



# PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 14, 2017

The June general membership meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators was held at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA on June 14, 2017 at 5PM.

The meeting was called to order by President Kraig Herman with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag followed by a moment of silence.

The President appointed Brian Gray as Sergeant at Arms for the meeting.

A roll call of officers was conducted with all officers present except for the following who were excused by the President; Recording Secretary Joey Wilson, Treasurer Denny Woodring, Board of Directors members; Jay Bradish, Roy Hoffer, Tim Frew, Dave Cusatis, Seth Graybill, Jim Brady, and Eric Leksell. The following members were absent; past Presidents Max Bellard and Jack Mason.

The President appointed John Weer to record the meeting minutes.

June 2016 general meeting minutes were read by President Herman. A motion by Brent Fran to accept followed by the second from Brian Gray, minutes accepted as read.

John Weer read the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held June 13, 2017. One change was made for the location of the Hero to Zero programs conducted. New Hampshire was the location not Massachusetts. Minutes were passed and accepted noting change.

**Treasurer report** was read with the following;

March 1, 2017 beginning balance \$35,497.86, Deposits of \$655.00, expenses \$395.06 for an ending balance of \$35,757.80. Certificate of deposit end of March 2017 \$13,127.37 and the

Santander Account balance of \$1203.70

April 2017 beginning balance \$35,757.80, deposits \$3,265.00, expenses \$2,165.64 ending balance \$36,857.80. Certificates of deposit \$13,127.37 and the Santander account \$1917.25

May 2017 beginning balance \$36,857.80, deposits \$9,271.65, expenses \$0.00 for an ending balance of \$46,128.81. Certificate of Deposits \$13,127.37 and the Santander account balance \$1,917.25

A motion was made and second followed by all agreeing to close the Santander account.

**Communications** – No report

**Presidents Report** – President Herman reported on his attendance to the IAAI conference (attached report). Highlight was the future funding of the CFIT-trainer program.

**Annual Seminar** – Brent reported next year's conference dates as June 11-15, 2018. President Herman as well as many other members thanked Brent for all of his hard work and many years of dedication he has contributed to the logistics of the training programs offered at the annual conference.

**Jack Christmas** – The dates for the next Jack Christmas training weekend are January 26 – 28, 2018

**Hero to Zero Program** – David Klitsch reported on the program he gave for the New England states and the positive feedback he received.

**Budget & Finance** – A report was given about changing the names and officers of the banking accounts following the later election of new officers.

**By-Laws** – No report

**Grievance Committee** – No report

**Health & Wellness** – No report

**Historian Report** – Kevin Pezzano reported that the Original minutes of the first meeting have been acquired as well as numerous photographs. He also stated that Kraig Herman will be added to the Historian Committee.

**Legislative Committee** – A brief report was given on the PFESI dinner.

**IAAI Committee** – CFI testing is showing a slight increase in persons testing. Attorneys are starting to question and acquire more on investigators credentials. A question was raised with no discussion about how to offer incentives for persons to acquire the IAAI CFI certification.

**Membership** – 12 new members were accepted at the Board of Directors meeting on June 13, 2017

**News Letter** – the last printed copy of the news letter went out in April 2017, all future news letters will be posted on the web site. Also polices for submitting articles for the news letter will be forth coming.

**Sponsorship** – Work in progress

**Web Site** – see news letter report

**Training & Education** – Electrical class is being held in Reading as well as others, please see web site for further information.

**YFSP** – Tpr. Bob Dodge accepted to sit on the state committee representing the PAAI.

**Merchandise** - Sales are continuing at the slow pace and Mike Johnson is excepting suggestions for new apparel.

**Elections** – A motion was made by Brian Gray and second by Kevin Pezzano to nominate David Klitsch s 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, motion carried

The following officer positions were running unopposed for a two year term from June 2017 – June 2019;

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Klitsch  
Corresponding Secretary – Dennis Berty  
Recording Secretary – John Weer  
Treasurer – Nancy Love

The following three persons were unopposed for the three Board of Directors positions for a three year term from June 2017 – June 2020;

Dave Cusatis  
Mike Druschel  
Roger Spadt

A motion was made by Mike Johnson and second by Brent Fran with all accepting to have the Sergeant at Arms to cast the ballot for the above persons and positions.

**Awards & Scholarships** – The President awarded the 2017 PAAI Fire Investigator of the year to Trooper Carl Richards and the Larry Boyle Scholarship was awarded to Kevin Flannigan.

**Nominations** – The following nominations to the Board of Directors to fill the 3 spots with nominations being open till the January Board of Directors meeting was made;

Don Bruker – made by Dave Gray  
Joe Pfizenmayer – made by Kevin Pezzano  
Tim Fran – made by Rich Wunderley  
Jay Stewart – made by Kevin Pezzano

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – The swearing in of the new officers was conducted by the Sergeant of Arms Brian Gray with the following persons taking the oath for their respected positions;

President – Rich Wunderley  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Kevin Pezzano  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Klitsch  
Corresponding Secretary – Dennis Berty  
Recording Secretary – John Weer  
Treasurer – Nancy Love

Board of Directors – Mike Druschel & Roger Spadt

At this time the two year term limit for the President has expired and Kraig Herman welcomed newly elected President Rich Wunderley to the head table. Kraig thanked the entire organization for all the support during his term and the many friendships he has gained from many of the members and officers. Kraig gave a special thank you to Brian Gray for all of his personal assistance to Kraig throughout his term.

President Wunderley thanked Kraig for all of his work, leadership and dedication to the organization.

President Wunderley challenged the entire group to help build and expand on the success of the organization and to try and introduce the younger generations to the art and science of fire investigation.

With no other business to conduct a motion was made by all members present to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from all members present and agreed by all members present.

Meeting was adjourn at 5:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Weer, Recording Secretary