

**Missouri Chapter
International Association Arson Investigators
Annual General Membership Board Meeting
Lake Ozark, MO
May 19, 2007**

**Roll call of board members;
Present:**

**Dave Nichols
Jim Kuticka
Steve Russell
Tim Cudd
Dave Gyger
Mike Huffmon
Bruce Vanderhoof
Lee Johnson
Brian Leuthauser
Chris Thiemann
Dale Straatmann
Larry Doty
Jim Goebel
Bruce Shatto, Past President**

Presidents Report

Mr. Nichols explained the need for all international members of our chapter to get involved with the international business and participate by voting. Next years voting process will be much easier due to the fact that all of the PIN numbers will be removed, which will make this much user friendly.

Vice President's Report – Kuticka

No report at this time

Secretary's Report – Russell

Last years minutes were prepared to be read and a motion from the floor by Mr. Medlin to not read the minutes and to waive the reading, second by, Mr. Huffmon all voted yes.

Treasurer's Report – Cudd

Mr. Cudd reported that the cash on hand at the time of the general meeting was \$26,424.99 All seminar cost have not been tallied at this time a detailed report will be given at the next regular meeting.

Education Committee – Medlin

Mr. Medlin reported that we had a total of 81 attendees at this year's seminar, which was ten shy of last year's seminar. Next years seminar will be held on may 16 thru the 118, 2008 at the same location.

POST – Johnson

No problems have been seen at this year's seminar and it appears that the post credits will be approved

Membership – Huffmon

Mr. Huffmon reported that there are now 401 members within the chapter with eight life members.

Awards – Russell

Explanation at the general membership meeting that there has been a lack of participation with photograph submittals and nominations of fire investigators and prosecutors of the year and that the board will be discussing incentives to try and encourage participation.

Nominations – Huffmon

Mr. Kuticka was nominated for President with Mr. Tim Cudd for Vice-President Mr. Russell was nominated for secretary and Mr. Johnson was nominated for Treasure. No other nominations were received from the floor. Mr. Vanderhoof made the motion to elect by acclamation Mr. Gyger second all voted yes.

Five people have been nominated for four board positions. Mr. David Gyger, Mr. Chris Thiemann, Mr. Tim Medlin, Mr. Robert Slentz and Mr. Steve Young. All nominees were allowed time to address the general membership prior to the elections.

The three members receiving the largest amount of votes will fill the three-three year terms; the one with the least amount of votes will fill the two-year term.

After the elections were held Mr. Gyger, Mr. Thiemann, and Mr. Medlin were elected to the three-year terms and Mr. Young being elected to the two-year term, Mr. Slentz was not elected in this election.

Mr. Vanderhoof made the motion to destroy all ballots, Mr. Cudd seconded with all members voting yes.

By-Laws – Straatmann

Mr. Straatmann explained the changes that were posted several months ago that pertained to the four board officers having to be elected from the board of directors.

Mr. Straatmann also explained the changes that reflect all by-laws to include he/she instead of just he.

Explanation of the past President not being elected was changed to replace by the immediate past President.

General membership voted to approve all changes with all voting yes.

Historical –Goebel

Mr. Goebel requested all members to look for older chapter items that can be used for the history of the chapter.

Old Business

Member Paul Mercurio requested a clarification on the information of joint membership with the Missouri chapter and the International. At this time the Missouri Chapter will not participate with the international pertaining to yearly dues.

New Business

President Nichols read a letter to the membership from Chuck Conyers who represented M A C A P who was requesting donation monies to help and support training thru out the state focused at prosecutors in relation to arson.

A small amount of discussion was made and was set aside for the next regular board meeting.

International Past President Mr. Mike Schlatman swore in the new officers and board members.

Mr. Schlatman recognized Mr. Bill Buxton from the membership for all of the support he has given to the Missouri chapter over the years.

Mr. Nichols presented two Presidents awards for past service to the chapter, one to Tim Cudd and the second to Steve Russell

Mr. Nichols passed over the Presidents gavel to Mr. Kuticka and started his tenure as Past President.

First order of business for President Kuticka was to present Past President Nichols with a plaque for his service to the Missouri Chapter and a lifetime membership to Past President Bruce Shatto.

President Kuticka asked to the membership to please contact any member with any questions or comments and please utilize the web page.

Mr. Huffmon made the motion to adjourn with Mr. Gyger seconded all voted yes

