



Jim Kanavy (KY)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IAAI? 14 plus years

HOW MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED; WHICH YEARS? 7 Years

2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2009

WHAT IAAI COMMITTEES HAVE YOU SERVED ON; WHICH YEARS?

I am currently the Committee Chair of the website committee for the International. At the State level I was and am Chair of T&E committee and CFI committee.

DO YOU REGULARLY ATTEND YOUR STATE/PROVINCIAL CHAPTER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES? YES

OFFICES HELD STATE/PROVINCE CHAPTER? Sergeant at Arms, Past President Board of Director.

PLEASE LIST ANY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD, SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COMMITTEE WORK, INDICATING YEARS OF SERVICE.

Board of Directors for the past 2 and half years. And the chair of the website committee

DESCRIBE, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION:

I feel I am qualified due to the 25 years of local level service I have given to the IAAI. That dedication to our state chapter has allowed me to have been honored for the last 2 & half years to serve the membership of the International. I have been vocal at the International level and have represented our membership on a variety of different topics. I would like to be re-elected to finish some projects that I feel we still haven't finished in my first term, such as funding for CFI trainer .net and more affordable training classes

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI?

I want to continue with some important issues that I feel I didn't get accomplished my first term as a director. I feel our training has come a long way but needs to go further with more classes and if possible cheaper rates.

I believe a funding source for the CFI trainer program must be found and put into place; these are just some issues I want to work on.

I also want to continue to be a voice for Public fire investigators and what challenges we face.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP TRAITS, AND HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI?

I believe my best leadership traits are that I have been in the fire service all my life and worked my way up the rank structure to where I am at today as an Assistant Fire Chief/ Investigator. I stand up for what is right and what I believe even if it's not the popular thing.

WHAT STEPS DO YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO GROW MEMBERSHIP?

This is one of the issues in my first term that I believe we have been addressing. I would like to continue discounted first time membership offers. I would also recommend Directors to go to the State Chapter conferences to enlist membership and explain what the International is about and what we do.

HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHAPTERS?

I touched on this above, 1st we must make the Board and executives available to the state level. 2nd We must listen to their concerns and answer them back. The membership sometimes feel that they are talking, and no one is listening. 3rd As a Board member we must make our self's available take the phone calls and emails and respond.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CFI TRAINER.NET?

This is a special topic, I thought during my first term that we had it all figured out; however, I was wrong. The more you dive into this topic the more we find obstacles. This is one of the issues I want to resolve If I get reelected, as to not pass it down the road. I believe there is funding out there and the current board has been working diligently to find alternatives. There are many Ideas out there from commercials to advertisements that are a start to get funding that we haven't taken off the table yet.

OTHER THAN TRAINING FIRE INVESTIGATORS, WHAT TWO OR THREE OTHER ELEMENTS DO YOU CONSIDER AS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION OF THE IAAI?

Increasing membership and selling ourselves as what we actually do for our members, what we offer. Membership services are a critical part of membership, and the office staff is imperative to the mission of our members.

Doing all these issues, at the cheapest cost available, being good stewards of our money.

We must be able to do all these things if we are going to keep being the Global Leader in Fire Investigations.



Voting Starts
March 3, 2020