



## 2017 Candidates for IAAI Board of Directors

**David Bridges**, IAAI-CFI, MIAAI, Minnesota

**How long have you been a member of the IAAI?**  
Since 2010

**How many IAAI Annual Meetings have you attended? 3 Which years?** 2014, 2015, and 2016.

**Do you regularly attend your State/Provincial Chapter meetings and activities?** Yes

**List any offices held in your State Chapter.**

Training and Education (T&E) Committee (MN Chapter, 2016) Training and Education (T&E) Committee (NC Chapter, 2008-Present) Board of Directors (NC Chapter, 2010-2015) Expert Witness-Courtroom Testimony Subcommittee (NC Chapter, 2013-Present) Accelerant Detection K-9 Subcommittee (NC Chapter, 2013-Present) Life Member (NC Chapter, 2015)

**Please list any International offices held, special projects or Committee work, indicating years of service** Training and Education (T&E) Committee (2012-Present) International Training Conference (ITC) Committee (2015-Present) Co-Chair (2016) Chair (2017) Expert Witness-Courtroom Testimony (EWCT) Subcommittee (2013-Present) Insurance Training and Membership Advisory Committee (2014-Present) Editorial Review Board (2016-Present) Legal Subcommittee Chair (2016)

**If you are elected, will you take an active role in the IAAI, and with your present position, attend all annual meetings and board meetings during your term of office?** Yes

**Describe, in 100 words or less, why you feel you are qualified for this position.** I've served as a public sector investigator and testified as a subject matter expert, acquiring a unique perspective for the practice of law. I became an 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, 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 IAAI's corporate business.



**Why do you want to become a Director or Officer of the IAAI?** If elected, the IAAI Board of Directors would

be an indispensable next step in my journey to give back to the forensic fire investigation and litigation profession.

**What do you believe are your best leadership traits and how would you use them as a Director or Officer of the IAAI?** Elections and appointments rarely make leaders. It's really about doing. 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 the forensic fire investigation and litigation profession as a whole.

**What steps do you believe should be taken to grow membership?** Before the IAAI focuses on expanding its membership, it should first work to identify and implement strategies to stop membership loss/shrinkage. Next, the IAAI should strive to provide more value to its existing membership.

**How would you propose to improve relationships and communications between the International and Chapters?** There 's always room for improvement. For starters, the IAAI needs to ensure its frontline Chapters and their members are heard. From there, we should respond accordingly to those organizational and training needs to better prepare them to face the challenges of tomorrow.

**What are your recommendations for future funding of CFITrainer.Net®?** I believe it would be beneficial to explore contingent funding sources for CFITrainer.net, to include industry-specific partnerships or even an individualized membership fee as long as it is not cost-prohibitive.

**Other than training fire investigators, what two or three other elements do you consider as critical to the mission of the IAAI?** Simply put, the IAAI's aim is to identify, develop, and provide meaningful training progress and support to the forensic fire and explosion investigation and litigation realm.