

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS
IOWA CHAPTER**

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of the General Membership

September 10, 2014

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Iowa Chapter was called to order at West Des Moines Marriott, West Des Moines, Iowa at 8:55 AM on September 10, 2014, pursuant to the notice sent to all members in accordance with the bylaws.

Mark Crooks President presided and Paul O’Connell, Secretary/Treasurer, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Roll call of officers:

Mark Crooks –President
John Grier – 1st Vice President
Becky Nelson – 2nd Vice President
Paul O’Connell – Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Siembieda – Director of Investigations
Jeff Haler – Director of Detection
David May – Director of Prosecution
Zack Spykerman – Director of Insurance
Jeff Hutcheson – Direct at Large – West
Kurt Blackburn – Director at Large – East

The first order of business was from the nomination committee. Director’s Blackburn and Spykerman took nominations from the floor as well as nominations sent via e-mail.

For the position of President. John Grier was nominated.

For the position of 1st Vice President. Becky Nelson was nominated.

For the position of 2nd Vice President. Zack Spykerman was nominated.

For the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Paul O’Connell was nominated.

A motion duly made (Director Hutcheson) and second (Member Fraser) to cease nominations until the meeting reconvenes September 11, 2014 was accepted at this time. The meeting was recessed at 09:03 AM on September 10, 2014.

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Iowa Chapter was reconvened at West Des Moines Marriott, West Des Moines, Iowa at 11:09 AM on September 11, 2014, pursuant to the notice sent to all members in accordance with the bylaws.

Roll call of officers:

Mark Crooks –President
John Grier – 1st Vice President
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Paul O’Connell – Secretary/Treasurer
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Paul O’Connell gave the Secretary/Treasurer report:

- 193 members of our association, 15 Life Members
- Checkbook balance is \$46,458.01 with \$16,016.21 in CD’s, \$25 in Savings and \$1,429.59 in PayPal.
- Motion made (Member John Nordyke) to approve 2013 AGM Minutes as printed in Firefax and posted on website and seconded (Member Curtis McKeon). Motion passed unanimous.
- 29 New members for 2014
 - Curtis McKeon Council Bluffs FD
 - Martin Moore Council Bluffs FD
 - Daniel Roberts Council Bluffs FD
 - Clinton McFarland Iowa City FD
 - Dan Choudek Onsite Engineering
 - Dorin Smith Des Moines PD
 - Matthew Andersen Waterloo Fire Rescue
 - Jessica Winter Urbandale PD
 - Doug Harms LeMars Fire Rescue
 - Christopher Vesey West Des Moines PD
 - James Kuticka Kuticka Fire Investigations
 - Kyle Priest Bettendorf FD
 - Phillip Newton City of Carter Lake
 - Christopher Jones Marshalltown PD
 - Jeremy Pickett EMC Insurance
 - Stuart Wilson City of Urbandale
 - Ryan Iossi Davenport FD
 - Josh Humphrey Iowa County Emergency Manager
 - Aaron Kester Story County Sheriff’s Office
 - Curtis Cecak Marshalltown FD
 - Matthew Snyder Nevada Public Safety Department
 - Collin Wellsandt Iowa City FD
 - William McDonald Bettendorf FD
 - Scot Ely Glenwood FD/ DCI
 - Jonathan Lund Des Moines FD

- Terry Parks EFI Global
- Sonny Alvarez Davenport FD
- Frank Fulton Sioux City FD
- James Samack NEFCO Fire Investigations

Mark Crooks gave the President report:

- Attended the International IAAI Annual conference
- Thank you to the Iowa Chapter for paying for his attendance there

John Grier gave the 1st Vice President report:

- Attended many of the Iowa Chapter Board meetings

Becky Nelson

- Worked on planning for the 2014 Seminar involving speakers and travel arrangements
- The Firefax will continue to come out quarterly
- Was part of the site selection for the 2015 and 2016 Seminars

Greg Siembieda, Director of Investigation report:

- Attended Board meetings
- Worked on procuring the 2014 seminar awards
- Continue working on the webpage

Zack Spykerman gave the Director of Insurance report:

- Attended Board meetings
- Attended the International IAAI Annual Conference in Las Vegas
- Involved with training burn cells in Spencer, Dubuque and Grinnell. The Iowa Chapter sponsors these trainings.
- Had an Expert Witness class last November and anticipate another in May 2015. Will send an email out, there are only 8 spots available for these classes.
- G. Terry Smith will be the new Director of Insurance

Kurt Blackburn gave Director at Large – East report:

- Took over the position last year
- Davenport hosted a Lunch 'n Learn led by Secretary/Treasurer O'Connell and Member Tony Collins involving response to fires by 1st responders.
- Will also be having another class taught by the County Attorneys
- Get ahold of me if you want to do a Lunch 'n Learn

Jeff Haler, Director of Detection report:

- Attended as many Board meetings as I could
- Gave input on the 2014 Seminar
- On the site selection committee.

Jeff Hutcheson, Director at Large West report:

- Was a quiet year on the western half of Iowa.

- Attended the International IAAI Annual Conference. Completed 3 years of being on the IAAI Foundation Board and has been nominated for another 3 year term.
- Going to try and do Lunch 'n Learns in SW Iowa.
- Past President Chris Van Vleet has been nominated for a Director's position in the International IAAI Board. I want to encourage all members to support Chris in his campaign.
- November 10-11, 2014 there is a training conference in Council Bluffs.

David May, Director of Prosecution report:

- Attended Board meetings.
- Went to Denver for ATF Arson for Prosecution class.
- No legal issues in the chapter this year.
- Kim Shepherd will be the new Director of Prosecution.

Elections:

Nominations for the following positions were announced:

President: John Grier.

1st Vice President – Becky Nelson.

2nd Vice President – Zack Spykerman.

Secretary/Treasurer- Paul O'Connell.

A motion duly made (Member Tony Collins) and seconded (Member Terry Johnson) to cease nominations was unanimously approved.

A motion duly made (Member David Schipper) and seconded (Member Terry Olson) to have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested positions. Motion unanimously passed.

Director of Insurance was held in sectional meeting with G. Terry Smith being elected to the position.

Director of Prosecution was held in sectional meeting with Kimberly Shepherd elected to the position.

An inquiry was made as to any information for the good of the order:

- Director Hutcheson encourages member support and participation in your organization.
- Member Mike Whitsell appreciates the PayPal option for membership renewal and seminar registration.
- Director Blackburn encourages all members to become an International IAAI member. It's a great tool for training, using CFITrainer.net, plus it is a tax write off.

- A motion made (2nd VP Nelson) to pay Secretary/Treasurer's membership stipend at \$4.25 per member and seconded (Member G. Terry Smith). Motion unanimously passed.
- CTK Group will be in Council Bluffs for a class on November 17-19, 2014. Secretary/Treasurer O'Connell will send an email out with more information. Please send any training opportunities to Secretary/Treasurer O'Connell to be placed on the website or emailed to membership.

The Constitution/By-Law Committee Chair Jeff Hutcheson brought forth a By-Law change that was sent out to the membership through email and the Fairfax magazine according to Article VIII, section 1 of the Iowa Chapter IAAI, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws. The recommended change is to Article III, section 1, subsection A, to change "the two (2) years immediately prior to nomination for position" to "at least the previous 24 months" and subsection B, so it states "Must be a member of the IAAI, Inc. or immediately join upon election." The question was asked why the change and Director Hutcheson explained the reason is so a person nominated for position has been a member for the 24 months directly prior to the nomination and not just two years many years ago and just started to become a member again. A motion was made by Life Member/Past President Alan Clark to accept the By-Law change, seconded by member John Nordyke. Motion unanimously passed.

The next meeting of the General Membership will be held at the next Annual Seminar, at the Radisson, Davenport, Iowa September 15-18, 2015. Times will be posted in the brochure for the 2015 seminar.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was, in motion duly made (Member John Nordyke) and seconded (Director Siembieda), adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Paul O'Connell
Secretary/Treasurer
Iowa Chapter IAAI Incorporated