



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

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Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and Members,

At our March Board of Directors meeting, some issues were raised that the Board felt the members of PAAI need to be made aware of and directed me to draft correspondence to the membership.

First, in 2015, the Board voted to join the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Enhanced Chapter program. The way this program works is that instead of paying yearly membership dues to two (2) organizations, you simply pay both IAAI and PAAI dues at one time thru the International. The issue we are seeing is that some members of PAAI are paying their IAAI only and not PAAI dues and we suspect that when logging in to the IAAI website, members are not selecting the “joint” member selection. If you are a member of both the IAAI and PAAI, we ask that when you pay your IAAI dues, you select the “joint” section that your dues to PAAI are paid and you remain in good standing.

Another issue to address concerns the terms of the Board of Directors. Over the last few years, there has been resignation of Board members and the By-laws of the organization have been misinterpreted and anyone that was appointed to the Board would only serve until the next election. This is incorrect. Anyone appointed to the Board will remain in place for the remainder of the term they are filling. Each year, the PAAI membership should vote on at least four (4) Board positions; however in recent elections we were electing more due to the misinterpretation. In coming years, the Board may have to adjust the terms of newly elected Board members so that we can get back on track of electing four (4) each year.

Should you have any questions on these issues, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any Board member.

Regards,
Kraig

