



Officers Section

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VCOS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024

Participants:

VCOS Board Members Present:

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair
Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director
Chief Spencer Cheatham, Director at Large
Chief Shawn Stokes, Director at Large
Chief Jordan Cramer, Director at Large
Chief Tim Sendelbach, Director at Large

VCOS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jason Caughey, Director at Large
Chief Kevin Cooney, Director at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison
Chief John Buckman, Education Coordinator

Call to Order

Chief Rich Cowger chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1405 hrs ET.

Approval of September 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

MOTION: October 8, 2024-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the September 10, 2024 Board meeting minutes.

Motion carried.

Windisch/Catrambone

Chair Report

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger shared the topics covered during the Executive Committee meeting of which included a review of topics on the Board agenda and conditions in Clearwater Florida for Symposium in the Sun.

Chief Cowger informed the Board that he received two member submissions to serve on the NFPA 1720 Committee for Principal position and alternate. Both applicants are from Virginia and Chief Cowger would like to have interested members from other parts of the country. Chief Cowger will decide in December and then submit to IAFC for the President's approval.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Al Yancey

Chief Yancey recommended that a new member get together with Board members occur at Symposium in the Sun for a VCOS orientation. He suggested doing this gathering at lunch on the beach.

International Director Report

Chief Jason Catrambone

Chief Catrambone shared news about two new contracts the IAFC received from USFA.

Secretary Treasurer Report

Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Windisch will send the Treasurer's Report to the Board by email. He informed the Board that the section is in a good financial position.

Education Coordinator Report

Chief John Buckman

Chief Buckman provided a status of Symposium in the Sun. He suggested that an update be sent to the attendees regarding the situation related to Hurricane Martin's potential impact on SITS. Kevin McGee is notifying scholarship and award recipients and addressing logistics. Chief Cowger will prepare a SITS situation message to push out through the IAFC.

Chief Buckman suggested that a plaque to provide recognition for SITS support to sponsors and legacy partners. He shared several examples.

Chief Buckman stated that the 2025 Education program marketing has started.

Chief Buckman is preparing an RFP for a webinar contractor.

Chief Buckman gave an update on the Critical Thinking program.

Communications Committee
Chief Spenser Cheatham

Chief Cheatham informed the Board that the Fall Newsletter will be released in the next day or two.

Board Policies and Procedures Report
Chief Shawn Stokes

Chief Stokes facilitated a discussion on the draft candidate endorsement policy.

Workforce Solutions

Chief Cramer agreed to serve as the VCOS liaison with Workforce Solutions staff.

MOTION: October 8, 2024-02

Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Jordan Cramer to represent VCOS with IAFC Workforce Solutions. Motion carried.

Cheatham/Catrambone

Staff Liaison Report
Kevin McGee

No report

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Chief Yancey requested that a schedule for 2025 in person Board meetings be decided soon in order to facilitate the Board members' competing commitments. Chief Cowger asked that Board members provide input for dates and location for the Spring meeting, suggesting March.

The telecon ended at 1512 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Fred Windisch
Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Rich Cowger
Chair

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