

IAAI Annual General Meeting Minutes
Jacksonville, Florida
April 12, 2022
Recording Secretary Casandra Jones

Meeting called to order by President Toth at 1:00 PM EDT

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Bill Barrios

ROLL CALL

President, Robert Toth - Present
First Vice President, Randy Watson - Present
Second Vice President, Chris VanVleet -Present
Immediate Past President, Richard Jones - Present

Directors

David Bridges - Present
Joe Herzberg – Present
Jim Kanavy - Present
Trace Lawless - Present
Claire Mansi – Present
Devin Palmer - Present
Joe Toscano - Present
Chris Ward – Present
David Cheers – Present
Rose Rozmiarek – Present
Keith Paffrath – Present
Steve Rinaldi - Present

Others in Attendance:

Executive Director: Scott Stephens

Past Presidents:

Kirk Hankins
Peter Mansi
Roger Krupp
Dan Heenan
Robert Schaal
Jack Ward
Jerry Naylis
Barry Grimm - Excused
Scott Bennett
George Coddling
Rodney Pevytoe

IAAI Foundation President Bob Cabral

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Roll Call of IAAI Chapters:**Legend: A = Absent**

#	IAAI Chapter Name
1	Ohio
2	Kentucky
3	Texas
4	Tennessee
5	Michigan A
6	Alabama
7	Kansas
8	Georgia
9	Florida
10	Missouri
11	Virginia A
12	Illinois
13	Nebraska
14	Indiana A
15	British Columbia, Canada A
16	Minnesota
17	New Jersey
18	South Dakota A
19	Oklahoma A
20	Massachusetts A
21	Washington
22	California
23	New York
24	North Carolina
25	Wisconsin
26	Montana
27	Delaware A

28	Arizona	
29	Pennsylvania	
30	Iowa	
31	Oregon	
32	New Mexico	
33	South Carolina	
34	New Hampshire	A
36	Alaska	A
38	Alberta, Canada	
39	Ontario, Canada	A
40	Mississippi	A
41	Colorado	
42	Louisiana	
43	Nevada	
44	Arkansas	A
45	New Zealand	A
46	West Virginia	A
47	New South Wales, Australia	A
48	Missouri	
49	Connecticut	
50	Utah	
51	Rhode Island	A
52	Nova Scotia, Canada/Dormant	A
53	Maryland	A
54	Saskatchewan, Canada	A
55	Wyoming	A
56	Idaho	
57	Israel	A
58	Victoria, Australia	A

59	Queensland, Australia	A
60	Maine	A
61	Sweden	A
62	Hawaii	
63	Vermont	A
64	North Dakota	A
65	Georgian	A
66	South Africa	A
67	United Kingdom	
68	Ireland	A
69	Quebec	A
70	NW Mexico	
71	Italia	A
72	France	A
73	South Korea	A
74	Bulgaria	A
75	Netherlands	A
76	Taiwan	A
77	North Mexico	A
78	Finland	A
79	Hispano Americano	
80	Brazil	A
81	Central European	

President's Appointments:

Appointment of Sergeants-At-Arms:

Jim Bales
 Laura McCarthy
 Joe Paolo
 Dan Rottmueller

Appointment of General Counsel:

Chad Stepan, Esq.

Appointment of Parliamentarian:

Past President Jerry Naylis

Announcements:

Motions should be in writing and delivered to the front table with the name of the person making the motion.

During the nomination report, the name of the nominator and the name of the nominee should be delivered in writing to the front table.

President Toth: The Agenda and the minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting have been posted as required by the Constitution and By-Laws. At this time, a motion was entertained to accept those minutes.

- ***MOTION by David Kircher to accept 2021 AGM minutes - 2nd Gary Hodson ~ Motion Carried.***

President called for Committee Reports.

Finance / Audit Report – David Cheers

Our accountant, as well as our committee have been actively involved in auditing and reviewing our financial statements and documents monthly. In accordance with normal accounting principles, we report that in an audit conducted on October 5, 2021, all expenditures were proper, and in line with our budget. Our association is on solid ground.

The total assets of the association increased from \$1,191,437.35 in 2020 to \$1,503,252.45 in 2021

Liabilities increased from \$826,830.00 IN 2020 TO \$1,105,300.93 IN 2021

Net income increased from \$95,537.61 in 2020 to \$365,287.05 in 2021.

Total equity increased from \$1,732,349.95 in 2020 to \$2,097,637.00 in 2021, due in large part to the PPP grant and employee retention grant attained by our Executive Director.

- ***Motion by Peter Mansi to receive and file the Finance report and post it on the IAAI website. 2nd Jack Ward ~ Motion Carried.***

Chapters Committee Report – Chair Chris Ward

Words of gratitude expressed to the Executive board members for support of chapters worldwide. Information was provided on recent work of the committee and words of gratitude were expressed to the previous committee chairman for his efforts and dedication to the organization. Appreciation was expressed to the chapters and members of the organization. A challenge was issued to the chapter presidents to attend the meetings and submit prior documentation to keep the lines of communication open. Chapter liaisons were acknowledged and thanked for commitment and dedication. Chapter President's and Officers luncheon Thursday at 12pm in St. John's room.

Formation of two newest chapters of IAAI were announced. Specific liaisons were acknowledged for their efforts in assisting to bring these chapters to fruition.

Acknowledgment and signing of charters for Chile and Gulf Association of Fire Investigators. Captains from GFAI were announced as representatives in attendance via Zoom. The charter is to be accepted on their behalf by Past President Peter Mansi.

Advocacy Committee – Chair Roger Krupp

Historical information was provided on the formation of the advocacy committee and details were offered on how it has evolved. Government relations committee will be the new name of the committee moving forward, as it is more in alignment with what the committee does. Information was provided on liaisons to the committee and their activities. The intent this year is to work with the chapters committee to funnel information to the chapter presidents to maintain awareness of local legislative activities. Information was provided on recent grant formations and activities, and details were offered on recent events that were attended. Details were given on the individual appointed by the President as US Fire Administrator and the history between that individual and the IAAI, as well as other fire related organizations. Statistical information was provided on participation in partner programs.

Presentation of Special Award by President Toth –

A request was made that all past presidents in attendance approach the head table for the presentation of the award. Details were given on the background of the award recipient and acknowledgement of his efforts and service to the organization throughout the years.

Director of Governmental Relations, Emeritus, was awarded to Mr. Steve Austin.

Membership Committee Report – Chair Steve Straight

An introduction was offered by committee chair and the following statistics provided:

Membership – 10,513
Student Members - 105
CFI – 2,152
FIT – 2,544
ECT – 652
CI – 117
MV- 261

Training & Education Committee Report – Chair Trace Lawless

Details were offered on the success of training throughout the year and meetings held throughout the year with the intent of planning future training.

Information was provided on free training focused on insurance and safety components of the industry.

The hope is to continue to grow the training numbers.

Site Selection and Planning Committee Report – Chair Scott Bennett

Information was provided on current planning efforts for next year's conference. 590 attendees are present for this conference with the spouse program capped at 50. Next year the cap for the spouse's program will be 100. Vendor program is also capped out with the intent to double it for next year. Details were provided on the hurdle that was faced when the room block sold out early and members trying to secure the room rate at the venue. It was indicated that early bird registration is the way to go to provide information to site selection for planning purposes.

2023 ITC – Cherokee, NC. April 23 -28, 2023.

2024 – Las Vegas April 7-12, 2024 – 75th Anniversary

2025 – Atlantic City

2026 – Venue is not yet secured

Awards Committee Report - Chair Rose Rozmiarek

Information was provided on committee changes this year, which included movement of the photograph committee under the awards committee with Tommy Sipsy as the co-chair. A request was made to the membership for the submission of chapter awards to the international level for consideration.

Outstanding Chapter Publication Award – United Kingdom Chapter #67 UK-AFI Fire Investigation, Emma Wilson Editor

Outstanding Chapter Award – James I. Smith Chapter of the Year – Georgia Chapter #8 – Troy Reynolds – President

Milestone members were recognized, and awards presented to attendees.

Photographic Awards

Arson

Honorable Mention - Mary Catherine Chewing – Rome Fire Department

2nd Place- Jacob Miller
Tarpon Springs Police Department

1st Place- Tim Turley
Colorado Springs Fire Department

Accidental

Honorable Mention - Crystal Davis-Whited Fire Trackers Investigations, LLC

2nd Place – Michael Forbes New South Wales Fire & Rescue

1st Place- Jesse Baldwin Norman Fire Department

Photo Award winners will be posted in the IAAI Publication.

The IAAI Award of Recognition:

A synopsis was offered on the incident that occurred and the subsequent investigation.

Sid Bell and Dr. Craig Beyler

The IAAI Award of Recognition:

A synopsis was offered on the incidents that occurred surrounding civil unrest, protests, and violent activities, as well as the subsequent investigations.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department – Fire Investigations Section

All other awards tabled until the banquet tonight.

Award winners will be published in the Fire and Arson Investigator Journal.

IAAI Foundation Report – Foundation President Bob Cabral

Words of welcome were offered to those in attendance. Information was provided on the purpose of the Foundation and available support options. Details were offered on cooperative efforts this year between IAAI and the Foundation, as well as 14 scholarships awarded this year, which included those brought forward from the cancelled ITC events. Information was provided on Wednesday's Foundation Day and activities that will be available throughout the day. A request was sent to the membership to support the Foundation with emphasis on the purpose of the Foundation, which is to help investigators. A question was posed on published information that contains Foundation financial information and it was indicated that a monetary total is not readily available but will be included in the minutes.

CFI Trainer.Net Steering Committee Report – Chair Dan Heenan

Information was provided on the grant that was received this year, which was a two-year grant, with a match requirement for \$64,000, which is an in-kind matching. Details were offered on where that \$64,000 is allocated from. Information was given on behind the scenes work performed by Stonehouse Media to improve the platform. Statistics were given on CFITrainer users, which is currently 113,000 active users. 905,000 modules have been completed by users. Details were given on the user increase during COVID, which has maintained since then. Approximately 1,000 sign-ups for CFITrainer/month for the past two years. Approximately 700 users login/day with a 58% module completion rate/person. Information was provided on the multi-program certificates with details offered on the newest certificate that was established, the number of modules within the

program, and the number of users that have completed the certificate to date. 10 modules will be developed with the grant funds that were received. Information was provided on the first module to be developed. Two modules will be created on Fire Effects. A module is set for Fire Scene Safety and another on Effective Use of Fire Scene Canines. Information was provided on closed captioning in English on all modules and 11 modules needed for FIT, which have been translated into Spanish. Closed captioning will be added in Spanish for those 11 modules first. Information was provided on residential courses, updates at this time to ensure that standards are current. The Investigation of Appliances residential course should be published by the end of the year. Details were offered on monthly podcasts and number of listeners, which is approximately 3,000/month. Words of thanks were offered to the project manager and management team for all their efforts.

Information was provided by Executive Director on the plan and development of the ATF/IAAI podcast, which has been widely successful. Five adjudicated cases were identified by ATF for development into podcasts. A pilot podcast named Arson was created on a serial arsonist with the assistance of CFITrainer. Approximately 70,000 downloads of the podcast to date. The intent was to raise the awareness of the association and brand to the public. Information was provided on commercials for the podcast and the request for additional seasons of the podcast by media platforms, which has the potential to generate revenue for the organization.

Election Committee Report – Chair George Codding

Results of the 2022 IAAI Election:

Words of thanks were offered to Past President Mike Schlatmann for his prior service as Committee Chair.

Based on our Constitution and Bylaws; President Bob Toth becomes Immediate Past President and 1st Vice President Randy Watson moves to the position of President; 2nd Vice President Chris VanVleet moves to the position of 1st Vice President which leaves the association with an opening for 2nd Vice President.

A total of 2,868 ballots were cast. There were 0 invalid ballots. Therefore, there were 2,868 valid votes.

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Candidate - Votes

2nd Vice President

Trace Lawless – 2,517 votes – 351 abstained – 0 skipped

Board of Directors 2,769 cast - 99 skipped

Mike Roarty (SC) 1,898
Chris Ward (IL) 1,862
Devin Palmer (AL) 1,770
Dan Rottmeuller (OH) 1,595
Claire Mansi (UK) 1,479

IAAI Foundation Director 2,760 cast – 108 skipped

Bob Renton (KS) 1,241
Joe Paolo (NJ) 1,102
417 abstained

Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Results 2,710 cast

2021-01 Article V, Section I – Standing Committees – 2,337 in favor - 108 opposed - 265 abstained

President entertains a motion to destroy the ballots.

MOTION by Dave Kircher - 2nd - Tom Aurnhammer to destroy the ballots in accordance with the board policies allowing the distribution of geographical data to the Chapter representing that area. **Motion Carried.**

1st Vice President Watson announces the appointments to the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee:

Chair of Nomination Committee – Robert Toth
Members: members to be appointed.

Nominating Committee Chair is called to the podium to open nominations for 2022.

Nominating Committee - Chair Robert Toth

Open Nominations for 2022 election - remain open until 9/1/2022

2nd Vice President

Nominator Nominee

Rodney Pevytoe (WI) – David Bridges (TX)

Board of Directors

Nominator Nominee

Wayne Delancy (NC) – Chris Elrod (NC)
Dan Heenan (NV) – Claire Mansi (UK)
Joe Sesniak (AZ) – Gary Hodson (UT)
Jack Ward (FL) – David Cheers (FL)
David Bridges (TX) – David Brannon (TX)
Glen Powell (ID) - Gregory Whited (NM)
Joe Mazzone (IL) – Corey Cunningham (GA)
Greg Whited (NM) – Kevin Crawford (NC)

Open IAAI Foundation Nominations (1 opening)

Director

Nominator _____ Nominee

Joe Sesniak (AZ) – Robert Cabral (OH)

New Business

Chapter 38 Alberta requested to add a presentation to President Toth on behalf of the Chapter.

Historical information was provided on Chapter 38 and the presentation of the white Stetson to the president of the IAAI as a thank you for leadership throughout the previous year.

Reciprocal hats were offered by President Jones and President Toth to the president of the Alberta chapter.

Any other comments for the good of the Association

Motion by Tom Aurhnammer to Adjourn 2nd Bob Cabral – Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at xxx

Meeting Attendance XXX

Casandra Jones, Recording Secretary