



# Election **2026** IAAI Candidates for Board of Directors



**James Kanavy** IAAI Candidate for Second Vice President

## In Ballot Order

### **What would you say your greatest assets are if you become a Director or Officer of the IAAI?**

Charisma and personality to meet and talk to membership and business partners.

### **What type of leader are you, and how would you apply those leadership traits as a director or officer of the IAAI?**

I am a hands-on leader I never expect any one to do anything I wouldn't do. I have been in leader ship role my entire life and am experienced as a past president.

### **What steps do you believe the IAAI should take to reduce or eliminate membership shrinkage?**

The IAAI needs to start treating the members as members and not lepers. The IAAI has alienated members and chapters.

### **What steps do you believe the IAAI should take to grow membership?**

Go back to our roots of membership and chapters and do away with the pay to play motto they have been using the last couple years.

### **How would you propose to improve relationships and communications between the International and Chapters?**

Stop ignoring them and quit making statements that the International isn't going to be dictated to by the Chapters. We must listen to their concerns and work with the Chapters.

### **What is your vision for the future for the IAAI?**

Increase the membership and make training more affordable and accessible. Increase Global members and co-operation.

### **Other than training fire investigators, what two or three other elements do you consider critical to the mission of the IAAI?**

Funding and Outreach we must educate folks not only how to investigate but what we do as an organization.

### **What do you perceive is the biggest challenge facing the IAAI in the coming years and how would you address that challenge?**

CFI trainer funding ATF issues and Global out reach.