



Candidate for
IAAI Foundation
Board of Directors

ELECTION 2021

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Jerome Duet (LA)

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

I anticipate the foundation having to step up its support to not only the IAAI membership but to the organization itself. We all know the hardships that have been placed on the public sector investigation divisions due to the current situation with the ongoing pandemic. The pandemic has already hit the organization hard with the cancellation of the 2020 ITC and multiple regional and IAAI sponsored training events. Fundraising has been an instrumental aspect of the foundation and how we support both the organization and our fellow members, and it has to continue and even possibly grow. Having the opportunity to

serve as an appointed Director at Large in 2020, I have been able to work with the Board and see first hand the role the foundation plays and the way the Foundation is vital to the process of hosting the annual International Training Conference. It was obvious this year in the scholarship application review process that there is a great need for assistance for our membership to receive assistance in obtaining quality training opportunities when over 40 members applied for training class scholarships.

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 explosion investigation?"

Our fellow IAAI members are aware that the Foundation is there for training scholarship opportunities, but few members are aware that the Foundation is also there to grant research grants to our members of nonprofit organizations. If elected, I want to make this aspect of the Foundation more visible. Our membership is filled with very smart and talented professionals in the fire, arson, and explosion investigation field. One way of doing this is to ensure our state chapters are aware of these opportunities so that they can share this information with their membership and begin to produce quality, informative and productive research to assist our members in obtaining technical information based on tried and tested science. I truly believe that if we as the Foundation take on a more involved role in communicating with our state chapter leaders that we can begin to produce these high quality research projects on a more consistent basis and would just be one more way that the IAAI Foundation is providing up to date research and knowledge to our valued membership.

What positions have you held in the IAAI?

I have been on the IAAI nominating committee since 2019 and was appointed to the Foundation Director at Large position in 2020.

What positions have you held in your local Chapter?

I have been a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the IAAI since 2011 and have held the office of secretary, 2nd Vice President, Executive Vice President and will fill the role of President for the year 2021.

