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BOD Meeting Minutes 10/8/97	All future meeting minutes from BOD and OPS meetings to be mailed to all Task Force members. Task Force Chair to handle this task.	G. Ewan	Done

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Future of Task Force	Table issue until February or March meeting.		Pending Per Future Discussion
FIRESCOPE HISTORY	C. Wurzell will look into making copies of these binders for each Task Force member, Ops Chairs, BOD Chair..	C. Wurzell	Done Decision To Do
Meeting with Ops	Info developed during meeting.	G. Ewan	Done Include these in Task Force Report to Ops Teams
Election of Chair	January meeting agenda item.		Done

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