

**Iowa State Police Association
91st Annual Conference
October 10-11th, 2023
Coralville, IA**

President Becki Sammons called the 91st Annual Conference of the Iowa State Police Association to order at 9:03 AM, Tuesday, October 1, 2023, and welcomed delegates to the conference.

President Sammons had the delegate stand for presentation of colors and Joliet Police Pipes and Drums.

President Sammons led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sammons asked Iowa City Police Chaplain Josh Tilley to give the invocation. Chaplain Tilley then read the Memorium of members who had passed away during the previous year.

President Sammons introduced Shan Kron, Coralville Chief of Police, then Iowa City Police Chief Dustin Liston and Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel, who all made welcoming remarks and thanked the delegates for the work they do in their communities.

President Sammons asked Secretary/Treasurer Dave McFarland to call the roll. The roll was called, and absences noted. Secretary/Treasurer Dave McFarland then announced the committee assignments.

Recessed @ 9:31 AM

Reconvened @ 9:43 AM

President Sammons introduced retired Chief Kent Williams with Breach Point Consulting. Chief Williams gave a presentation on Police Officers surviving and thriving in law enforcement titled- "Breach Point for Police Officers".

Recessed for lunch @ 12:01 PM

Reconvened @ 1:03 PM

Continued- Breach Point for Police Officers

President Sammons shared some housekeeping information for the evening events and schedule of activities. Local #16 representatives gave away some raffle prizes and talked about other raffle opportunities.

Recessed for the day @ 4:00 PM

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Reconvened on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

President Sammons introduced Calhoun County SO, Michigan Detective Jonathan Pignataro & Detective Sgt David Homminga, and Michigan State Police Detective Sgt Christopher Suarez who gave an educational presentation on "Investigation of Serial Killer Harold David Haulman".

Recessed @ 10:51 AM

Reconvened @ 11:11 AM

President Sammons introduced Iowa City Police Department Detective Jennifer Clarahan and Detective Mike Smithy. They gave an educational presentation on "Strengthening Cases Using Data and Technology Case studies in Human Trafficking, Missing Persons, and Sex Abuse".

Recessed for Lunch @ 11:51 AM

Reconvened @ 1:01 PM

Continued- "Strengthening Cases Using Data and Technology Case studies in Human Trafficking, Missing Persons, and Sex Abuse"

Recessed @ 2:18 PM

Reconvened @ 2:36 PM

President Sammons called the ISPA business meeting to order and made some announcements. She then asked Secretary/Treasurer Dave McFarland to call the roll. The roll was called and noted all absences.

President Sammons told the delegates the President's report and the Secretary/Treasurer's reports were online for review.

President Sammons introduced the ISPA Lobbyists Maggie and Matt Fitzgerald and Jeff Smith, of Fitzgerald Smith and Associates. The lobbyist updated the delegates on several bills including the 411 bill that the board and they had worked on last legislative session. The Lobbyists encouraged the delegates to get to know their Representatives and Senators.

President Sammons introduced MFPRSI Director Dan Cassady. Director Cassady handed out his presentation and went through it with the delegates. Secretary/Treasurer McFarland said he would put the presentation on the website. Cassady shared with the members there was a 6 % rate of return last year. The members contribute would stay 9.4% while the employer rate is decreasing from 22.98 % to 22.66 %. He said the system is 85 % funded as of July 1, 2023. Director Cassady reminded the delegates to reach out to MFPRSI with any questions.

President Sammons introduced the new ILEA Director Brady Carney to speak. Carney introduced himself and told the delegates a little about himself. He gave updates on the current academy class and other changes at ILEA. Director Carney polled the delegates on who thought the academy was currently at acceptable levels. No one raised their hand. Carney thanked the group for their honesty and said he agreed.

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Carney said he is going to challenge everyone to do better and expect better. Carney said he is in the process of requesting additional money for his budget and hopes to make it, so the tuition of ILEA is paid by the state. Director Carney told the delegates to feel free to reach out to him with any concerns or questions.

President Sammons called for the Credentials Committee Report. Secretary/Treasurer McFarland advised the Credentials Committee met on Wednesday morning to review the eligibility of the delegates to the 91st Annual Conference. McFarland said he first told the committee about Davenport Local # 2 having registered Owen Farrell as Alternate, but Farrell was not a member an ISPA member and not eligible to vote during the conference. The committee then conducted a random sampling of 10 – 15% of the delegates. All remaining delegates were judged to be properly credentialed.

President Sammons called for the By-laws Committee Report – Committee Chair, Judy Kellen, Local 7 Sioux City (1st Vice President), reviewed the proposed amendment to the By-laws-increasing dues for Active members by \$10 per year, Active Retired members by \$5 per year, and increasing the one-time payment for Paid-Up Active membership from \$200 to \$250. Past President Joel Myers made a motion to approve the amendment. Anthony Vondrak, Local 7 Sioux City, seconded the motion. There was discussion by the delegates and board why the increase was needed and expenses that had already been cut. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Sammons called for the Audit Committee Report – Committee Chair, John Meeker, Local #10 Des Moines, advised the Audit Committee met to review the audit prepared by Welgaard CPAs and Advisors. Meeker made a motion to approve the audit report. Past President Rick Host, Local # 10 Des Moines, seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Sammons next called for the Resolutions Committee Report – Committee member, Ryan Anderson, Local #55 West Des Moines, advised the Resolutions Committee reviewed the proposed Resolutions and was recommending approving all the resolutions. Anderson made a motion to accept and approve resolutions # 1-6. Zach Diersen, Iowa City Local #16, seconded. Discussion- Rick Host asked if resolution # 1 was being recommended as written or changed like Past President Pottebaum asked in the Past President meeting. Director Shawn Morgan (Committee Chairperson) said the committee was recommending it has written with no changes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PP Rick Host was granted a request to suspend the rules and introduced a resolution to express gratitude and to thank local #16 for all their hard work and for a great conference.

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President Sammons asked for approval of the minutes of the 86th Annual Conference. Past President Zach Lewis motioned to approve the minutes and Lucas Rusk Local # 2 Davenport seconded. Motion carried.

President Sammons announced elections. Past President Ryan Goecke moved that Past President Josh Bell step down from the Board of Directors and President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President advance and elected one position on the board and that all other Board members be advanced and elected two positions thus creating an opening for Director and Junior Director. Past President Matt Harkin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Sammons introduced President-elect Judy Kellen and presented her with her gavel. Kellen thanked the delegates for their support, and electing her. She told the delegates she was looking forward to seeing them all at the conference in Sioux City next year October 6th – 9th.

President Sammons noted there was now an opening on the ISPA Board of Directors for the position of Director and called for nominations. Stephen Becker, Local # 55 West Des Moines, nominated Ryan Anderson, Local # 55 West Des Moines. President Sammons called for other nominations. There were none and nominations ceased.

Past President Coppess made a motion to elect Anderson by unanimous acclamation. Past President Marty Pottebaum seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ryan Anderson thanked the delegates for electing him to the board.

President Sammons then called for nominations to the position of Jr. Director on the board. Past President Joel Kessler nominated Matt Mullen. President Sammons called for other nominations. There were none and nominations ceased.

Past President Joel Myers made a motion to elect Mullen by unanimous acclamation. Past President Marty Pottebaum seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Matt Mullen thanked the delegates for electing him to the board and said he was looking forward to working for them.

President Sammons then turned the meeting over to President-elect Kellen.

President-elect Kellen called for any old business. Kellen told the delegates there were two openings on the Officer Assistance Program committee. She thanked Kurt Rosenthal and Rob Camarata for serving on the board. She told the delegates to contact the Secretary/Treasurer McFarland if they were interested in being on the committee.

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President-elect Kellen then called for any new business.

Kris Mayer, Local 2 Davenport, made a motion that the 93rd Annual Conference of the Iowa State Police Association be held in Davenport and hosted by Local # 2. Brittany Taylor, Local # 2 Davenport, seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was no other new business.

President Sammons made some announcements about the night's dinner and entertainment. McFarland reminded people to buy their ISPA raffle tickets and said the drawing would be at the dinner that night.

President Sammons made a motion to adjourn the 91st Annual Conference. Past President Time Pillack seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David McFarland

David McFarland
Secretary/Treasurer