

Notes: ICS BOD TeamSpeak Meeting 6/22/14

Attendees: Bob Cretney, Berl Grant, Zach Grant, Phil Hobbs, Ken Mori, Scott Myers, Av Shiloh, Cliff Wilewski, Hank Spellman, Bill Case

Bob Cretney summarized recent events relating to a controversy which arose over names of Comanche instructors listed in the Flyer magazine. New instructors that have qualified under the new CPPP training program were listed in the June issue of the magazine, but instructors previously listed were not included. Bob changed the July issue to include all instructors on the same list without information about CFF affiliation. Mike Foster, CFF President, summarized the background of this matter in his Email of 6/19/14.

Bob explained he had called this TeamSpeak meeting on short notice so that the ICS BOD could have a preliminary discussion regarding formation of a policy for listing of instructors.

Ken Mori had several questions which included: How do we manage quality? Training. Who is to look after the standards? Where is the oversight?

There appeared to be unanimous agreement that all current instructors (those previously listed and the new CPPP instructors) should be on the list. Also, there was unanimous agreement that information on Comanche knowledgeable instructors is a benefit to members. Ken and Av Shiloh both raised the question as to what standard should be used to add new instructors to the list. Zach Grant (and Hank Spellman) commented that all current instructors have effectively been qualified under the auspices of the CFF (Larry Larkin training in early days, CPPP training after that, and the new CPPP program recently introduced by CFF.)

Zach suggested that peer review is a proven method for qualifying professionals in the medical industry. Av Shiloh pointed out that standards for medical professionals are very much formalized and given oversight by the AMA.

There was discussion as to the roles of ICS and CFF. Berl Grant characterized ICS and CFF as two separate organizations with similar interests, and made an analogy to the AOPA and EAA. Av countered that a much better analogy is the relationship between AOPA and ASF. These are sister organizations with the advancement of safety and training led by the ASF. Scott Myers described the very long history wherein CFF has provided benefits to ICS, such as subsidizing a portion of the cost of the ICS tent at OSH, supporting maintenance and educational seminars by covering some expenses of ICS or a Tribe, and by providing scholarships.

There was discussion on the magazine space donated by ICS to CFF.

Possible wording suggestions for a motion that might eventually be formalized were floated, and a couple of straw votes taken. The approach that seemed to have majority support was very close to that suggested by Mike Foster in his 6/22 Email. This would comprise a list with two categories: (1) list of the 8 new CFF instructors, and (2) the original instructor list under a heading like "additional Comanche qualified instructors." Exact wording needs to be discussed and determined.

There was initial agreement on a 3rd category under the heading of CPTP instructors, but concern arose with many BOD members this category would violate the standing rule regarding endorsement of any company's product.

Bob designated Zach to draft a proposed motion and run it by Hank for "wordsmithing."