



Officers Section

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VCOS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes September 10, 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 Jason Caughey, 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 Kevin Cooney, Director at Large

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Ms. Mikel Robinson, Staff Support Contractor
Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison

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 1404 hrs ET.

Approval of August 15, 2024 Annual Section Meeting Minutes

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

MOTION: September 10, 2024-01

**Motion made and seconded to approve the August 15, 2024 Annual Section meeting minutes.
Motion carried.**

Catrambone/Caughey

Chair Report

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger shared the topics covered during the Executive Committee meeting all of which were a review of topics on the Board agenda.

Chief Cowger informed the Board that the NFPA is seeking a recommendation from the IAFC for the NFPA 1720 Principal position and possibly the alternate. Both the IAFC NFPA 1720 principal and alternate are no longer IAFC members. Chief Cowger will like for the Board to be prepared to provide recommendations for both positions at the October Board meeting. The recommendation from the Board then goes to the IAFC President for approval.

Director at Large Oath of Office
Chief Rich Cowger, Chair Presiding

Chief Tim Sendelbach took the Oath of Office for a three-year term as Director at Large.

Vice Chair Report
Chief Al Yancey

Chief Yancey proved an overview of who for each component of the Strategic Initiative is lead including various Board and general section members.

International Director Report
Chief Jason Catrambone

Chief Catrambone noted that the IAFC Board has not met since FRI in August.

Secretary Treasurer Report
Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Windisch will send the Treasurer's report by email.

Education Coordinator Report
Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Buckman informed the Board that the Education report was sent by email last week. He gave an update on the Symposium in the Sun 2024 conference that is dedicated to Chief Chuck Flynn. Chief Buckman reviewed the number of applications and nominations for each scholarship and award to be presented at SITS. The number of applications and nominations is low.

Chief Buckman reported that Eddie Buchanan is progressing with the development of the Gold Ribbon Report.

Chief Buckman stated that the IAFC Webinar coordinator is leaving the IAFC.

MOTION: September 10, 2024-02

Motion made and seconded to prepare a Request for Proposal for a VCOS Webinar Coordinator. Motion carried.

Yancey/Windisch

Communications Committee

Chief Spenser Cheatham

Chief Cheatham informed the Board that all articles have been submitted for the Summer VCOS Newsletter. He also reported that the Newsletter release is expected in the next few weeks.

Health, Wellness and Safety Committee Report

Chief Yancey

Chief Yancey submitted his Health, Wellness and Safety Committee report by email last week.

Board Policies and Procedures Report

Chief Shawn Stokes

Chief Stokes advised that the candidate endorsement policy was drafted and sent by email to the Board. Chief Cowger requested that the Board review the draft and be prepared to take action at the October Board meeting.

Staff Support Contractor Report

Ms. Mikel Robinson

Ms. Robinson reported that she is working with Partners to meet their expectations.

Staff Liaison Report

Kevin McGee

Kevin reported that the Board web page is now updated to the current Board of Directors. He also reported that the website was updated for the 2024 Training Officer of the Year Award recipient and scholarship winner.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Chief Cowger provided a general schedule for the Board activities in Clearwater FL as follows;

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| Arrive in Clearwater | Tuesday November 12 |
| Board meeting | Wednesday November 13 |
| Board dinner & invited guests | Wednesday November 13 |
| Board/IAFC Executive Committee | td |

SITS Hotwash
Board Dinner
Return home

Sunday November 17
Sunday November 17
Monday September 18 unless needing to
return sooner

Chief Buckman requested to meet with Kelly Walsh and Davis Dobis regarding Workforce Solutions.

Good of the Order

Chief Stokes reported that he was contacted by Knox Box who has an interest to serve as a sponsor.

The telecon ended at 1519 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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