

**New Jersey Chapter**  
**International Association of Arson Investigators**



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Hello Members!

As spring begins, let me inform you of some of the goings-on within the Association. I want to thank all of you who attended the Annual General Meeting and Conference and made it a great success. This year's conference was the largest to date, and judging from the compliments we received during and after the sessions, everyone enjoyed the offerings. Our AGM and Training & Education committees continue to bring their "A" games, and deserve a big round of applause for their hard work and commitment to the Association.

This year at the AGM, many of you verbally shared your opinions with the Board members. Though we appreciate this informal feedback, we also encourage you to put your thoughts in writing by submitting an official online evaluation. We really need to hear from you, the membership, about everything – from the speakers, to the icebreakers, to the luncheons. By sharing your opinions, we can make adjustments if necessary and continue to make our AGM better every year.

This year we have quite a full schedule. In April, our very own Barry Grimm will be installed as President of the International Association of Arson Investigators in Jacksonville, Florida. Congratulations from the entire organization to Barry on his outstanding achievements! New Jersey will be well represented in the coming years. Look for New Jersey to host the International Training Conference in 2021 and 2025 at Harrah's Marina Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ.

In May, our partnership with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice kicks off with the DCJ/NJIAAI Basic Fire Investigation class at Middlesex County Fire Academy. We look forward to this collaboration, as well as to rolling out our updated training classes. It is important that we remain vigilant of the changing landscape of fire investigation, and that we share these developments in all of our training classes. From June 4 to 6, 2019, Middlesex County Fire Academy will host the IAAI Car Fire Class. Check their website for more information.

Lastly, in order to keep our members informed of what is happening with the New Jersey Chapter, the Regional Vice Presidents will be authoring a monthly newsletter. Look for updates from North Vice President Bob Westdyk in May, Central Vice President Jim Varick during the

summer months, and South Vice President Paul Boerner in the fall. We will share any additional news via email as well as social media.

Stay safe and stay well.

David A. Meisberger

President