



It's time to vote. Voting starts on February 23. Election to be held at ITC 2021.

ELECTION 2021

Candidates for IAAI Board of Directors

Vote



Joseph Herzberg (NJ)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IAAI? 20 + year
HOW MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED; WHICH

YEARS? Rio 2017 Texas 2018 Jacksonville 2019

WHAT IAAI COMMITTEES HAVE YOU SERVED ON; WHICH YEARS? Site Section Co-Chairman 2019-2020
Merchandise committee 2019-2020

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

OFFICES HELD STATE/PROVINCE CHAPTER? YES - NJ
Chapter Board of Director for the past 20 years

PLEASE LIST ANY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD, SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COMMITTEE WORK, INDICATING YEARS OF SERVICE. 2018-Current Board of Directors, 2019-Current Co-Chairman Site Selections Committee started and chair the ITC and Online store for Merchandise Committee.

DESCRIBE, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION: I am running for Director of our great organization, because I want to continue to lead us into 2021 and beyond by offering new ideas and improvements that will keep us as leaders in fire investigation. I will continue to bring new ideas to fruition, which would include further enhancements to ITC and all training sessions. An open line of communication between all levels of the Executive Board/staff at the IAAI with the membership is vital in bringing us to new heights. My first commitment is to each member of the IAAI and I will be available to each of you.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? I am looking to continue to move the organization forward, with new ideas and programs that benefit the entire membership.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP TRAITS, AND HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? I am a self-starter and willing to push forward with ideas that benefit the membership and the organization. I'm fortunate enough to be able to travel around the country talking and listening to member's concerns and then take action with their concerns.

WHAT STEPS DO YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO GROW MEMBERSHIP? I believe current members and prospective members need to feel there is a benefit with their membership. Just paying your dues and having a membership card shouldn't be enough. There should be benefits which our members receive that they can't get anywhere else.

HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHAPTERS? Both Chapter and IAAI board members need to have more face to face interactions, not just monthly phone calls. This can be accomplished by quarterly or semi-annual regional meetings where several local state chapters could meet with board members to discuss issues that are of concern to them within their regions. Issues on the East coast may be different from the ones on the West coast, and they may require different solutions.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CFITRAINER.NET? I think we need to start looking at corporate partnerships and universities/education facilities that utilize the programs as part of their daily activities. There may need to be fees attached to these types of groups that are using the service as part of the curriculum.

OTHER THAN TRAINING FIRE INVESTIGATORS, WHAT TWO OR THREE OTHER ELEMENTS DO YOU CONSIDER AS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION OF THE IAAI? Membership benefits, social interactions and location where members can have open discussions with other members who provide similar services. These types of interactions could work within a live website form.