

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Iowa Chapter members:

Another great annual seminar has come and gone. I hope that all of you who attended liked this years programs. A big thank you goes out to the Officers, Board of Directors and Past Presidents for a seminar well done. I would like to thank the general membership for re-electing me as their President. It is a real privilege and honor to again serve this Chapter in that capacity. One of my wishes came true this past term. That was, the completion of and implementation of, the Reynolds Hentges Memorial Scholarship. This is a very great thing the Iowa Chapter is now doing, giving back to our students at the community college level. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded the present school year. Hopefully, we will be able to encourage our young people to go into the field of fire science, law enforcement, insurance or law and help us in the future to fight the crime of arson.

Two new things were at this years seminar. One, was the capability of using plastic (credit card) to pay for all seminar expenses. The other, was the new clothing in the Candy Store. The time had come to add new colors and logo. We are working on having a list in the FIREFAX with a picture of the items so that you will be able to make orders through the mail.

I would like to congratulate Alan Brockhohn, Cedar Rapids Fire, for receiving the Governors Award for Arson Investigator of the Year at this years banquet. A Life Membership was also presented to Past President Bill Hanson and to Jerry Corbett, retired Assistant State Fire Marshal. Congratulations to the both of them. A

new award was presented at the banquet this year. It was the Presidential Award given to supporters of the Chapter. Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, State Farm Insurance and the L.J. Roth Reconstruction Company were the first recipients. A special thanks for all of their support.

The Officers and Board are working on the program for the '99 seminar. Any topics or ideas will be greatly appreciated. The sooner we get the information, the better chance we will have to get the speakers locked in for the seminar dates. Please feel free to contact any of us with your program wishes. Remember this is YOUR Chapter.

My calendar has already started to fill up with future speaking/teaching engagements as a representative of the Iowa Chapter. We were well represented as instructors at the State Fire Marshall's two week "Basic Fire/Arson Investigation School".

If there is anything I can ever do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Dennis Chapman

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EDITORS MESSAGE

Another successful seminar has come and gone. This year, there was a very good turnout of members. We had the opportunity to meet new friends, as well as visit with old ones. There were a couple of noticeable changes at the seminar, including new clothing items available from the candy store. A price sheet with color photos of the items is in the works, and will be available in the very near future. The other positive change was that President Chapman directed us to close up the candy store/registration area during the class sessions. This gave the Officers and Directors the opportunity to set in on the classes too.

An interesting observation was made, and brought to my attention. It seems that the number of insurance industry attendees are growing smaller. I would be interested in knowing if this is for any specific reason such as topics, or if it is just the fact that there are budget concerns.

As always, the Board welcomes any suggestions you may have for topic or speakers. If anyone has information they would like printed, please send it to me. My mailing address is: Kevin Dunkin, R.R. 2, Box 220C, Chariton, IA 50049

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL

The International Association of Arson Investigators Board of Directors held its mid-year meeting in November. The board had a full agenda and voted on a number of issues that could change the way the IAAI does business in the next century.

The Management Review Committee gave its final report and the board is looking at the recommended changes which include replacing the Executive Secretary position with a Chief Operating Officer position. The new position would have expanded responsibilities in the areas of office management, organization profit and loss responsibility, more annual seminar and annual meeting responsibilities and other management duties.

These changes will have to be approved by the membership by changing the IAAI constitution and by-laws.

Additional changes being explored include annual meeting format, seminar bidding process and committee duties relating to the annual meeting. President Maydew assigned various board members to refine the Management Committees recommendations and present a finished product at the 50th annual general meeting in May.

The Board voted to hold the 2001 seminar in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Congratulations go out to the New Jersey Chapter on their successful bid.

The IAAI Educational Foundation has purchased a building in St. Louis. It is located about 5 to 10 minutes from the airport. The closing on the building was March 16 and the IAAI hopes to move in during the end of April.

All the plans are in place for the 50th anniversary annual meeting in Las Vegas May 17-21, 1999. Based upon early registrations it looks like a record attendance could be set. To avoid problems seminar and room reservations should be made as early as possible. The seminar is being held at the Tropicana Resort and Casino (702) 739-2222 or 1-800-634-4000. The IAAI and the Nevada Chapter is pulling out all the stops to make this a very special conference.

For further seminar information contact Lloyd Johnson (702) 455-7322 or Jerry Wolf (702) 565-2611.

NOTICE

The IAAI will provide for CFI Testing on Wednesday, September 22, 1999, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Iowa Chapter Seminar. Those wishing to test must contact the IAAI office in St. Louis and complete a CFI application in advance.

For further information Call: Marsha Sipes at the IAAI office. Ph.: 314-621-1966.

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE IAAI NEW MEMBERS: 9-97 TO 10-98

DATE JOINED	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	EMPLOYER
	Tom	Negley	State Farm Insurance
	Brian	Rowe	Linn County Sheriffs Department
	Dave	Frantz	Saylor Township Fire Department
	Cindy	Nelson	Iowa Insurance Fraud Bureau
01-10-98	Charles F.	Kofka	Woodbury County Sheriffs Department
07-19-98	Daniel	Bishop	USAF Fire Protection
08-27-98	Darrell	Morse	Neola Fire Department
09-08-98	Kathleen	Alverio	Guidant Insurance Group
09-2-97	Norman W.	Burwell	Southwest Iowa Mutual Insurance
09-23-98	Michael	Ryan	Davenport Fire Department
09-23-98	Jerry	Gordon	US Treasury/ATF
1-14-98	Kelly D.	LaFollette	State Farm Insurance Company
10-06-97	William S.	Daniel	
10-12-98	Bruce	Vorm	Patrons Mutual Insurance
10-23-97	Gary L.	Kinsinger	Coralville Fire Department
10-27-97	David W.	Schipper	Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office
10-27-97	Dennis D.	Kresin	Davenport Fire Department
10-27-97	Ivan F.	Eden	Jones County Sheriffs Department
10-27-97	Michael J.	Smith	Des Moines Fire Department
10-28-97	Lance P.	Platz	Iowa .City Fire Department
10-28-98	Mark	Adams	West Des Moines Fire Department
10-29-97	Kerry S.	Mildo	Fort Dodge Fire Department
11-01-97	Kevin O.	Prestegard	Iowa City Police Department
11-03-97	Robert L.	Ward	Creston Fire Department
11-10-97	Steven V.	Lamp	Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office
2-10-98	Joe A.	Elert	Leuwerke and Associates
3-3-98	Steve	Relunann	GAB Robins
3-3-98	Greg	Anson	Highlands Insurance Group
3-3-98	Jeffery L.	Fogelson	GAB Robins
3-3-98	Tim	Gunderson	State Farm Insurance Company
5-26-98	Westendorf	Tony L.	LeGrand Fire Department
5-27-98	Michael	Buhrow	Cedar Falls Fire Rescue
7-6-98	Glenn	Engel	Waverly Fire Department
8-12-98	Greg	Morey	Marshalltown Fire Department
9-16-97	Paul A.	Hartman	Davenport Fire Department
9-16-97	Paul J.	Maher	Des Moines County Mutual Insurance Assoc
9-16-97	Sandra K.	Brown	
9-18-97	StanR.	Warner	
9-18-97	Michael F.	Jones	Storm Lake Fire Department
9-18-97	Donald V.	Hosek	State Farm Insurance Company
9-19-97	Chris A.	Mathis	Elkhart Fire Department
9-22-98	Don	Henderson	Farmers Mutual Insurance
9-22-98	Daniel	Healy	Marion Police Department
9-23-98	Garry	Lee	Muscatine Fire Department

Iowa Chapter – IAAI General Membership Meeting

September 24, 1998

**STARLITE BESTWESTERN
AMES, IA**

Meeting called to order by President Chapman at 10:35 AM.

Motion made to accept minutes from last General Membership meeting by Past President Stowell, 2nd by Guthrie. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Vice President Heglund -

Report on the Audit of the 1997 Treasury. Books in complete order. Copy of independent audit report made available to the General membership. Report to be published in upcoming Firefax.

Report given on the cursory audit of the 1998 Treasury conducted by the Audit Committee. Vice President Heglund advised books in complete order. Copy of the September 18 balance sheet referenced.

Copy of the balance sheet to be made available to the General membership upon request.

Secretary/Treasurer Brown -

There are 114 registrants for the 1998 Iowa Chapter's Fire Investigation Seminar. Since this time last year, the Iowa Chapter has signed up 37 new members. On September 22, 1997 the membership count was 420, today it 463. There are 6 late renewals/Associate members. A big thank you to the State Fire Marshal's office for their continued support of the Iowa Chapter and it's continued growth.

The Iowa Chapter currently has 8 Life members. They are: Ted Strait, Mike Childs, Bob Burns, Wilbur Johnson, Alan Clark, Roger Heglund, Dick Ward and Sam Reaves. At the 1998 Banquet, Life membership status was granted to Past President Bill Hanson and retired Assistant State Fire Marshal Jerry Corbett. Congratulations to Bill and Jerry.

Report on the status of the Iowa Chapter's 1998 Treasury. Copy of September 18, 1998 Balance sheet referenced. Balance as of September 18th 1998 **\$14,804.99**. Balance does NOT include the upcoming expenses; to include refurbishment of the Candy Store (approx. \$8000), the 1998 Conference expense (approx. \$5500) the payment to the Secretary/Treasurer (approx. \$1400) and the R.J. Hentges Scholarship (\$1000). Nor does it include any deposits to be made as a result of 1998 Seminar registrations, Candy Store sales or 1999 Dues renewals.

1st by Robert Lanka to accept Secretary/Treasurer Brown's report. 2nd by Mike Collins. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Prosecution/Constitution/Ethical Practices - David Proctor

Dave advised that he has served as an instructor with the Iowa Chapter over a dozen times this last year.

Regarding the proposed changes to the Bylaws regarding increasing the dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00, Proctor advised the proposed change was published in the July 1998 Firefax. The proposed change to the Bylaw regarding the dues increase was put to a show of hands vote and passed unanimously.

Iowa Chapter – IAAI General Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

Nominations - Kevin Dunkin

Nominations for the following positions were announced:

- President – Dennis Chapman
- Vice President – Roger Heglund
- Secretary/Treasurer – Darren Brown
- Director of Investigation – Jim Kenkel
- Director at Large (East) – Steve Ryder & John McMahon

Motion by Alan Clark to close nominations. 2nd by Todd Smith. Motion carried. Nominations closed.

Brief speech by Ryder regarding the accomplishments of the Director at Large (East) position over the previous year. Position for Director at Large (East) put to a vote.

1st by Grant Wilke to close nominations for Director of Prosecution. 2nd by Dave Proctor.

1st by Collins to cast a unanimous ballot for Kenkel. 2nd by Lanka. Motion carried. Kenkel elected as Investigation for 1999.

1st by Clark to cast a unanimous ballot for Brown for Secretary/Treasurer. 2nd by Collins. Motion carried. Brown elected Secretary/Treasurer for 1999.

1st by Lanka to cast a unanimous ballot for Heglund for Vice President. 2nd by Wilke. Motion carried. Roger Heglund elected Vice-President for 1999.

1st by Clark to cast a unanimous ballot for Chapman for President. 2nd by Ryder. Motion carried. Dennis Chapman elected President for 1999.

Announcement of Ryders victory over McMahon for Director at Large - East.

Congratulations to the 1999 newly elected Officers and Directors.

Motion to destroy ballots by Clark. 2nd by Chapman. All ballots to be destroyed.

Director at Large (East) - Steve Ryder

Considering forming an organization for the Fire Marshal's of the State of Iowa. Contact Ryder with any questions.

Director at Large (West) - Doug Duncan

Report on the numerous schools and classes conducted and/or completed in the West section.

Director of Investigation - Jim Kenkel/Chris Van Vleet

Report on suggested/possible topics for the 1999 Iowa Chapter Arson Investigation Seminar

- NFPA92linIOWA
- Advanced Origin and Cause
- Fire death investigations
- evidence collection, preservation and cross contamination

Iowa Chapter – IAAI General Membership Meeting (Cont'd)

CFI Committee - Chris Van Vleet

Report by VanVleet on the status of the CFI Committee. The International CFI exam will be available at the 1999 Iowa Chapter Fire Investigation Seminar.

Insurance Section - Larry Wyatt

The Insurance section met September 23rd. Wyatt reported on the recent availability of Criminal records through the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. The request form was made available to the attendees. Copies are included with this report.

Firefax - Kevin Dunkin

The newsletter is for the membership. PLEASE submit your reference materials, photos or articles to Kevin for inclusion in the Firefax. Request also made for recent photos to update the IAAI display board.

Chaplain - Ted Strait

No Report

Scholarship - Bob Burns

Burns reported on the status of the R.J. Hentges Scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships to be awarded. The recipients of the two scholarships were announced at the 1998 Banquet as **Victoria Waggoner-Hoizer and Christopher Piel**. Follow-up comments by Chapman. Thank you to Ryder for all his hard work on the R.J. Hentges Scholarship project.

President - Dennis Chapman

Report by Chapman regarding the success of Summer Fire School. The Iowa Chapter the State Fire Marshal's office were approached by the Fire Service Institute to participate. Instructors for the School included Jim Kenkel, Kevin Dunkin and Dennis Chapman with assistance by other Iowa Chapter members. Thank you all those who assisted and the Fire Service Institute.

Report on the status of the International Education Foundation with follow-up by Clark.

Motion by Burns to close the 1998 General Membership meeting. 2nd by Stowell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren S. Brown
Secretary/Treasurer

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN WEEK OF MAY 17TH

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest grass roots fundraising program benefiting Special Olympics. There are no performance times given to Torch Run participants. . . they carry the Special Olympics Torch as they walk, run or cycle towards their destination.

The Torch Run takes place throughout the State during the week of May 17, 1999. The runs start from the outer edge of the State with them converging on Des Moines on Wednesday, May 19. The final leg takes place on Thursday, May 20, 12:00 noon at Nollen Plaza in downtown Des Moines. More than 100 officers run and bike the Torch to Cyclone Stadium to light the Olympic Flame and officially start the State Summer Games. After the Final Leg, officers and their family members are invited to attend a picnic prior to Opening Ceremonies. Following the picnic, officers are encouraged to greet more than 3,000 athletes as they parade in. Following the parade, the greatest event will take place for the officers. The grounds are filled with thousands of athletes. It is dusk, and patrol cars line the approach to the area. As the runners pass each patrol car, the top lights are turned on. You can hear the cheers of the crowd getting louder, reaching a climax as the torch runners pass in from of the crowd and hand it to the athlete chosen to light the flame. It leaves each participating officer with a feeling of pride and accomplishment.

For those who wish not to run, bike or walk, there are many other opportunities available. Individuals may host a fundraiser such as: pasta dinner, billboard promotions, candy sales in break rooms, coin canisters, sell hats and t-shirts, etc. There is a registration fee of \$50 for those officers participating in the Torch Run. This includes the official Law Enforcement Torch Run t-shirt.

If you are interested in joining the team of fellow Law Enforcement officers and Firefighters, please contact Chris VanVleet (ATF) at 515-284-4329 or Jeanette Steinfeldt (Special Olympics Iowa) 515-267-0131.

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