



Election **2025** IAAI Candidates for Foundation Board of Directors



Dan Rottmueller (OH) IAAI Candidate for the Board of Directors

Elections will be open until noon (EDT) April 7, the results will be announced at the 2025 ITC General Meeting and on www.firearson.com.

In Ballot Order

How long have you been a member of the IAAI? Since 6/30/1998

How many annual meetings have you attended; Which Years? Eight (8) 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

What IAAI Committees Have you Served on; which years? Chapters Committee

Do you regularly attend your state/provincial chapter meetings and activities? Yes

Offices held state/province chapter? Board member, nomination committee chair, and all three executive positions.

Please list any international offices held, special projects or committee work, indicating years of service. Sergeant of Arms 2019 - 2022. Director 2022 - Present

Describe, in 100 words or less, why you feel you are qualified for this position: I have over thirty (30) years in the fire investigation field that has equipped me with the skills and experience to serve on the Board of Directors of the IAAI. I have participated in my State Chapter as a board member, election committee chairman and holding all three executive positions. I have served as a Sergeant at Arms for the IAAI and am currently a Director on the Board of Directors of the IAAI. I believe I possess the experience and character to be a successful Director on the Board of Directors of the IAAI.

What would you say your greatest assets are if you become a director or officer of the IAAI? I feel I have amassed a career of leadership, mentorship, the proper education and training, and increased roles of responsibility that will provided the assets to become a Director. I have ascended through various positions within my state chapter, Sergeant at Arms for the International and am currently a Director for the International.

My development as a current Director and steward for this organization continues to grow.

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

Throughout my career I have always led by example. I am an effective communicator where candidness and clarity are staples of my presentation style, and my door is always open for approach. I have a career of accomplishments in mentorship, training, and guidance. I also believe strongly in being accountable for my words and actions and to hold others to their word.

What steps do you believe the IAAI should take to reduce or eliminate membership shrinkage? The International should work with chapter membership chairmen to help promote the chapters and international. Strengthening the bond between members, and chapters, will present a more desirable

organization to join; one in which members are actively engaged in professional development, professional relationships, and professional cooperation. The organization is only as effective as its individual members. Promoting our individuals will heighten the awareness of our mission, our organization, and will lead to increased membership by those wishing to be a part of it all.

What steps do you believe the IAAI should take to grow membership? The International should offer additional benefits to become a member of the International, than are currently offered.

How would you propose to improve relationships and communications between the international and chapters?

As a Director, I will attend chapter training seminars to help strengthen the relationship between the chapter and international. I will seek to be a Director actively engaged in and with the state chapters. We need to create an organization where the free flow of ideas can occur from the top down and from the bottom up.

What is your vision for the future for the IAAI? My vision is to offer more training seminars throughout each state, and to continue growing the membership of the IAAI.

Other than training fire investigators, what two or three other elements do you consider as critical to the mission of the IAAI? I believe the IAAI can take a very important role in Public Safety, Public Service Health and Safety and Arson Prevention & Awareness. Our members are made up of tenured professionals with multitudes of information in fire prevention and safety. The IAAI should seek to promote this knowledge to the public.

What do you perceive is the biggest challenge facing the IAAI in the coming years and how would you address that challenge? I believe the biggest challenge is keeping training seminar at a reasonable cost, so members able to attend the seminar. I would address the challenge by giving the members the best training possible and keeping the training cost as low as possible.