

Vt- IAAI Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010
Montpelier Masonic Hall @ 09:00 hrs

In attendance: Sgt. Tom Williams, Liz Wilkel, Richard Lord, Gene Bastain, Mike Lane, Terry Francis, Lt Jim Cruise.

Nomination committee: has received three nominations for 2 board vacancies that need to be filled at the annual mtg. Nominees are: Fred Cornell, Liz Wilkel and Dick Jones. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the annual mtg. Discussion ensued regarding on the process of filling vacancies that occur in the event of a board member having to sep down due to unforeseen circumstances. Our Charter gives clear guidance as how to proceed regarding appointment vs. election.

Old Business: Board members reviewed the past discussions on potential amendments to the Chapter's By-Laws that need to be warned to the membership for future action.

Items to be reviewed at the follow on Annual Meeting for discussion are:

- Change of membership fee language.
- Use of electronic notification systems in lieu of USPS for notification to members regarding meetings, training, and events.
- Telephonic conferencing for some of the board meetings.
- Nominal charge for annual meeting meal

Training/Education: Board members are in contact with NY-IAAI Chapter's Wm. Schmitt regarding a joint training in the Fall along a border town/city. Possible speaker: ATF's forensic accountant from the Worchester Ma. Office.

New Business: Our supply of Chapter shirts is diminishing and in need of re-supply. Richard Lord to investigate options for designs and shirt purveyors. If members have ideas for different styles of shirts please contact Richard.

New Members: Application from Bill Hanson was reviewed and approved – all in favor.

Mtg. adjourned at 09:30 hrs

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12:15 Hrs.

Meeting was conducted during the meal break between the morning and afternoon training sessions.

Attending: Twenty eight members in attendance.

Pledge of allegiance: waived.

Moment of silence: Observed for members of the military, fire, police and investigative services that have lost their lives in the line of duty this past year.

President's Address: Chapter continues to focus on block training for various subject matter. The past few training have focused on legal aspects of fire investigations and are culminating in the mock trial at the afternoon session.

President Williams recognized, Liz Wilkel, Mike Lane and Gene Bastian for their outstanding efforts this past year in the areas of Yahoo membership notification, Web design/updates and their diligent work in recruiting and briefing the attorneys that participated in our past two trainings. It was a valuable learning experience for all participants.

Again if members have thoughts on future training topics or know of specialist that would be will to speak with our chapter please contact one of the board members.

Treasurer's annual report and the annual independent audit results were distributed to the membership. Motion to accept report made and passed with all in favor.

New business: The By Laws revision warning items were presented to the membership for discussion. (See board minutes above). After discussion with the membership, the item regarding charging a nominal fee for the meal at the annual meeting was withdrawn.

New Business: A motion brought to the board to recognized Gene Bastain's years of invaluable service to the Chapter. Gene has been very instrumental in keeping the Chapter on a progressive path over the past ten years by keeping the records and financial statements, and helping to coordinate many of the trainings the Chapter has hosted over his tenure. The Board and Chapter members are extending a lifetime membership to the VT-IAAI in appreciation of his efforts. We all look forward to Gene's continued guidance and enthusiasm.

Elections: Nominations for the two vacant board positions were reviewed by the membership. One additional name, (Robert Robishaw) was brought forward for consideration by the membership. All nominees in attendance took a few moments to introduce themselves to the membership and shared their reasons for running for the board. **Results:** Richard Jones and Robert Robishaw were elected to the board by secret ballot. Our thanks to the nominating committee and the membership for presenting four highly qualified candidates.

Announcements:

Congratulations to Liz Wilkel for being the first person in the State of Vermont to achieve the IAAI's Nationally Certified Fire Investigation Technician. Excellent work! Information on this program is available on the IAAI website.

Motion approved to close annual meeting @ 13:11 hrs

Respectfully submitted;

T. Francis