

August 27, 2005

**Missouri Chapter  
International Association Arson Investigators**

**Board Meeting  
August 27, 2005  
Lake Ozark, MO**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Dave Nichols Jim Kuticka Steve Russell Tim Cudd Dave Gyger Mike Huffmon Lee Johnson Brian Leuthauser Chris Thiemann Bill Doss Bruce Vanderhoof Bruce Shatto, Past President Tim Medlin	Dale Straatmann

**Vice President's Report – Kuticka**

None reported

**Secretary's Report – Russell**

Nothing to report

Mr. Shatto voted to waive the reading of the minutes Mr. Kuticka 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes

**Treasurer's Report – Cudd**

Reported on changing the accounts over from great Southern in Nixa to his location in St. Peters. The old account will be in approximately 30 days after all checks have cleared and the remainder monies transferred to the new account. Mr. Cudd also explained that the original Web host has been paid and the account with SEMO has been closed.

## **Education Committee – Doss, Medlin**

An interest has been discussed to try and focus on having specific classes for the fire/ law enforcement and insurance sides of the seminar.

Mr. Medlin expressed interest in an electrical course and a photography class for the fire/law side of the seminar. Also explained to have a work session for the insurance side. This plan is to try and retained more from each field due to the fact that it appears that we are loosing the insurance side.

These classes are planned to be two separate sessions within the seminar

Mr. Medlin reported also on researching a mid-year training course possibly for the insurance side if the interest is there. Open discussion from the board, Mr. Cudd stated that a minimum of 20 hours a year are needed to keep insurance people current.

Consensus of the board was try and to diverse and break out into smaller class's

Mr. Cudd made a motion to send out flyers to question insurance companies about several of their needs and report back to the board Shatto voted to 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes

## **International Liaison –**

No Report

## **POST – Johnson**

No report

## **Membership – Huffmon**

Reported that we now have 451 members within good standing and that he is still running thru and checking on delinquent members and will have new information at the next meeting.

## **Legislative –**

Two new bills, one on statute of limitations one on drugs to strengthen the fire involvement. More information will follow in the next meeting.

## **Awards – Russell**

Nothing to Report

## **CFI –Nichols**

Reported that there are only 29 CFI's in the state and that he has administered at least two tests a month for the last few months. Mr. Nichols expressed an interest in ways to increase this number.

## **Attendance Prizes – Thiemann**

No Report at this time until we get closer to the seminar

## **Equipment – Russell**

Reported that we need to organize the central location to keep all of the equipment Mr. Cudd made the motion to let Mr. Kuticka retain all equipment and Doss 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes

## **Promotional Items – Russell, Medlin**

Discussion on the next years clothing, included shirts and pull-overs to not have pockets  
Motion by Mr. Russell to order some of the promotional items to not have pockets on some of the shirts  
Medlin 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes

### **Nominations – Huffmon**

Secretary will research to see what positions will be open for next year's elections and report at the next meeting.

### **Newsletter and Website – Kuticka**

The new letter has been completed and just went out to be posted on the Web page, no other report.

### **Hospitality – Medlin**

No Report at this time, Discussion of the board to maintain closing times in the brochure due to several problems at the last seminar. Consensus is to leave the words,  
Hospitality room will be provided. This is all that will be printed in the brochure all agreed.

### **By-Laws – Straatmann**

Nothing new to report

### **Historical –**

No Report

### **Arson Awareness Week –**

Nothing to report

### **Fire Marshal's Office – Johnson**

Randy Cole has been appointed by the governor and is waiting for nomination by the house he is expected to pass conformation without any problems.

### **Registration – Gyger**

No Report at this time

### **Courtroom Testimony – Kuticka**

There has been a slight lack of interest no classes are scheduled at this time until a new group of investigators pass through, until that time a class will be scheduled.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Gyger- Computer

Mr. Gyger stated that he has had trouble with his computer and would like to have it replaced. Due to its age and the amount of work it may need, investing money at this time would be a waste.

Mr. Huffmon made the motion to spend up to \$1500.00 on a new computer Mr. Cudd 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes.

Mr. Russell will take care of the details at the same location where the last computer was purchased.

Next Meeting was set for

December 3, 2005 at 10:00am

Mr. Doss made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Huffmon seconded with all voting yes.