



**ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS**  
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ANNUAL MEETING  
 JULY 12, 2011  
 PRESCOTT RESORT  
 PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

Call to order: 1740 Hours

Roll Call: Present      Not Present      Excused

President Jon Spezzacatena	X		
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Troy Duncan	X		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Malena Acosta	X		
Board Member Joe Sesniak ('11)	X		
Board Member Mike Hildick ('11)			X
Board Member - Vacant ('12)			
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Board Member Willie Nelson ('13)	X		
Board Member Keith Paffrath ('13)	X		
 Non-Voting Officers:			
Secretary/Treasurer Ted Campagnolo	X		
 Sergeant-at-Arms Bret Lucas	 X		
 Committee Chairs:			
Education: JT Collier	X		
Membership:			
Communications: Troy Duncan	X		
CFI: Bret Lucas	X		
Historical: Mike Hildick			
 Store Manager: Jon Spezzacatena	 X		
Store Assistant Manager: Rick Hanson	X		
 International Board Member Bill Dickinson:	 X		
 Past Presidents:			
Bill Martin (1977-1978)			
Bob Reid (1978-1979)			
Gary Anderson (1979-1980) (Deceased)			
David Smith (1980-1981)			
Barbara Gelband (1981-1982)			

Robert Downer (1982-1983)	
Bob Cain (1983-1984) (Deceased)	
Tom Pugh (1984-1985)	
Tom Schwindt (1985-1986) (Deceased)	
David Smith (1986-1987)	
Jeff Corey (1987-1988)	
Dan Gable (1988-1989)	
Larry Smith (1989-1990)	
Robert Dwyer (1990-1991)	
Coralee Hoth (1991-1992) (Deceased)	
Eric Cooper (1992-1993)	
Steve Schroder (1993-1994)	
Art Nunez (1994-1995)	
Keith DeLorenzo (1995-1996)	
Marty Jones (1996-1997)	
Chip Shilosky (1997-1998)	
Jeff Flocken (1998-1999)	X
Ed Scott (1999-2000)	
Don Walsh (2000-2001)	
Hank Valentine (2001-2002)	
Bill Dickinson (2002-2003)	X
Darrell Raburn (2003-2004)	
Will Loesche (2004-2005)	
Troy Duncan (2005-2006)	X
Ted Campagnolo (2006-2007)	X
Randy Long (2007-2008)	
[Resigned on 08/25/08]	
Virginia Holtzclaw (2008-2009)	X
Jeff Flocken (2009-2010)	X
Julie Evert (2010)	

Others in Attendance: Ken Baldwin, Barbara Rice, Erik Caputo, Harold Aragon, Dennis Rath, Josh Friedman, Bob Laubacher, Jim McCarthy, Dreamland Morgan-Pfeiffer, Sean Garnand, Tony Cantarella & Kristi Gagnon.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- President's Report:            Jon Spezzacatena

Jon said it has been a great year, and he hopes that the membership appreciated his work.

- Education & Training Report:    JT Collier, Chair

JT asked Josh Friedman to provide an update:

The ETC presented 10 classes in 12 months with over 600 students

Upcoming Classes:

- Arson II-Tucson
- EWTC
- Arson III
- NFPA 921: September 23, 2011

JT Collier reported that there are 11 approved proctors and mentors under the Chapter's new Proctor/Mentor program.

JT thanked Josh for the tremendous job he has done as ETC Chair

Membership Report:

Melissa Bishop resigned as a Chapter member and Membership Chair on July 7, 2011.

Troy Duncan said we are getting monthly updates from International, which are imported to the Chapter's database. There are 275 active members in Arizona.

Finance Report: Troy Duncan, Chair

Troy deferred to the Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Ted Campagnolo

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter P/L Report for FY2010-2011: Net Surplus of \$2,531.61

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Months P/L Report for FY2010-2011: Net Surplus of \$16,389.11

Income & Expenses are all on track with the budget.

Checking Account Balance: \$51,978.79 as of July 11, 2011

Ted said that the Board would not be approving the FY2011-2012 budget, because the Finance Committee was not able to complete its work this afternoon. The Finance Committee will meet soon to finalize the proposed budget for submission to the Board.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Troy Duncan

SECOND: Malena Acosta

ACTION: Approved

Store Report: Jon Spezzacatena

Rick Hanson and Jon Spezzacatena will be splitting the store duties. The Store has shown a surplus for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year. The store website is up and running through GoDaddy.com, so people can purchase items online at any time.

Communications Report: Troy Duncan, Chair

There have been 36,554 hits on the webpage. The webpage is running fine through both GoDaddy.com and Cvent. The membership list has been updated in Cvent. There are 275 active members in the database.

- ❑ Historical Report: Mike Hildick, Chair

No report.

- ❑ CFI Report: Bret Lucas, Chair

Barbara Rice took the CFI test at Arson II and passed. Just administered the test to Bruce Storey from SFD.

- ❑ Bylaw Report: Ted Campagnolo, Chair

The proposed bylaws amendment vote will be announced today from the online voting. A vote on changing the fiscal year will be submitted to the Chapter for a vote today. The Board will vote on SOGs today.

- ❑ Old Business (Board Action):

1. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2011

MOTION: Troy Duncan  
SECOND: Keith Paffrath  
ACTION: Approved

2. Update on trademarking the AZ Chapter IAAI logo - Malena Acosta

Malena is still working on it.

3. AACAP Update – Ted Campagnolo

The Committee met and awarded amounts to the recipients, and the SFMO has sent the checks.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on payment of Chapter Dues for Lifetime Members – Ted Campagnolo

Ted suggested that since the dual membership program began, lifetime members have had to pay their Chapter dues. Prior to the dual membership program, the Chapter did not send a bill to lifetime members. So Ted suggested that the Chapter should reimburse all lifetime members for their Chapter dues payments, who have paid their dual membership fees. Joe Sesniak believed that because no one has complained, the Chapter should not retroactively reimburse the lifetime members. Ted commented that the Chapter made a promise to the lifetime members, and the Chapter has not honored it. It was agreed that the new membership chair would be asked to determine which lifetime members have paid their dual membership dues and determine what the total reimbursement would be. For this reason, the matter was tabled.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Partnership with Nevada Chapter, IAAI and Cvent – Josh Friedman

It was determined at the last meeting that the plan was not feasible and would not be pursued. No Action

6. Action to Approve VFIS Liability Insurance – Ted Campagnolo

The policy has not been received, yet. Tabled

☐ New Business (Board Action):

1. Discussion and possible action on submitting nomination for International Investigator of the Year for Willie Nelson on investigation and conviction of Bret Tarver's homicide.

The consensus of the Board was to submit a nomination to International. Ted Campagnolo will prepare a draft nomination for the Board's review.

2. Discussion and possible action on proposed SOG amendments for Education Committee and for Chapter Credit Card Guidelines as submitted by Josh Friedman, with the amendment to delete Paragraph 8 from the guidelines.

MOTION TO APPROVE AS STATED ABOVE: Joe Sesniak

SECOND: Troy Duncan

ACTION: Approved

3. Discussion and possible action on scholarships and waivers for Advanced Arson registration fees – JT Collier

There were two proposed scholarship applications, but neither attended, so there were no scholarships to be awarded.

4. Discussion and possible action on membership application of applicant who had a criminal conviction

Malena was unable to determine if the conviction had been lifted. Keith raised a concern about whether the person was employed as a fire investigator for the company that was stated, because the company address was a residence. Joe wondered if the membership chair had contacted the applicant. Troy said that was to be the next step after these other matters were researched and determined. Joe Sesniak recommends that the new Membership Committee Chair conduct an inquiry to resolve these concerns, which Troy Duncan agrees will happen. JT Collier recommends that our class applications should contain a verification that students meet the International Code of Conduct.

Tabled.

☐ Chapter/State Relationships Update – Josh Friedman

Josh asked that this be removed from future agendas.

State Certification Issue and Additional State-Wide Training

Josh has worked with the training arm of the SFMO to determine if graduates of Arson I – IV could be awarded a state certification. There are two issues: The SFMO wants to own the curriculum and they want to be paid. This was unacceptable, so the Chapter is not pursuing it. International has sent a packet to each State to provide state-wide training, but the SFMO cannot find it. Josh will monitor whether the SFMO finds it at some point.

Sen. John Kavanaugh, who is a law enforcement technology instructor, has agreed to discuss with Josh on what the Chapter may need to advance fire investigation training.

International Update – Bill Dickinson

International Board of Directors has approved allowing the FIT exam to be given after Arson IV to allow them to receive a FIT. International has agreed to reduce the exam fee from \$95 to \$75.

NFPA 921 Committee Update – Joe Sesniak

The Committee is in the proposal phase for the 2014 edition. Joe said that if anyone wants to submit photographs or diagrams that could be incorporated in 921, they should do so.

Presentation of Attorney of the Year: To be awarded at the Annual BBQ on 7/14/11

Presentation of Fire Investigator of The Year: To be awarded at the Annual BBQ on 7/14/11

Presentation of the Frank J. Molina Distinguished Service Award: To be awarded at the Annual BBQ on 7/14/11

List of Candidates for On-Line Voting

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Jon Spezzacatena

Board Members (3 Positions Open):

Barbie Barrett  
Sean Garnand  
Rick Hanson  
Virginia Holtzclaw

Announcement of On-Line Election of Officers & Board Members:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jon Spezzacatena (96 out of 124 voted for Jon)

Board Member (three positions):

Board Member 2011-2014: Sean Garnand (93 votes)  
Board Member 2011-2014: Rick Hanson (89 votes)

Due to Jon Spezzacatena's interim appointment as President, his Board seat remained vacant. The third-place finisher in the voting will serve out the remainder of Jon Spezzacatena's vacant Board seat, which expires in 2012.

Board Member 2011-2012: Virginia Holtzclaw (77)

Barbie Barrett received 67 votes

Results: 124 on-line ballots were cast (45% turnout)

Announcement of On-Line Voting for Proposed By-Laws Amendments

106 Ayes, 11 Nays. The Bylaws are, therefore, amended.

Old Business (Chapter Action):

1. Discussion & action regarding changing end of fiscal year from September 30 to July 31 to better coincide budget items with annual training courses; authorizing filing of IRS form; and authorizing all necessary amendment to applicable SOGs – Ted Campagnolo

MOTION TO APPROVE AS STATED ABOVE: JT Collier

SECOND: Kristi Gagnon

ACTION: Approved

Awards for Outgoing Officers and Board Members:

President: Jon Spezzacatena

Board Members: Joe Sesniak, Michael Hildick & Melissa Bishop

The plaques themselves will be presented at the Advanced Arson Banquet on July 14.

Installation of new President Troy Duncan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Malena Acosta, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Jon Spezzacatena, and Board Members.

Troy gave introductory comments on how this has been one of the most difficult years that the Chapter has experienced in recent history and that the Board has worked hard to keep the Chapter in a positive mode. Troy also thanked Jon Spezzacatena for doing an excellent job as President in this tumultuous year. Troy also thanked Joe Sesniak for his guidance and insight on helping the Chapter work through the issues that arose this year. Troy looks forward to a great year. Troy remains impressed with the number of agencies that are willing to pay for the excellent training that the Chapter provides, which is a testament to the Chapter, the Board, and the ETC. Troy looks forward to continuing to have great training programs.

## President's Appointments

Secretary: TBA [Barbara Rice was subsequently appointed]  
Treasurer: Ted Campagnolo  
Membership: Ken Baldwin  
Store Manager: Jon Spezzacatena & Rick Hanson  
Sergeant at Arms: Bret Lucas  
Vacant Board Member Position (Melissa Bishop's Position): Barbie Barrett

## Committee Assignments

Training and Education: JT Collier  
Certified Fire Investigator: Bret Lucas  
Nominations: Jon Spezzacatena  
Finance: Malena Acosta  
Finance Member: Bill Dickinson  
Historian: Mike Hildick  
Communications: TBA [Troy Duncan was subsequently appointed]  
Bylaws: Ted Campagnolo  
Awards: Malena Acosta  
EP&G: TBA  
Appellate Review: TBA

### Good of the Order

Josh noted that he has been in a leadership position for about 10 years. Josh said that he had expected to be ETC Chair for two years through Arson IV, but due to a frivolous claim that was filed with International, an internal investigation was instituted by his employer, which resulted in sanctions. Josh has appealed the sanctions, but his employer has required that Josh no longer be ETC Chair or any leadership position with the Chapter. Josh is not leaving the chair position by choice. Josh said that the Chapter training has reached a new level thanks to Jeff Flocken, the previous ETC Chair, and Troy Duncan. Josh strongly encouraged the members to get involved, rather than just complain about Chapter matters. Josh strongly disputes that there is a "clique" that controls the Chapter. Josh said that the Board members are friends, but they are not a "clique." He hoped that the Chapter members give suggestions on training and new ideas, and then volunteer to help. Josh said that he put in 20 to 30 hours a week on Chapter matters, and he said that JT will end up doing the same. Josh said he is not going anywhere, and if his appeal is successful, he will return to a leadership position with the Chapter.

Troy then said that the Chapter appreciates the level of professionalism and the amount of work that Josh put in to make this a better organization.

### Next Board Meeting: TBA

### Next Annual Meeting: July 10, 2012 (Advanced Arson 2012)

### Adjournment: 1858 hours. MOTION: Jon Spezzacatena SECOND: Keith Paffrath