

**Missouri Chapter  
International Association Arson Investigators  
Board Meeting  
Lake Ozark, MO  
June 28, 2009**

**Present:**

**Jim Kuticka  
Tim Cudd  
Steve Russell  
Dale Straatmann  
Dave Gyger  
Bruce Vanderhoof  
Brian Leuthauser  
Chris Thiemann  
Tim Medlin  
Larry Doty  
Jim Goebel  
Jeff Delapp  
Leo Meyer  
Past President Nichols**

**Absent:**

**None**

**President Kuticka called the meeting to order**

**President Kuticka congratulated all officers and board members on the election results. He explained that new committee assignment will be made at the next regular meeting and if anyone has a particular committee they would like to be assigns to please contact him either by phone or e-mail.**

**President brought up discussion on the new web page design due to the fact that there had been several question pertaining to the change over. One of the biggest problems brought up was the fact it appears that there is a time frame issue in posting items to the page. After several minutes it was determined that some of the problems were from items submitted in a timely fashion were delayed prior to posting. Mr. Thiemann explained that we could do anything to the web we need to accept modifications to the home page photos and any PDF files that are sent in. Mr. Cudd discussed purchasing the software to make all the additional changes ourselves. Mr. Thiemann explained that the web cost is now approximately \$310.00 per year. President Kuticka explained that the estimates for the new page and maintenance for the first year would be approximately \$1,500.00. Open table discussion was held pertaining to the need for any change at this time any ideas that may save time posting and initial cost were brought forth with discussion. Discussion on who would be in charge of the web was made along with who would**

be responsible for any proof reading in order to maintain accuracy. Mr. Nichols offered to do the proof reading and final content additions. After open discussion President Kuticka made the decision to temporarily postpone any changes to the web page at this time. Mr. Doty made the motion to purchase the software in order for our members to be able to make any changes that will be needed. Mr. Nichols seconded with all voting yes.

#### **Treasurer's Report –Straatmann**

Mr. Straatmann explained a concern about the rising cost of the seminars and expenses and the fact that the chapter has not had dues increase in several years. According to the past minutes the last dues increase was in 2001. Open discussion was held on options without and with a dues increase. Mr. Thiemann offered discussion on setting budgets for several of the different committees and having those committees operating within their budgets. Discussion was held about setting hours for the hospitality room in order to be more able to control cost. Discussion was held pertaining to the possibility of corporate sponsors to support the hospitality room. No decisions were made at this time. President Kuticka tabled further discussion with instructions for all board members to study these facts and be ready to discuss it further at the next meeting.

President brought up discussion pertaining to the Fire Marshals office donating money for the training. This year funds will be available, however 2010 training funds have been suspended do to reductions in funds made available to the Fire Marshal's Office from the State and that needs to be taken in account for next years training.

#### **Education Committee – Medlin**

Discussion was held on the fact that next year's seminar is scheduled to be on Mothers Day. President Kuticka will talk to the hotel and see what the options are pertaining to re-scheduling the dates. After open discussion it was the consensus of the board to possibly move the seminar back to April as it was in the past. A report will follow at the next regular meeting.

The next board meeting was set for September 26, 2009 at 10:00 am

Mr. Doty made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Vanderhoof seconded with all in favor.