

July 26, 2003

**Missouri Chapter
International Association of Arson Investigators**

**Board Meeting
Lake Ozark, MO
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Present:	Absent:
Dave Nichols, President Jim Kuticka, Vice-President Steve Russell, Treasurer Tim Cudd, Secretary Butch Amann Bill Doss Dave Gyger Lou Hecht Jim Lynch Tim Medlin Bruce Vanderhoof Bruce Shatto, Past-President	Mike Huffmon Lee Johnson

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Hecht to waive the reading of the minutes, 2nd by Vanderhoof, approved.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 7/26/03 we have a total of \$21,807.71 on hand. A comparison of the 2002 and 2003 seminar expenses shows that by making a couple of changes such as the lunch vs. the banquet we saved roughly \$5,000.00 in expenses this year. Our average cost per attendee was \$76.95 vs. \$115.35 in 2002.

Education Committee:

Tim Medlin provided a handout that indicates a majority of the evaluation forms that were filled out show a desire to have training in vehicle fires. Several members had mentioned having the entire

seminar focus on one particular area rather than multiple topics. Motion made by Cudd to have the 2004 seminar concentrate on vehicle fires, 2nd by Hecht, approved. The Education Committee will coordinate the speakers.

International Liaison:

Bruce Shatto discussed the Arson Awareness Committee and other items relative to the International. One of the items being looked at is dual membership.

POST Committee:

Lee Johnson has received the POST certificates from his office. He is forwarding those to Tim Cudd to mail out.

Membership Committee:

Per an email from Mike Huffmon, he has dropped 2 members for non-payment which leaves us with a total membership of 503.

Legislative Committee:

Jim Lynch provided a handout with information on the Law Enforcement Annuity Project.

Awards Committee:

Nothing to report

CFI Committee:

Jesse Sproat and Lou Hecht have submitted the paperwork to take the CFI exam. Dave Nichols and Butch Amann are proctors of the test.

Attendance Prizes:

Nothing to report

Equipment:

Steve Russell has the equipment list. We have a need to upgrade and repair a laptop and purchase another laptop. Motion to approve by Doss, 2nd by Gyger, approved.

Promotional Items:

Steve Russell is checking into items that we may sell at the 2004 International in St. Louis this year. Nothing definite yet, more info to come as the seminar gets closer.

Nominations:

Nothing to report

Newsletter:

Jim Kuticka discussed updates and changes to the newsletter and how it's presented to the membership.

Hospitality:

Nothing to report

By-Laws:

No changes

Historical:

Nothing to report

Fire Marshal's Office:

Nothing to report

Registration:

Nothing to report

Court Room Testimony:

Lou Hecht coordinated the testimony course recently taught in the St. Louis area. After expenses our chapter cleared \$1,112.53. Discussion was held regarding the need for a VCR, video camera, and TV/VCR combo unit to use in future classes. Motion by Hecht to purchase the needed equipment, 2nd by Doss, approved. Russell will purchase the equipment.

Old Business:

Dave Nichols discussed the Logistics Committee at the IAAI which will provide people to introduce speakers, check AV equipment, etc. at the 2004 AGM in St. Louis. Volunteers can call Marsha at the International Office.

New Business:

Tim Cudd discussed a class action suit involving VISA/Mastercard for people that accept those cards for payment. The suit was filed by companies such as Wal-Mart against VISA/Mastercard for forcing companies to take debit cards which have higher fees. If we don't do anything we will remain a part of the class action suit. Decision to remain a part of the suit.

Next meeting is November 8, 2003 10:00 am at the Holiday Inn, Lake Ozark

Motion to adjourn by Doss, 2nd by Medlin, approved.