

Idaho Chapter IAAI Spring Board meeting

April 8, 2009 11:30 a.m.

Canyon Crest Restaurant – Twin Falls

Meeting called to order @ 11:30 a.m.

Board members present – Bill Hanchey President, Tim Lauda, Steve Barnes, Kelley Hart, Craig Etherton, Ken Anderson, Doug Moore, Mark Aamodt. Also in attendance Doug Strosnider ex-officio Immediate past president. Dick Hahn Idaho State Fire Marshals Office. Jerry Schroeder & Jeff Cappe unable to attend to circumstances beyond their control.

Old Business

Discussion held concerning the \$1500 reimbursement payment from Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC). On February 17, 2009, we were notified by Mariha Berrett EITC Admissions Office that EITC had not received an invoice for the \$1500 re-imbusement. An e-mail response with an invoice was sent to EITC on February 24 by Mark Aamodt. On March 9, 2009 M. Aamodt sent a follow-up e-mail to Berrett to confirm that she received the invoice and to see if any additional information was needed. Berrett confirmed she received the invoice and believed everything was in order. Past President Strosnider confirmed that no payment had been received from EITC since the conference. M. Aamodt will follow up with EITC to check the status of that payment.

Past president Strosnider presented a bill from the Fire Service Bookstore in the amount of \$963.07. This is for the second order of NFPA 921 guides that were ordered for the 2008 conference.

Bill Hanchey stated the Chapter still has several 921 guides and approximately 50 silver coins on hand to sell.

Doug Strosnider requested an independent person review the financial documents. Bill Hanchey responded that Larry Boatwright is in the process of obtaining a person to conduct the review as required by the Chapter By-Laws. L. Boatwright has discussed the review with an accountant that works for Kootenai County Fire Rescue.

Bill Hanchey questioned if the \$1644.29 bill for Novak instructing the 2007 conference had been taken care of. (The original check was lost in the mail, a stop payment was placed on that check, #1360 and a new check was issued. Check # 1363 cleared Key Bank on October 16, 2008.)

A discussion on the Joint membership program with the International was held. It was determined that additional information would be obtained prior to the annual meeting. The topic will be presented to the entire membership for consideration.

Bill Hanchey asked Dick Hahn about the status of the Arson Awards Program, if there had been any changes and if the program received any calls. Dick advised there have been no changes to the program and one call has been received and forwarded to a local jurisdiction. A follow up on the referral is going to occur within the next week.

Discussion held concerning the Washington Chapter Newsletter. Bill has been contacted by them asking for articles or announcements to contribute to their newsletter. It was suggested placing the article written by Dick Hahn that appeared in the last State Fire Marshals newsletter explaining the Arson Awards program. And to also provide information to them concerning the annual training conference.

Committee appointments

Discussion was held to determine committee member from previous meetings.

Nomination committee – L. Boatwright, S Barnes, M.Aamodt

Education & Training – J.Silva, T. Lauda, M. Lathrop, D.Ryan

By-Laws – S. Barnes, C. Dennert, A. Prudent

Newsletter – K. Anderson, M. Aamodt

New Business

Financial Report

Available upon request to current members

IEST Support

Financial support from IEST discussed. J.Schroeder & J. Cappe were unable to attend the meeting due to personal and family illnesses and prior commitments. T. Lauda has been in contact with both Schroeder and Cappe in regards to the conference. J. Schroeder has committed to support to the organization by issuing certificates of completion and in any way possible through his office. However, he is not able at this time to commit to a dollar amount of funding that may be available. A detailed report of expenses will be prepared by Tim Lauda to present to IEST in an effort to show there is a need for the financial support from IEST.

A motion was made to send a get-well gift and card to Jeff Cappe's daughter who has been seriously ill. Motion made by : Bill Hanchey, Seconded by Doug Moore to send a gift not to exceed \$75.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Donations

Bill Hanchey reported on donations received from businesses in the Twin Falls area. He has made contact with numerous businesses and has received good support from them. Bill urged all board members to do the same within their communities. To date Bill has received the following donations:

1. Idaho Power \$500.00. Idaho Power stipulated that this donation be used to assist with expenses of sending the Idaho Chapter representative to the International Conference in Arlington, Texas. Any excess may be used for other training needs.
2. Farm Bureau Insurance \$250. To be used for the 2009 Annual Conference

3. Vickers Saddlery \$100.00 gift certificate and 25% discount on purchases made by conference attendees at the 2009 Annual Conference. To be used during the dates of the conference.
4. Rock Creek Restaurant- Gift baskets and gift certificate to be raffled off during the conference. Bill stated the gift baskets are very nice and typically sell for approximately \$200.00. Rock Creek will also provide a location for the board meeting during the conference dates.

Kelley Hart made a motion to accept the donations as stated above and to place an ad in the local paper at the end of the conference thanking the local businesses for their support. Cost of the ad not to exceed \$150. Also, that donors contributing more than \$250.00 will be awarded a Chapter Silver Coin. The motion was seconded by ?. The motion passed unanimously.

Instructor & Location of 2009 Conference

Bill reported they received bids from four locations interested in hosting the 2009 Annual Conference. The four locations included the Burley Inn located in Burley, Red Lion, Shilo Inn and Canyon Crest located in Twin Falls. All bids were very comparable, however the committee consisting of B. Hanchey, T. Lauda and D. Moore recommended the Canyon Crest. Since the Canyon Crest does not have lodging facilities the Ameri-Tel will provide a block of 50 rooms @ \$ 82.75 per night, which were also priced comparably to the others.

The instructor will be Lt. Carl DeLeo and the course topic will be Interview and Interrogation. Lt. DeLeo's class will be 2 ½ days Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon Aaron Lucoff Prosecuting attorney Canyon County & U.S. Attorney's Office and Bobby Gant –BATF CFI will present a session on Elements of Arson investigation and Legal Issues.

Anticipated expenses of the class are: Lt. DeLeo speaking fee of \$1850 plus room and board for the 2 ½ days plus air fare. Bill stated that a rental car is not needed. The Ameri-Tel has agreed to comp a room for the instructor if we fill the block of 50 rooms set aside. Meals and snacks are expected to be \$6500 based on an estimate of 90 attendees. The meals include lunches for 3 days, snacks twice a day and coffee throughout the conference. There is no cost for the presentation by Aaron Lucoff and Bobby Gant.

D. Moore reported the flyers will be available very shortly only a couple of modifications need to be made.

A motion was made by K. Hart to utilize the Canyon Crest for the conference and meals and the Ameri-Tel for lodging for the 2009 Annual Conference. Motion seconded by K. Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Misc.

Discussion held encouraging all board members to seek items from their local area to bring to the conference for the silent auction.

T. Lauda reported that several vendors have committed to having a vendor display on the first day of the conference.

A charter bus to Jackpot is available one night during the conference at no charge for the bus if a minimum of 35 people go. People interested in the Jackpot trip should contact Cory Dennert. It must also be remembered that this activity is completely separate from the conference.

Cory has been working on several issues including notifying past due members that their membership has lapsed. Secondly, that memberships need to be approved by a membership committee. Bill is going to follow up with Cory to obtain more information about his concerns and will present them at the annual conference.

Received \$90 rebate check from the International which will be deposited in the checking account. Discussion held concerning the rebate.

Prosecutorial /Special awards nomination

Mark Larson submitted a letter nominating Deputy State Attorney General Rhondie Blessing for the outstanding achievement award. The nomination letter was read by President Hanchey. (A copy will be provided with the minutes.) Craig Etherton made a motion to support State Fire Marshal Larson's nomination letter for the Special Prosecutorial award Motion seconded by Bill Hanchey. Motion passed unanimously. Dick Hahn will contact Fire Marshal Larson about being present and assisting with the presentation. It was also decided to make the presentation during lunch on the first day of the conference. The case involves a successful prosecution of a 1st degree arson and insurance fraud that occurred in Power County.

Motion was made and seconded to have Aamodt and Etherton purchase the plaque for the presentation. Motion passed unanimously.

CFI update

M. Aamodt reported that Brian Halvorson recently took and passed the International CFI examination. Brent Hoskins from Nampa will be taking the test later this evening.

President & Vice President term of office

B. Hanchey recommended considering changing the President and Vice presidents term of office back to two years. His opinion was that by lengthening the term would give the elected officers a better knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of holding the office. The topic will be discussed with the membership at the annual conference.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.