

Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/01/2025

Location: Oasis Convention Centre, Springfield, MO

Called to Order: 10:05 am

Roll Call:

Present: President Thiemann, VP Watkins, Treasurer Catlett, Secretary Presson, Past President Medlin, Dunn, Stanley, Scott, Spraul, Cash, Knoll, Goebel, Young

Excused: McColley

Absent: None

Reading of last Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes as emailed out by Cash, second by Dunn. All in favor

Treasurer Report: Catlett

Discussed report. CD is maturing next month, will renew. VP Watkins will check with Paypal for a balance. Motion to accept by Dunn, second by Young. All in favor

Committee Reports:

Nominating: Cash – No report at this time

Training & Education: Presson – Classes for ATC so far, Solar Systems, De-escalation interviews, and 1321. Discussed ATC with Hotel Rep. Andrea Adams. Checking on 2026 dates for June/July (Wednesday – Friday). Discussed doing a raffle in the Hospitality Room to increase participation/attendance.

Jason Dunn discussed 8 hour Fundamentals class being presented at High Ridge FPD on April 8th. \$75/attendee, High Ridge advised they will donate the proceeds to the Chapter. Spraul will bring Chapter Merch. President Thiemann advised this will be a great opportunity to promote the Chapter and ATC.

Legislative: Thiemann – Things could be changing for the Fire Service. He advised he will get more information to the Board as needed.

Membership: Watkins – 13 new members from MO-CFI class.

Audit: (AGM) – No report

Ethical Practices & Grievances: Scott – No report

Registration: Watkins – 5 people already registered for ATC. A few people want to talk with Shane about sponsorships.

Website: Dunn – Jason and Justin working to make form better. Please let Jason know if any changes or additions need to be made to website.

Awards: Goebel – Some award nominations have been sent in. No nominations for the photo contest yet. Jim Stanley submitting a Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputy for a life saving action.

Merch: Spraul – Anyone need Board Shirts please let Justin know. Discussion on ATC giveaways; copies of 921, 1033, or 1321? Discussion on Special Edition 2026 ITC Challenge coin. Discussion on pen lights for ATC. Justin will need help at the Merch table this year. Working on getting MO-IAAI banner for Hospitality Room.

Hospitality: McColley - per Brad Cash, discussions have been had about not using a bar tender and going back to self-serve alcohol. Discussion concerning drink tickets and bar tenders help to control alcohol consumption. Purchasing alcohol and serving from Hotel staff limits MO-

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IAAI liability exposure. Further discussion concerning looking into different types of food served at ATC. They will be talking more with the Hotel about options for ATC.

Donations/Sponsorships: Knoll – Sponsor banner being made for ATC. Sponsors need to be received 30 days prior to ATC to be included on banner. Sent out 14 sponsor letters. Discussed sponsor tier system. Checking into \$500 level being on website.

POST: Dunn – Everything is rolling along. Dunn worked with Past President Medlin to find out who POST docs need to be sent to.

Historical: Goebel – no report

Certifications: Presson – discussed new process for IAAI certifications starting May 1st. IAAI is adjusting re-certification dates to match for multiple certification holders. CFI exam will now be administered online.

NFPA: Young – 1033 public comments will close in July.

1321 – next edition will be 2028

921 – next edition will be 2027

Discussion on Chapter giving out NFPA Link subscriptions.

Unfinished Business:

President Thiemann cannot go to IAAI-ITC in Atlantic City. VP Watkins checking to see if he can go in Presidents place.

On proposed Life Member will not be at ATC. Discussion on how/when to present the membership. President Thiemann said he will work on that.

New Business:

Next Board meeting will be 5/15/25 at 3pm. Likely in the Bora Bora Room as always.

Discussion on Gun Raffle on Saturday night in Hospitality Room at ATC. Additional discussion on Monthly gun raffle. More information needed. Jason Dunn will work on it.

Motion to Adjourn: 11:53 am by Watkins 2nd: Stanley, All in favor

Submitted by
Mike Presson, IAAI-CFI
Secretary of MO-IAAI