

# VOTE It's time for 2022 Elections

## IAAI Candidates for Board of Directors

Elections will be open until noon (EDT) April 12, the results will be announced at the 2022 ITC General Meeting and on [www.firearson.com](http://www.firearson.com).



### In Ballot Order



### Claire Mansi (UK)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IAAI?** 16 ½ years

**HOW MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED; WHICH YEARS?** 18 as follows:  
2004 St Louis, Mi, 2005 Washington DC,  
2006 Denver, Co, 2007 Victoria Canada,

2008 Denver, Co, 2009 Arlington TX, 2010 Orlando, Fl, 2011 Las Vegas, NV, 2012 Dover, De, 2013 Orlando, Fl, 2014 Las Vegas, NV, 2015 Chicago, IL, 2016 Orlando, Fl, 2017 Las Vegas, NV, 2018 Frisco, TX, 2019 Jacksonville, Fl, 2020 Virtual AGM, 2021 Virtual AGM

**WHAT IAAI COMMITTEES HAVE YOU SERVED ON; WHICH YEARS?** EP&G between 2013 – 2019

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

**OFFICES HELD STATE/PROVINCE CHAPTER?** Board of Directors and Director of Administration in UK AFI (formally IAAI-UK) 2003-2018 IAAI-ECT proctor for UK-AFI (2012- to date), Board of Directors Central European Association of Fire Investigators (2019 to date)

**PLEASE LIST ANY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES HELD, SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COMMITTEE WORK, INDICATING YEARS OF SERVICE.**

IAAI Re-Branding Committee 2015-2016, Membership Committee Liaison Officer (2019 To date), EP&G Liaison Officer(2021 To date)

**DESCRIBE, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION:** I was involved with the running of the UK Chapter (2003-2018), facilitated the development of other international chapters, organized and facilitated training events in the UK and other European countries and have been an active IAAI member since 2005. I was a member of the IAAI EP&G Committee for 6 years, sat on the IAAI re-branding ad-hoc committee and have been in the position of a Director of the IAAI Board since 2019. I have the personal attributes, work ethic and continued commitment on behalf of the IAAI membership to fulfill this role.

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI?** As a current serving Director, I want to continue contributing to discussions and decisions on behalf of our members. I will continue to promote membership growth around the world for the training provided by the 'Global Leaders in Fire Investigation'. I am your voice in the IAAI boardroom, and rigorously vote in favor for, or against, motions that I believe are in the best interests for all our members. I want to remain part of the elected IAAI Board and continue to contribute the growth and improvement of our great association.

**WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP TRAITS, AND HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE IAAI?** Confidence, integrity, honesty, compassion and professionalism\*. Having worked in the fire and arson investigation industry for almost 18 years, nine in London Fire Brigade's Arson Task Force, and nine with Fire Investigations UK, I have strong organizational skills and the ability to effectively listen, understand and communicate. I have arranged successful UK and International fire investigation conferences getting new members to join the UK Chapter, Central European Chapter and the

IAAI. I will continue to be committed to the content, discussions and debates that take place in the board room. Over the last three years I have questioned, spoken, defended, agreed and disagreed with other directors in a professional dignified manner; I will never just 'agree'. I will always continue to stand for and promote the above values; qualities that should reflect in all of our IAAI members.

\*See F&AI Journal page 23 <https://www.firearson.com/uploads/FAI-2019/FAI-Jan2019.pdf>.

**WHAT STEPS DO YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO GROW MEMBERSHIP?** IAAI training, accreditations, certifications and qualifications provided by the 'Global Leaders in Fire Investigation' are key to our members' professional integrity. The IAAI has adapted its training methods and continue to bring members excellent online training. We need to reach out to non-member fire investigators and their organizations' budget holders to fill them with enthusiasm and 'light the fire' to invest in their people. We must continue promoting certifications and accreditations that the IAAI offer, encouraging the investigator to be, at the minimum, an IAAI-FIT. Investigators should be encouraged to acquire their own appropriate qualifications, which by default of the price points of attaining and maintaining them, will encourage more non-members to join.

**HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHAPTERS?** Encourage Chapter Presidents or their representatives to attend the quarterly Chapter Presidents' teleconferences, and feedback the outcomes to their respective chapters. I would propose an 'IAAI Chapter President's guide book' on the fundamentals of setting up and running a Chapter. Not all Chapter Presidents can attend the lunch or the orientation input for Presidents at the ITCs. A call from the board to newly appointed Presidents discussing their needs and concerns would be a welcome step forward in relations between the International and Chapters.

**WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF CFITRAINER.NET?** If a fee was charged for CFITrainer.net certificates, but a nominal fee to members only, with an enhanced cost to non-members, then it would have a two-fold effect. The first would be a revenue stream to help fund the CFITrainer.net programme and the second would be an increase in the IAAI membership. The training could still be free but the certificates could be charged separately. All users would make a financial contribution and coupled with commercial sponsorship, should assist its continuing growth and global success.

**OTHER THAN TRAINING FIRE INVESTIGATORS, WHAT TWO OR THREE OTHER ELEMENTS DO YOU CONSIDER AS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION OF THE IAAI?** 1: To be open, transparent and professional to the communities we serve.

2: To be seen globally as a valuable knowledge pool and resource for all things that cause and spread fires.

3: Better communications with all our IAAI members via short, regular and relevant contact, which could include emails as well as social media. We also need to find innovative solutions to encourage our members to vote.