

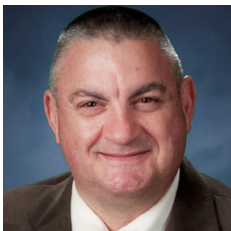


It's time to vote. Voting starts on February 23. Election to be held at ITC 2021.

ELECTION 2021

Candidates for IAAI Board of Directors

Vote



Stephen P. Rinaldi (NM)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IAAI?
Active member for 5 years since 2016

HOW MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED; WHICH YEARS? 4, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020

WHAT IAAI COMMITTEES HAVE YOU SERVED ON; WHICH YEARS? Constitution & By Laws 2019 & 2020

DO YOU REGULARLY ATTEND YOUR STATE/PROVINCIAL CHAPTER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES? Yes, I attend and participate regularly

OFFICES HELD STATE/PROVINCE CHAPTER?
New Mexico Chapter IAAI member since 2016
NMIAAI Board Member 2018

NMIAAI Second Vice President in 2019 and 2020.
Member of the NMIAAI Training Committee in 2017 and 2018
Chair of the NMIAAI Constitution and By Laws 2019 to Present

PLEASE LIST ANY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD, SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COMMITTEE WORK, INDICATING YEARS OF SERVICE. International Code Council, Region XI Four Corners Chapter, 2021, 2020 Chair, 2019 Vice Chair

NFPA Technical Committees:

Fire Investigations (FIA-AAA) Principal
Appointed: 12/07/2018, NFPA 921

Facilities for Fire Training and Associated Props (FAB-AAA), Principal
Appointed: 04/05/2016, NFPA 1402

Fire Reporting (FIP-AAA) Principal
Appointed: 08/03/2016, NFPA 901

Fire Safety and Emergency Symbols (FIS-AAA), Principal
Appointed: 12/08/2015, NFPA 170

Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner Professional Qualifications (PQU-FIS), Principal
Appointed: 12/06/2019, NFPA 1030, NFPA 1031

DESCRIBE, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION: I fully embrace the vision and mission of IAAI and strive to consistently exemplify the character and traits established within its code of ethics. My experience working within this association and other organizations has provided me the necessary skill set to not only fulfill the responsibilities bestowed upon a director but also exceed the membership's expectations of a director in serving the best interests of the association.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? As an IAAI member I have gained in my knowledge and ability as a fire investigator, much like my 28 years' in the fire service has provided me opportunities to better myself. Having served as a Chief Officer I felt compelled to mentor and give back to the fire service for what it has provided me. I feel that same responsibility to the IAAI and believe that I can make a positive contribution by serving in the capacity of Director.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP TRAITS, AND HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI? I utilize a combination of Servant and Transformational styles of leadership that strives to provide for members needs and incorporates the inclusion of members by allowing for input to determine the direction the association needs to move. I feel that some of my best traits involve enthusiasm, integrity and being innovative. The enthusiasm I possess will give me the energy to put forth my full commitment to the association. My integrity will uphold the highest belief of the association in that I will always be a truth seeker. I feel that my ability to tackle problems with an approach of developing innovative solutions when needed can serve as an asset for the association.

WHAT STEPS DO YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO GROW MEMBERSHIP? The first step is to ensure that the association is evaluating the pulse of the membership in order to understand their needs regarding training, certification and overall support that IAAI can provide to them and their State Chapters. I believe that using the current membership to promote IAAI to increase future membership by way of a membership drive offering \$20 discount in the renewal of their membership for every new member they bring into the association. Another step is expanding recruitment within the educational institutions offering fire investigation related courses and degrees.

HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHAPTERS? Chapter liaisons could hold quarterly virtual meetings with the leadership of the chapters they serve and provide reports back to the executive director to keep IAAI updated and provide updates to the chapters from IAAI. Also, there should never be a State Chapter annual conference that IAAI is not represented by an officer or director. I believe promotions can be used to involve chapters at the ITC in 10/23/2020 an effort to increase attendance and enhance the interaction. Partnerships between IAAI and Chapters sharing state lines to provide training or joint conferences has the potential to expand relations for all.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CFITRAINER.NET? The continued application for an AFG grant needs to be expand to explore other available grants or even offering sponsorships on the CFITrainer.Net website. There also other associations or organizations involved with fire investigations and forensic work involving fire investigations that may be willing to partner with IAAI to expand the offerings on the site.

OTHER THAN TRAINING FIRE INVESTIGATORS, WHAT TWO OR THREE OTHER ELEMENTS DO YOU CONSIDER AS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION OF THE IAAI? IAAI can expand its role in research as well as providing training in areas associated or in support of fire investigations. Another area IAAI may want to have greater involvement is in partnering with groups such as Vision 20/20 and those involved in Community Risk Reduction, particularly in geographical areas where fires occurrences have increased.