

**Iowa State Police Association
92nd Annual Conference
October 8-9th, 2024
Sioux City, IA**

President Judy Kellen called the 92nd Annual Conference of the Iowa State Police Association to order at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, and welcomed delegates to the conference.

President Kellen had the delegate stand for presentation of colors and singing of National Anthem by Rochelle Clark.

President Kellen asked Past President John Horton to give the invocation. PP Horton then read the in memoriam of members who had passed away during the previous year.

President Kellen introduced Sioux City Chief of Police Rex Mueller, Woodbury County Sheriff Chad Sheehan, and Sioux City Mayor Bob Scott, who all made welcoming remarks and thanked the delegates for the work they do in their communities.

President Kellen 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.

President Kellen made some house keeping remarks and reminded the delegates to make sure to see all the vendors.

Recessed @ 9:25 AM

Reconvened @ 9:54 AM

President Kellen introduced retired Sioux City Jill Ohm. Jill Ohm gave a presentation on the events leading up to her being shot on October 3, 2014. Ohm talked about how this affected her physically, mentally and emotionally. She talked about the mistakes the department made and how she is doing now.

Recessed @ 10:48 AM

Reconvened @ 11:03 AM

Continued-Former SCPD Officer Jill Ohm

Premier Sponsor ZeroEyes gave the delegates a brief presentation about their company and what ZeroEyes is and does.

Recessed for lunch @ 11:50 PM

Reconvened @ 1:00 PM

President Kellen introduced Iowa Attorney General Breanna Bird who addressed the delegates.

President Kellen then introduced Des Moines Police Sgt. Paul Parizek, who gave a presentation on the shooting on March 7, 2022, near East High School in Des Moines, where 3 victims were shot, unfortunately one fatally.

Recessed @ 1:54 PM

Reconvened @ 2:15 PM

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President Kellen had all the vendors come into conference room for vendor hour. The vendors gave a short speech about their company and did a drawing for a prize if applicable. President Kellen shared some housekeeping information for the evening events and schedule of activities.

Recessed for the day @ 2:39 PM

Reconvened on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 9:03 AM

President Kellen introduced Woodbury Sheriff Chad Sheehan who gave an educational presentation on "Cattle on the Highway" a Joint SWAT Tactical Operations. Sheriff Sheehan presented on how 911 calls- the first one saying I am being shot at and then a second call saying there's cattle on the highway, lead to an almost 9-hour standoff with the suspect.

Recessed @ 10:09 AM

Reconvened @ 10:22 AM

Continued- "Cattle on the Highway" a Joint SWAT Tactical Operations.

Recessed for Lunch @ 11:47 AM

Reconvened @ 1:03 PM

President Kellen 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 absences were noted.

President Kellen asked for approval of the minutes of the 91st Annual Conference. Past President Todd Thoeming motioned to approve the minutes and Past President Tim Pillack seconded. Motion carried.

President Kellen introduced Peter Hill to give an investment report. Hill said ISPA began working with him in 1999 to manage our investments. Hill said he knew the big question on most people's minds was the election. He said while elections matter normally the market is so big that it has a minimal effect. Hill talked about how the prediction was for interest rates to continue to come down for the next year to year and a half. Hill said the money he manages for ISPA saw a little over a 16% increase from last fiscal year to end of this fiscal year. Hill told the delegates if they had any questions to contact him or any of the board members.

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

President Kellen introduced MFPRSI Director Dan Cassady. Director Cassady handed out his presentation and went through it with the delegates. Cassady shared with the members the MFPRSI investments had an approx. rate of return of 7.9 % last year. The member's contribution is going up from 9.4 % to 9.55 % due to House File 2680 being signed into law. This is due to the member increase in benefits when the employer rate is not at the floor rate of 17.00 %. He said the employer rate is increasing from 22.66 % to 22.68 %.

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Cassady said the system is 84 % funded as of July 1, 2024. Director Cassady reviewed the changes HF2680 made, as outlined on page 15 of his handout. Director Cassady reminded the delegates to reach out to MFPRSI with any questions.

President Kellen introduced the ISPA Lobbyists Maggie and Matt Fitzgerald and Jeff Smith, of Fitzgerald Smith and Associates. The lobbyist updated the delegates on the 411 bill (HF2680) getting passed and other work last legislative session. The Lobbyists encouraged the delegates to get to know their Representatives and Senators, especially with the upcoming elections.

President Kellen introduced ILEA Director Brady Carney to speak. Carney introduced himself and gave updates on the current academy class and other changes at ILEA. He said they are working on website update, education and learning material updates, and several other administrative rule updates for 2026. Director Carney encouraged everyone to reach out to him or anyone at ILEA if they had questions or concerns.

President Kellen called for the Credentials Committee Report. Secretary/Treasurer McFarland advised the Credentials Committee had met on Tuesday afternoon to review the eligibility of the delegates to the 92nd Annual Conference. McFarland said the committee conducted a random sampling of 10 – 15% of the delegates. All delegates were judged to be properly credentialed.

President Kellen called for the Audit Committee Report – Committee Chair, Jeremy Pohl, Local #12 Waterloo, advised the Audit Committee met to review the audit prepared by Welgaard CPAs and Advisors. Pohl said the committee had a couple questions about the audit that were satisfactorily answered by Secretary/Treasurer McFarland. Pohl 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 Kellen next called for the Resolutions/Legislative Initiatives Committee Report – Committee Chairperson- 3rd Vice President Shawn Morgan, first told the delegates moving forward the resolutions were going to be called legislative initiatives. Morgan reviewed the resolutions/Legislative Initiatives with the delegates. Morgan said the committee reviewed the proposed resolutions/legislative initiatives and was recommending approving all seven (7) of them. Morgan made a motion to accept and approve all seven (7) resolutions/legislative initiatives. Past President Josh Bell, Cedar Rapids Local #5, seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Kellen announced elections. Past President Ryan Goecke thanked Past President Becki Sammons for her time on the board. He then moved that Past President Becki Sammons step down from the Board of Directors and all other Board members be advanced one position, thus creating an opening for Junior Director. Past President Rick Host seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Kellen introduced President-elect Fred Lepley and presented him with his gavel. Lepley thanked the delegates for their support and electing him. He told the delegates he was looking forward to seeing them all at the conference in Davenport next year October 6th – 8th.

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President Kellen called for nominations for Jr. Director. Past President Steve Hanson nominated Caitlyn Carlyle, Local # 8 Fort Dodge. Past President Zach Lewis nominated Bill Ecockson, local # 7 Sioux City. President Kellen called for other nominations. There were none and nominations ceased. Bill Ecockson told the delegates he was withdrawing his nomination with the intent to run again next year.

Past President Rick Host made a motion to elect Caitlyn Carlyle by unanimous acclamation. Past President Becki Sammons seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Caitlyn Carlyle thanked the delegates for electing her to the board.

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

President-elect Lepley called for any old business. Lepley told the delegates there were two openings on the Officer Assistance Program committee. He thanked Jared Hicks and Zach Diersen for serving on the board and said both had expressed interest in doing another term on the OAP committee. He told the delegates to contact the Secretary/Treasurer McFarland if anyone else was interested in being on the committee.

President-elect Lepley then called for any new business.

Jeremy Pohl, Local # 12 Waterloo, made a motion that the 94th Annual Conference of the Iowa State Police Association be held in Waterloo and hosted by Local # 12. Kurt Rosenthal, Local # 9 Dubuque, seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was no other new business.

President Kellen 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.

Gus Farmer, Local # 12 Waterloo, made a motion to adjourn the 92nd Annual Conference. Jeremy Pohl, Local # 12 Waterloo, seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David McFarland

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Secretary/Treasurer