
IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

2005 IRONWOOD PARKWAY #143

COEUR D' ALENE, ID. 83814

Spring Board Meeting

April 4th 2011

I. Review and accept minutes of Annual board meeting

- a) Try to solicit awards nominations
 - i. Craig – nomination for award prosecutor Jim Ryerson Arson case appeal took through Idaho Supreme Court, upheld original verdict. Lauper writing request
- b) LN Curtis was the only vendor with an interest in being a vendor at this conference.
- c) Committees to review tasks
- d) Board members encouraged to make contacts within their districts to expand membership
 - i. List of all fire departments in the state is available through the Fire Marshal's Office
 - ii. Steve Barnes – has list of Law enforcement agencies
- e) Kelly Hart will follow up on Not for Profit status

II. Committee Assignments

- a) Reviewed assignments from fall board meeting
 - i. **Training & Education** – Craig Etherton, Cory Dennert, Tim Lauda, Tyler Dreschel, Kevin Conran.
 - ii. **By-Laws** – Brent Lawrence, Cory Dennert, Steve Barnes, Craig Etherton
 - iii. **Newsletter** (website) – Mark Aamodt, Jason Woody, Dave Davis
 - iv. **Membership** – Mick Lathrop, Jim Fox, Reggie Edwards. Discussion held concerning committee responsibilities and new member applications.
 - v. **CFI** – Mark Aamodt, Gordon Goldsmith (chair),

III. Illuminate familiarization

- a) Familiarized all attending how to use the illuminate program

IV. Does anyone have questions on the minutes from the last meeting

- a) Craig motion to accept minutes
- b) Joe second accept
- c) Carried

V. Coeur d' Alene conference

- a) Report from Craig on venue.
 - i. Secured Best western CDA
 - ii. Convenient I-90 & 95
 - iii. Price good very competitive
 - iv. Interested in having us
 - v. Perks – comp suite each night of conference for instructors, room for registration, board meeting, classroom rounds of 8
 - vi. Need to decide menu items
 - vii. Final head count 48 hours in advance, so we won't need to purchase excess meals
- b) Discussed possibly making class available through internet. Will address this topic later in the meeting
- c) Joe Silva made motion to have the authority to make decisions concerning the conference with the resort.
 - i. Dave Davis second Joe's motion
 - ii. Carried
- d) Dates – November 8, 9 & 10, 2011
- e) Topics
 - i. Vehicle (Steven McCabe) 1 ½ days and motorhome fires (Chris Bloom) 1 day
 - a) Live Burn
 - b) Honorariums
 - a. Chris Bloom willing to teach for free
 - b. Steve McCabe also do it for free, does like to get an honorarium, doesn't demand particular amount hinted 4-500
 - c) Vehicle storage until conference. CDA fire has agreed to provide a storage area.
 - d) Joe possibility of taping the class, approach academy about filming it. Willing to discuss it with the academy. Joe asked to talk to the academy to see if they are interested in filming it.
 - ii. Video – using illuminate
 1. Craig run this years class as a beta test to see if it is worthwhile.
 2. In class
 3. At live burns. Does anyone have an aircard and a quality camera so that we experiment with this the first time without expense?
 4. If we can do a good Beta test before the conference it may be possible to do the conference. If no Beta test we won't attempt the conference this year.
 - iii. Investigating haystack fires
- f) Illuminate logistics. No discussed due to the Beta test

- i. Instructor microphone
- ii. PowerPoint
- iii. Methods of delivery.
 - 1. Personal Computers.
 - 2. Conference rooms in each region only.
 - 3. Combination.
- iv. What to charge for attendance
- v. Needs to be discussed further with membership
- vi. Cory motion to do tests, open to anyone that wants to listen in. If not ready we will not do the conference online
- vii. Present to membership at meeting for decision
- viii. Clarification of Motion - practice a lot if ready we offer it on line with short notice, if not ready we don't offer it.
- ix. Motion died from lack of second.
- x. Joe will still follow up with academy on the possibilities.

g) Instructor honorarium

- i. Pay food, lodging expenses 300 Chris & Steve 150 for haystack fire, travel expenses also paid. Instructors can attend other instructors at no charge. Are we going to pick up hotel costs for instructors to attend all three days? She only wanted the one night paid. Tim to confirm if she is going to have a guest attends with her.
- ii. Amended motion by Craig – pay for air, lodging, food, honorarium of 300/day taught adjusted to instructor requirements.
- iii. Second by Mark Aamodt.
- iv. Reimbursement for air, we will not make arrangements.
- v. Cory to check w/Steve and Chris to see if those arrangements will work. Tim will check w/ gal. If they drive pay at state mileage rate.
- vi. Craig Re amended the motion we determine a travel expense per instructor that we are willing to pay, offer pay lodging and food @ conference. Honorarium of 300 per day adjusted to time taught.
 - 1. Second by Mark
 - 2. motion carried

h) Silent Auction – would like to get it up and going again

- i. Several members expressed interest in continuing

i) Registration Gift items

- i. Cory to check on hats
- ii. Mark to check on bags
- iii. Due to cost of the 2011 conference may not be the time to start doing this again

- j) Elections
 - 2nd Vice President –
 - Law at large Steve Barnes
 - Private Industry at Large Kelley Hart
 - Region 1 Law Jason Woody
 - Region 2 Fire Reggie Edwards
 - Region 3 Fire Gordon Goldsmith
 - Law Jim fox stays in another year
 - Region 4 Law Rick VanVorn
 - Region 5 Fire Kevin Conran

Cory Dennert Comment

Where should we be with Region 3 law which is currently filled by Jim Fox? The minutes from the fall General meeting do not show that Jim was reelected, but they do show that the Region 3 fire position was filled by Gordon Goldsmith for the 1 remaining year of Joe Silva's term. I thought we were set up so that one representative from each region would be elected every year.

M. Aamodt Note added after meeting,
After the meeting minutes were reviewed back to 2008 and found that, Both Region 3 positions were on the ballot and elected in 2009, this makes them up for re-election at this time

VI. Craig's trip to ATC in Vegas.

- a) Attend Monday Tues Wed not able to attend Thursday & Friday due to promotional testing

VII. I.A.A.I. Expert Testimony Class

- a) Lauper is busy with another project and not sure that he can present the class this spring, may need to attempt to conduct it in the fall. What is the possibility of doing it during the annual conference?
- b) Cory will check w/IAAI to see if there is another Instructor that may be able to present it.
- c) Lauper would like to conduct a train the trainer at the same time he does the class to provide additional instructors in the state.

VIII. Joe Nampa city looking at licensing investigator to conduct investigations in that city. Doug McGrew notified Joe and is not against licensing but doesn't want to see it on a city by city basis. State license would be better.

IX. Any other business?

**Respectfully,
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