

VCAN Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2008

Meeting began at 1100 hrs.

Members present: President Jennifer McKeldin-Coner (Roanoke PD), Secretary Kristin O'Connell (Charlottesville PD), and Past President Lynn Brewer (Newport News PD).

Item 1 – Spring Symposium Discussion

- Discussed dates and options for holding the symposium at Quantico. Kristin has been in contact with Christina about details.
- Proposed date-March 6th, 2009
- Have three-track again with tour of facility as the third track.
- Possible speakers:
 - Dr. Jennifer Johnson (VCU professor-social network analysis) Jen will contact her.
 - Michael Pastori (Blue Spyder Analytics-social network analysis) Could he set up a computer lab with laptops? Jen will contact him.
 - FBI speaker: Liz Johnson (Analysis instructor) Kristin will ask Chris about her.
- Talk with Susan Smith about speakers and presentation ideas for future symposiums.

Item 2 – IACA President's Round Table Debrief

- Discussed challenges VCAN faces
 - 1) Educating Chiefs/Command Staff about what a crime analyst can do for them. Crime analysts in most small agencies wear a lot of different hats...CAs need to have time designated for analysis work.
 - Have a booth or presentation slot at VACP conference.
 - Find a Chief who understands what a CA is and have them present (topic may be better received coming from a Chief).
 - 2) Budget (or lack thereof) VCAN would like to provide education and opportunities for agencies with low budget.
 - First Fridays-offer free training to VCAN members on the first Friday of every month.
 - Offer scholarships for:
 - Crime analysis conferences (VCAN will pay conference fee)
 - IACA certification test (If you pass the test, VCAN will reimburse you. If you don't, VCAN will reimburse half of the fee for the second try).
 - Use IACA textbooks as door prizes

3) Certification

- Have IACA do an IACA certification workshop at our 09 fall symposium.
- Put an exam study guide on the web.

4) Website

- Discussed having a contest for a VCAN logo makeover. (The logo is very old and pixilated.) Any VCAN member interested will send their graphic to Board member (Kristin?) by the end of February. Kristin will put out an email announcing this.
 - Members will vote on logo at spring symposium.
 - Discussed award options (VCAN paying for IACA course, etc)

Item 3 – Round Table

- Discussed membership challenges and ways we could market VCAN.
 - Make personal phone calls to Analysis Units statewide. Board members could split regions of Virginia.

Next meeting: ***Undetermined at this time.***