



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS  
INDIANA CHAPTER No. 14  
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## Indiana Fire Investigation Conference

2019 By-Law Proposed Changes

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP (remove Section 2: Application Procedure and replace with Section 2: Application Process)**

***Section 2: Application Procedure***

Application for membership shall be made to the President of the Chapter upon recommendation of a member in good standing in the Chapter, or via the International website. Admission shall be voted on by the Board of Directors and approval must be by majority vote present. If the application is voided by vote, it may be resubmitted after one (1) year has passed from the original application date.

***Section 2: Application Process***

The Indiana Chapter is recognized by the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) as an Enhanced Chapter. All membership applications and dues payments shall be conducted through the policies and procedures of the IAAI. Consistent with the current By-Laws of the Indiana Chapter, a member must be a member of good standing of the IAAI to be an active member of the Indiana Chapter. New members of the IAAI that live or do work in the State of Indiana are encouraged to join the Indiana Chapter when joining the IAAI. If, when joining the IAAI, they do not select the option to join the Indiana Chapter, the Membership Committee of the Indiana Chapter shall make contact and petition them to join the Indiana Chapter.

**ARTICLE IX: REWARD COMMITTEE (add the following within the existing wording)**

***IAAI Arson Reward Submission Guidelines:***

The Indiana Chapter 14 arson reward fund has been established to provide a monetary reward for information leading to the conviction of an arson fire. The Indiana Fair Plan provides the funding of this long-established fund for the Chapter and has been a valuable partner to continue this program. The program is designed to pay a monetary amount to a witness or witnesses that voluntarily come forward and offer information on an investigation that otherwise may have gone unsolved or not known. Any fire, police or state investigative agency in the state of Indiana can submit a request for the payment of a reward. The Chapter has set by-laws on the committee members and guidelines for the reward amounts

that allow the committee flexibility based on the value of the information and how the information was obtained. The following are the guidelines for submitting a reward to the committee;

The following information is required for the committee to be able to review a potential payout for a reward:

- The following information shall be emailed to the current reward committee chairperson, Dave Kloss (dave(at)shandforensic.com).
- A copy of the local jurisdiction's fire run report.
- A copy of the probable cause affidavit for the arrest of a suspect.
- A letter on department letter head outlining the investigation along with the facts and circumstances that led to the arrest of the suspect. This letter will be forwarded to the Indiana Fair Plan as justification of information for the reward request. The informant's name should NOT be included in the letter.
- A photograph of the reward sign posted if applicable.

**ARTICLE III: GOVERNING BODY, TERMS AND ELECTIONS (add section 17 – to be enforced for 2020 and beyond elections)**

*Section 17: International Elections*

In order to seek an elected position within the Indiana chapter of the I.A.A.I you must have voted in the International Elections that year.

**ARTICLE XII: Indiana Fire Investigation Conference Committee (add the following within the existing wording)**

In order to be eligible to be on the Indiana Fire Investigation Conference Committee you must have voted in the International Elections that year.