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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IAAI? I have been a member of the IAAI since 2005 and a member of my AZ state chapter since 2002.

HOW MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED; WHICH YEARS? I have attended 8 of the last 9 International Training Conferences and have attended 7 Annual General Meetings in 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011.

WHAT IAAI COMMITTEES HAVE YOU SERVED ON; WHICH YEARS? I have served and currently serve on the sub-committee for the *Fire & Arson Investigator* journal (2018-Current).

DO YOU REGULARLY ATTEND YOUR STATE/PROVINCIAL CHAPTER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES? Yes. In addition to Arizona, I have also attended additional Chapter meetings and trainings in western states to include California, New Mexico, Nevada, and Oregon.

OFFICES HELD STATE/PROVINCE CHAPTER? I have served the AZIAAI Chapter as a Board member, 2nd VP, 1st VP, and President. I have also served on the Training and Education Committee for many years, becoming actively involved soon after I joined the Chapter in 2002.

PLEASE LIST ANY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD, SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COMMITTEE WORK, INDICATING YEARS OF SERVICE. I was appointed by Past President George Codding to represent the IAAI on the NFPA Responder Forum in 2017 and continue to serve in that appointment.

In February 2018, I was appointed by Past President Scott Bennett as the principal IAAI representative to the NFPA 1321 Technical Committee for Fire Investigation Units (FIUs). I continue to serve in that role.

I also serve on the IAAI Foundation's ITC Fundraising Committee (2019-Current).

I was appointed the AZ/NM IAAI Chapter Liaison in August 2020.

DESCRIBE, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION: The worldwide challenges in our investigations community require experience, ambition, and determination from its leadership. My long-standing commitment to education and training for the AZIAAI, coupled with my appointments by IAAI Past Presidents Bennett and Codding demonstrate my passion for being actively involved in this organization. I proactively lead our fire district in the adoption of fire codes (2003), implemented inspections, and developed our investigations division. This was achieved through effective communication and plan implementation that required drive and determination. As your candidate I will continue my unwavering commitment to supporting the mission of the IAAI.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? Being a Director for the IAAI is an opportunity to infuse **fresh perspectives** while creating **new opportunities** for growth and training in our worldwide organization. The involvement of our profession creates the need for a dynamic and innovative person to support the mission of the IAAI and listen to the membership to capitalize on their input. During my 21-year fire service career, my objective has been to encourage growth, develop professional relationships, and build credibility within the organization.

My ambition, experience and reputation would be assets to the IAAI membership as evidenced by past accomplishments. Now is my time to give back to the IAAI as your Director.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP TRAITS, AND HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? My devotion to Scouting (Eagle Scout), military service, business ownership and the fire service have shaped my leadership abilities. My proactive role in developing programs and implementing action plans have been critical to the success of the organization. Leadership should have **Integrity, Accountability, and Communication** skills. I will use these traits, along with my experience to facilitate organizational growth, both in membership and training resources.

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

- Communicate the benefits of International membership by promoting the value with **strategic partners**. During a forum with 14 different fire-related agencies, I had several opportunities to share the value of our IAAI membership. The appointment of "**Ambassadors**" to these organizations would yield membership growth.
- Continue offering first-year discounts at training seminars.
- Advance the CFITrainer program and promote the value of continuing education with that affiliation.

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

As a recently appointed IAAI Chapter Liaison, I have a profound new perspective on the relationships and communications offered by the IAAI and local chapters. I have visited with members worldwide and continue to ask for their collective ideas and input to better improve those relationships. We need to continually listen to our membership and adjust accordingly.

Of critical importance is for our elected leaders to be actively involved at the local level by attending trainings and meetings. This further enhances the communications and conveys the IAAI's unwavering commitment to local chapters, in addition to the **Global Mission**.

With the success of our last "virtual ITC," I propose exploring options to continue that platform and offer a series of "Meet Your Elected Officials" Forums.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CFITRAINER.NET?

- Seek strategic partners with fire-related entities and corporations to sponsor a module related to their respective organization
- Consider advertising within modules, e.g. utilizing a fire protection company advertisement within the relevant module
- Continue seeking current grant-funding and expand that resource
- Partner with **IAAI Foundation** for grant-based funding
- Be prepared to institute fee-based concepts bolstering current funding to supplement or enhance the program
- Consider annual subscriptions

OTHER THAN TRAINING FIRE INVESTIGATORS, WHAT TWO OR THREE OTHER ELEMENTS DO YOU CONSIDER AS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION OF THE IAAI? Critical to our success is the continued development of cutting-edge, scientifically based research (grant-funding by IAAI Foundation) into fire dynamics and its relationship to investigations. The broad spectrum of fire science is continually challenged and tested.

Additionally, the health and wellness of our members through initiatives and inclusion of fire investigators in presumptive cancer legislation.

Lastly, strengthening existing partnerships while creating new strategic alliances promotes our brand and validates our membership.

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