

4th Quarter 2019

It has truly been an honor to serve as your Chapter Chair since July 2018. Since this will be my last newsletter, I want to start by thanking the 2019 Chapter Officers – Brian Carpenter, Greg Thompson, Anthony Crawford, and Glenn McLea, and all of the Members who have supported the activities, direction, and momentum of our Chapter. I also want to thank the many sponsors and supporters for our Chapter. Without your support and generous donations, our Chapter would not be successful in accomplishing our goals. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved as a Chapter and our standing in the community, and am certain that we will continue the course.

As the year draws to an end, and the ‘season of gray’ sets into middle Tennessee, the 4th quarter for ASIS Middle Tennessee has been busy and productive. The October meeting was one not to miss. The Chapter moved to combine the November and December meetings a few years ago to fit a meeting between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This will be the last year for single year terms for Chapter Officers – ASIS standards have been updated, and new six (6) year term limits are in place. Our Chapter voted to establish two (2) year terms for Chapter Officers at the September 2019 meeting.

After returning from GSX in September, Chapter Members turned out in record numbers for a tour of the Grand Ole Opry following the October Chapter Meeting. Ryman Hospitality generously sponsored the lunch and provided the backstage tour of the Opry for more than 40 members! The October business meeting was packed full as well. Nominations for Chapter Officers resulted in a new slate of officers (all unopposed) for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each new Chapter Officer will serve a two (2) year term before elections are held again. Glenn McLea will remain Sergeant-At-Arms for the Chapter, and was also unopposed. Awards for the David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial Scholarship Fund were also presented at the October meeting. Chapter Members Mike Mann, Jason Grove, Devin Mikell, Manny Vasquez, Brian Etchison, and Doren Lockhart received scholarship awards to fund CPP and PSP study and certification activities, attend specific industry training, and tuition to complete a degree program. The premise behind these awards truly epitomize the Chapter scholarship award named in Dave’s honor – To gain knowledge, get better, and give back.

The December Chapter meeting was sponsored by Allied Universal and held at their branch office in the David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial Training Room. Members enjoyed Chick-Fil-A for lunch, and the business meeting was limited to election results and member discussion. It was a short meeting, but sets the Chapter up for great things to come in 2020.

The Middle Tennessee Chapter has led the way with member engagement, community service, member growth, certifications, and so much more - I look forward to remaining an active member of the Chapter, and am hopeful that as I assume additional responsibilities as ARVP for Region 4A – Tennessee, that I have the opportunity to meet new ASIS members from other Chapters and gain (and share) valuable insights and best practices that I can bring back to the Middle Tennessee Chapter and share with other Chapters in the Region.

Stay safe and be well,



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