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# IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

2005 IRONWOOD PARKWAY #143  
COEUR D' ALENE, ID. 83814

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## I. Approval of minutes from 11/09

- a. Tabled until the minutes could be reviewed by attending members. This was done to limit the time it would take to read the minutes.
- b. Minutes were approved later in the meeting

## II. Financial review committee report

- i. Craig Etherton stated the committee reviewed the financial documents and found nothing that caused concern. The balance of the checking and savings account is growing. Committee members Kelley Hart and Steve Barnes agreed.
- ii. Terry Koefed made a motion to accept the financial review, Chris Farnsworth – second, motion passed

## III. Financial report

- a. At the end of last years conference we had a balance of \$19,040

Current checking balance	\$ 12,412.95
Current savings balance	\$ 15,010.93
Total Balance	\$ 27,423.88
Estimated balance after conference	\$ 22,000.00

## IV. Elections

- a. **Position up for election and currently held by:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – currently open Joe Silva nominated
  - Fire at large currently held by Doug Moore.
  - Region 1 Fire Tyler Dreschel
  - Region 2 Law Mick Lathrop
  - Region 4 Fire Tim Lauda
  - Region 5 Law Alissa Prudent

- b. **Nominations**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Joe Silva
- Fire at large Eric Parker and David Davis
- Region 1 fire Tyler Dreschel
- Region 2 Law Mick Lathrop
- Region 4 Fire Tim Lauda
- Region 5 Law Brent Lawrence

Nominating committee composed of Kelly Hart, Steve Barnes and Joe Silva. Joe stepped down from the nominating committee after being nominated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position.

- c. Only contested race was Fire at Large
- d. Joes nomination as 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. vacated the region 3 fire position, would be a 1 year commitment to fulfill Joes term. Gordon Goldsmith nominated for the position.
- e. Introduced the Eric Parker and David Davis running for the contested race of Fire at Large. Both gave a short introduction of themselves and statement of why they would like to serve on the board.
- f. Voters present were reminded they had to be a current member to be eligible to vote. Votes were cast by written ballot.
- g. Short recess taken to count the ballots
- h. Fire at large winner David Davis, Eric Parker 2<sup>nd</sup> to fill the position if David Davis is unable to complete his term.

**V. By-Law Changes**

- a. Vote on change of By-Laws to allow private investigators the opportunity to serve on the board. Has been reviewed and approved by the International.
- b. Passed with 0 nay votes

**VI. Presidents report on the International Training Conference**

- a. Cory gave a summary of the classes and events at the International Training Conference.
- b. 2011 Conference to be held May 1 – 6 in Las Vegas. Cory encouraged as many members as possible to attend. Reviewed topics to be presented next year.

**VII. 2011 International Conference**

- a. Tim Lauda presented a motion for the chapter to pay \$1000 for the president to attend the International conference. This year Craig Etherton will be attending to represent the Idaho Chapter. Last year Cory's department covered the balance of the expenses not paid by the chapter. Bill Hanchey stated that \$1000 isn't enough to cover expenses. Bill requested that the motion be made with an increased amount. After considerable discussion Tim amended his original motion. The amended motion was for the chapter to pay registration fees, airfare and hotel with the chapter debit card and to pay per diem at the federal rate with no cap on the dollar amount. The amended motion received a second and passed.

**VIII. Members on Active Military Duty**

- a. Dan Ryan has redeployed to Iraq. The Chapter will pay his membership dues while on active duty. Fred Mann stated that originally we voted that any person deployed would have dues paid by the chapter. Kelly Hart made a motion to reaffirm this policy Cory Dennert seconded the motion and it passed

## **IX. 2011 Conference**

### **a. Location**

Craig opened the discussion by asking the members their preference on locations to host the conference Coeur d' Alene, Moscow or Lewiston.

Brad Mitton requested further north possibly Sandpoint.

Bill Hanchey – keep in mind having a representative in the area of the location is very important.

Joe Silva– would like to see the conference and hotel at the same location, and a location with good local representation.

Patrick Kneehas thought going to a location with not as much representation might build membership.

Tim felt that it should be left up the committee in that area, as they would have the organizations best interest in mind.

Craig Etherton stated he will work with members from the area to find a location. He also spoke more on the topic of having the conference and hotel within the same location. Eric Parker suggests at least having the hotel and conference room within easy walking distance of each other

### **b. Topics**

Cory presented several good classes that he attended at the International Conference, they included: Advanced appliance fires, arch mapping , motorhome and RV fire investigations, utilization of cell phone tower technology mostly LE type class. Jim Fox mentioned this is a field that is always changing and felt it may be better left with people who do it on a regular basis and vehicle fires

### **c. Membership desires**

Stan Galloway mentioned a class he attended at the Washington Chapter Conference. Investigating Haystack fires 1 day course

Brent Hoskins suggested Jaime Novack – appliance fires.

Courtroom testimony of some kind. With the realization that we can't do an entire IAAI Expert Witness class due to size constraints.

921 sword & Shield type class with Sandy Burnette

Reggie liked Brent's thought of Jaime Novack one day and courtroom testimony class one day. Brent also mentioned doing a basic class for people who have no experience. Possibly some elective type classes. And likes how the Washington Chapter keeps there conference in the same location every year.

Possibly check with ATF to see what subject matter they may be able to present.

Joe – having multiple classes runs up the instructor costs and would not take long to get upside down in funding.

Reggie – finances pretty flush now because this current venue did not cost us anything. Next year and the last conference in CDA was expensive

The instructors this year also contributed greatly to not increasing the cost of the conference.

#### Committee reports

Bylaws just voted asked if there was any additional changes that need to be made  
Craig encouraged all to read the bylaws. May need to change some wording in  
certain areas still. Please look them over and contact your representative.

#### CFI

Currently 8 CFI's two not members of the chapter

6-8 active

Brent Hoskins tested last year and obtained his CFI

Ivan Hibbert testing at the end of this year's conference

#### **X. Awards**

Please make nominations for awards, international also having problems getting award  
nominations. This includes photos for the international magazine and awards.

Nominations need to be submitted to the board prior to the spring board meeting

#### **XI. New business.**

Tim Lauda reported that Jerry Schroeder is no longer with EST; he has been a supporter  
of the chapter for a number of years. Tim is not sure if working with EST will change and  
he will continue to work with Karine Abbey at EST

Joe made a presentation about using the Elluminate system for delivering meetings  
throughout the state. The Idaho Fire Chiefs are currently using the system. He requested a  
motion be made to recognize the system as a delivery method within the state to keep  
things standardized. It would be used on a limited basis through the Idaho Fire Chiefs, to  
facilitate delivery of spring board meeting, and possibly other training sessions  
throughout the year on experimental basis. Joe suggested possibly doing a demonstration  
meeting at some point before the spring board meeting.

M/S/P to adjourn

**NOTE:** Arrangements will need to be made to update the bank accounts by adding Cory,  
Craig & Joe.