



Trace Lawless Candidate for IAAI Board of Directors

How long have you been a member of the IAAI? 11 years

How many IAAI annual meetings have you attended? 6 Which years? 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

What IAAI Committees have you served on; Which years? Training and Education, 2016, 2017, 2018, Insurance Committee, 2016, 2017 2018

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

List any offices held in your State Chapter. Ohio Chapter - 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, Board Member, CFI Committee Chair, Training and Education Chair, Member

Please list any International offices held, special projects or Committee work, indicating years of service. Chair of Training and Education from 2016-Present. Board of Directors 2016-Present

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. With over 35 years in Fire and Law Enforcement Services, I will listen to suggestions and concerns of the membership and chapters. Productively working together to a common resolution for all members, chapters and the association. I have also gained experience and knowledge over the past three years while serving as your current Board of Director. This knowledge and experience will provide for greater results in the future, both at the board and committee levels.

Why do you want to become a Director or Officer of the IAAI? To continue my service to the IAAI as Director and Training and Education Chair. The past three years have been challenging and rewarding. Our membership is seeing the reward of the work and that is the most appreciated.

What do you believe are your best leadership traits and how would you use them as a Director or Officer of the IAAI? Communication, as most who know me indicate, I am very direct and to the point. I believe all members of this association need an active voice at the board and committee level to represent their needs and concerns. Over the past three years as your director this has remained consistent to better the IAAI.

What steps do you believe should be taken to grow membership? Membership will continue to grow with each one of us representing the IAAI as the Leader in Fire Investigations. The additional steps I would recommend is outreach to additional professional organizations, associations, and training academies.

How would you propose to improve relationships and communications between the International and Chapters? After three years in Training and Education I believe IAAI relationships with the Chapters is very good. Additional support to the chapter for training and education needs to continue and expand. I foresee the IAAI being more involved and contributing to the local Chapters annual training conferences and meetings.

What are your recommendations for future funding of CFITrainer.Net? This has been ongoing and seems to be a never ending topic of the IAAI. However, it is a very dynamic topic with many involved parties. I understand and support the program one hundred percent. We as an organization cannot rely on the government to support this forever, therefore we need to put in place today funding to support the program in the future. This funding should come from all users of the program, with a discounted rate for IAAI members. As funding becomes available from the government we should enhance and grow the platform with additional training and education modules.

Other than training fire investigators, what two or three other elements do you consider as critical to the mission of the IAAI? *(Current Mission Statement)*
The IAAI shall provide active support to fire, arson, and explosion investigation professionals through leadership in education, training, professional development, certification, networking, advocacy, and the provision of resources.

I feel every part of the above statement is critical to the continued growth and existence of the association. Each in their own way helps provide the necessary tools, knowledge and resources to assist members within the profession of fire and explosion investigations.