated that the conference will be a sellout.

The telecon ended at 1506 hrs ET.

### **Minutes submitted by:**

Mr. Kevin McGee  
Interim VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Chuck Flynn  
VCOS, Chair

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