

# Candidates for IAAI Foundation Board of Directors

Las Vegas | Voting starts on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Tom Pierce (MT)

### **What is your vision for the IAAI Foundation for the next five years?**

As a past "At Large" appointed Director of the Foundation Board I have become the IAAI Foundation's primary fundraiser.

Though I am not currently on the Foundation I continue to work closely with the current Foundation members. I am currently responsible for assuring that a new and dynamic challenge coin be created each year and am responsible for making the Foundation Motorcycle Raffle successful. I have helped raise 10's of thousands of dollars and can usually be found next to past Foundation Director Hebert selling Challenge coins and Raffle Tickets during the International Training Conference. Over the last couple of years Hebert has (and continues) to work with me to ensure that the Foundation fund raising makes a smooth transition and continues to be an asset to your conference training experience. My theory on fundraising is simple. I will never beg for your money. I will continue to look for ways to add to your ITC experience. That being said we need to secure outside funding to grow our organization (IAAI Foundation) have already begun the process of doing this.

After my term expired, Foundation President Joe Sesniak appointed me the position of "Chairman of Fundraising."

Finally, I pledge to continue what I have been doing by way of fundraising. Because I am doing it NOW and am not on the Foundation Board, you can be assured that not only will I continue once elected, but will look for new ways to expand my role to help the Foundation and in turn help the IAAI. I simply ask for your vote to continue these efforts.

**What policies or programs would you propose that you believe would enable the Foundation to progress and accomplish the objectives of "the provision of education, professional development, and research opportunities for all individuals and institutions engaged in the field of fire, arson, and explosives investigation?"**

The Foundation is going through many exciting changes that I am proud to be a part of as an active participant which is why I have declared my candidacy to become a full Foundation Director. The face of the Foundation is changing with so many Board members with expiring terms. Though new blood is inevitable, it is important that the Board has someone familiar with the fundraising traditions of the past that has benefited all of the IAAI.

### **What positions have you held in IAAI?**

IAAI Foundation past Director-at-Large

Current IAAI Foundation Chairman of Fundraising

### **What positions have you held in your local Chapter?**

I am a new member of the Montana Chapter coming from the California Chapter. In the California Chapter I am a lifetime member, Past President, Board Member for 10 years, Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Member of the Training Committee.



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