

# Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 13, 2024

**Location:** Oasis Conference Center, Springfield, MO

**Called to Order:** 2:38 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** C. Thiemann, J. Watkins, T. Medlin, R. Catlett, M. Presson, G. Scott, J. Spraul,  
J. Stanley, S. Knoll, J. Goebel, J. Dunn, R. McColley, S. Young

**Excused:** B. Cash

**Absent:** None

**Reading of last Minutes:** AGM Minutes read. Motion to accept – S. Young. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Watkins

**Treasurer Report:** Catlett stated no change to report since read at AGM

**Committee Reports:** (Committees were appointed – Chairs listed)

**Nominating:** Cash

**Training & Education:** Presson

**Legislative:** Thiemann

**Membership:** Watkins

**Audit:** (AGM)

**Ethical Practices & Grievances:** Scott

**Registration:** Watkins

**Website:** Dunn

**Awards:** Goebel

**Merch:** Spraul

**Hospitality:** McColley

**Donations/Sponsorships:** Knoll

**POST:** Dunn

**Historical:** Goebel

**Certifications:** Presson

S. Young suggested we add a NFPA Committee to keep the Board updated on new developments at NFPA. President Thiemann agreed and appointed a NFPA Committee to be chaired by S. Young and M. Presson as a Member.

Discussion on POST. Past President Medlin described POST application process. Wording on the application is key on their forms. Several instructors were not filling the forms out correctly.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Motion by J. Dunn to elevate Charlie Geissing to Life Member for his many years of support to the Missouri Chapter. He has been a presenter on numerous occasions, monetary supporter as a sponsor of the AGM's, and is currently a Member of the MO-IAAI T&E Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Young. Motion passed unanimously. Charlie's Life Membership was presented during the ATC.

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Discussed dates for 2025 ATC & AGM. Dates for the 2025 ATC will be May 16-18. Decision on dates needed to be made prior to 2024 ATC due to availability. Oasis has been very accommodating to the Chapter. Attendees seem to like the facility, as there have been no complaints about it.

R. McColley brought up moving ATC to middle of the week. Some attendees or possible attendees would like to not give up their weekends. Concerns raised about Volunteer Departments and Private Sector Professionals giving up work to attend. Further discussion on looking into a Wed, Thur, Fri ATC. There seems to be a lack of desire to train on weekends, especially during the summer months.

Discussed looking into ways to reduce cost of ATC. 2023 ATC cost Chapter \$299/student. Should we increase the cost of registration? What have other Chapter's done? It was brought up the need for more sponsors. S. Knoll needs more possible sponsors to solicit and if he can get them soon, he can work on them all year instead of a few months before the ATC. Advertise them on the website.

Discussion on Chapter merch. Will we be able to sell merch at the IAAI ITC in 2026? If so, do we want to think about something just for that event; i.e. limited edition challenge coin, shirts, etc.

J. Dunn made a motion to send President Thiemann to the 2025 ITC in Atlantic City with a budget up to \$5000. President Thiemann stated the Chapter used to send the President. Secretary Presson advised there will be specific training/meeting for Chapter reps during the ITC. Second by S. Young. Motion passed unanimously.

President Thiemann set the meeting dates/places for the next year. Wants to have quarterly meetings at a minimum and some will be virtual.

Sept. 7, 2024 – in person at Fenton FPD 11am – lunch provided

Dec. 3, 2024 – Zoom at 7pm

Mar. 1, 2025 – Oasis at 11am – lunch provided

Apr TBD – Zoom time TBD

**Motion to Adjourn:** VP J. Watkins at 3:56pm 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Dunn – All in favor

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Presson, IAAI-CFI  
MO-IAAI Secretary