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Via E-Mail Only

Re: *David E. Bridges – Candidate for IAAI Board of Directors in 2017*

Dear Chapter Executives, Directors, and Membership:

This is to ask you to support my candidacy to the International Association of Arson Investigators' (IAAI) Board of Directors in 2017. In April 2016, I was honored to be nominated by Randy Watson, current IAAI Director and Chairman of the NFPA's Technical Committee on Fire Investigations. I write to share a few of my reasons for running.

My roots run deep in the IAAI's work, beginning first at the Chapter level and continuing into several current IAAI committee assignments. Through these lenses, I have examined the challenges facing our Chapters and the fire/explosion industry as a whole. I believe the IAAI must tirelessly work with its frontline Chapters and its members to better identify, develop, and empower them to face challenges to their qualifications, methodology, and/or opinions. I'm a candidate that's committed to Chapters and its members, and dedicated to meaningful training progress.

I served as a public sector investigator and testified as a subject matter expert, acquiring a unique perspective for the practice of law. I became a licensed attorney to protect our profession, to bring science and law together to seek the truth for fire/explosion events. The culmination of my life's work has prepared me for this IAAI Director opportunity. I can offer extensive experience in the forensic investigation and litigation arenas (public- and private-sectors), a tireless work ethic, and an uncompromising commitment to uphold the public trust, all of which I believe make me an ideal candidate to help manage the corporate business of the IAAI.

Otherwise, when the general election opens this March, please take advantage of the opportunity to vote online. I truly hope to earn your vote.

Very truly yours,

DAVID E. BRIDGES