



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



**Corey Cunningham** IAAI Candidate for Board of Directors

## In Ballot Order

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

My years and experience with the Georgia Chapter and my service on the IAAI Board of Directors has taught me many things about leadership within large organizations. I will continue to use these traits to represent all members of the IAAI. The members are the backbone of our organization and I will continue to prioritize them in all actions I take.

### **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 vocal person by nature. No one ever has to ask what I think because I am very proficient at speaking my mind. At the same time, I am more than happy to hear different opinions and will take them into account. I am not a perfect person and can readily admit that other people may sometimes have ideas that will function better than my own. My ability to be strong willed while still remaining open to other points of view is my strongest leadership trait.

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

Over the past three years we have made a concerted effort to improve the communication between the IAAI, the chapters and the membership. In any large organization communication will always be an issue. We as the Board of Directors and the Association should continue to improve lines of communication to better serve both the Chapters and our members.

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

The IAAI should continue to seek out and partner with industry adjacent organizations. These organizations can be a pathway to new members that may be industry adjacent but don't know much about the IAAI. We as an organization already do this with some organizations, but we can always do better. I would also like to see us concentrate on bringing more Insurance Industry professionals to the organization via training and membership benefits.

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

Recently the enhanced Chapter program was opened to all chapters of the IAAI. This provides all chapters with

resources for their Conference Registration, Testing, and Membership. The IAAI needs to concentrate on continuing to improve this program with increased benefits to the chapters. Communications as said before can always be improved in an organization of this size. I feel the best way to improve communication is to increase the number of meetings between the Board of Directors and the Chapter Officers. Additionally, we should advertise these meetings better and emphasize that any member is welcome to join. With the advent of Zoom, there is no reason any member should feel left out of the communication loop.

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

The future of the IAAI is bright. Our vision should always place our membership as the priority. We will accomplish this in many ways, some of which may not be obvious at first. This includes obtaining accreditation for ALL our certification programs. We are the premier worldwide fire investigation organization. We should continue to strive for our certifications to remain the best in the world.

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

Member Benefits, Certification and Accreditation.

Also, we should continue to provide the best and most up to date training in the world.

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

As will always be the case, I believe money issues will continue to cause problems. The majority of the membership work in the public sector. Public Sector training budgets continue to contract so we must always be mindful of this. We need to work hard to provide affordable training to the membership. Additionally, we need to do a better job of advertising the IAAI to public sector entities. I think the best way to handle this will be through frequent and constant engagement.