

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

**Date:** 12/03/2024

**Location:** Zoom

**Called to Order:** 7:06pm

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Thiemann, Watkins, Presson, Catlett, Dunn, Goebel, McCulley

**Excused:** Cash, Stanley, Scott, Spraul, Medlin

**Absent:** Young

## **Reading of last Minutes:**

Discussion by Treasurer Catlett concerning ATC registration and Member Dues clarification. Dues have not been separated in the accounting in the past. Membership was marked as paid per VP Watkins. Discussed the cost per student would increase once dues were extracted from registration fees. Treasurer Catlett motioned to approve minutes as emailed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunn. All in favor.

**Treasurer Report:** Catlett emailed financials to all. Hotel bill finally came in. Received \$10k anonymous donation. Monies have been invested in a 5 month CD after discussion between President Thiemann and Treasurer Catlett. Dunn motioned to approve Treasurers Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goebel. All in favor.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Nominating:** Cash – No report

**Training & Education:** Presson – 1 instructor has been confirmed for 2025. In discussion with other instructors. All instructors will be directed to Dunn to complete POST documents. No information yet from Past President Medlin concerning dates for 2026. IAAI-ITC 2026 in St. Louis – haven't heard anything from IAAI yet. Other Chapters have been able to assist in various capacities during ITC. Presson checking into discounted rates for those who do help out at ITC. Chapter will be able to have Merch table.

**Legislative:** Thiemann – State of Missouri working on statewide building code. State has also been working on NFPA legislation.

**Membership:** Watkins – No new members. Have received a few membership payments. Sent last notices for overdue dues. Creating list of members to find out if intending to remain as members. Working on member benefits for website.

**Audit:** (AGM)

**Ethical Practices & Grievances:** Scott – No report

**Registration:** Watkins – Feels we will be good with the process Board agreed on at last meeting. Need to keep dues on registration form. Paypal charged the Chapter \$1.80 per transaction for dues. Go Daddy charges \$0.88 per transaction for dues. Board agreed to charge 5% processing fee to cover costs of dues and/or registration payments if purchased through website. No processing fee if paid with cash or check.

**Website:** Dunn – Corrections have been made on website. Links and photos have been added. Please let Jason know if anything needs to be added. Award link has been changed to Goebel's email, will check to see if awards application has been added.

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**Awards:** Goebel – Will get with President Thiemann about where to get awards made. Gordon Plastics in Fenton has been doing them.

**Merch:** Spraul – Ideas will be sent to the Board.

**Hospitality:** McColley – Discussed need for bartender since due to costs from 2024 conference. Explained liability issues with Chapter Members being served without monitoring, or have liquor and beer readily available. Other groups bring in off duty bartenders and pay them cash and tips. We could look into that. Rachel explained it would be good to discuss with the hotel in person at March meeting, to see what options we have available for Hospitality.

**Donations/Sponsorships:** Knoll – Discussed utilizing tier system for donations. Shane would like to do 3 tiers: 500/1000/1500 levels. Levels would include a plaque signifying the sponsor level. The amounts would also include merchandise amounts, so we can acknowledge those who donate giveaways and raffle items. Discussed adding ATC registration to the tiers. Shane to work up ideas and send to the Board for email vote, so he can start soliciting.

**POST:** Dunn – Jason will be working with instructors to be sure documents are filled correctly for POST.

**Historical:** Goebel – No updates

**Certifications:** Presson – Brad Arnott with Ozark FPD recently passed the IAAI-CFI exam. Michael Bauer, Jonathan Pugh, and Keagan Stutheit passed the IAAI-FIT exam recently.

**NFPA:** Young – No report

### Unfinished Business:

Discussion on 2 proposed Life Memberships. Catlett motioned to award both individuals Life Memberships at the 2025 ATC. Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor.

### New Business:

Next Board Meeting at Oasis in Springfield on March 1, 2025 at 11am.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dunn                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Presson at 8:52pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Presson, IAAI-CFI

MO-IAAI Secretary