

Welcome 2005 Officers!

The Kansas City Chapter is happy to welcome the new leadership team for the new year. Our four officers bring a combined total of over 60 years in the security industry, an impressive amount of support for the local chapter and limitless potential for the upcoming 12 months.

More than anything else, the Executive Board is ready for the entire membership to come together and help make their goals a reality. The best thing about them is that they are available to the chapter and encourage everyone to contact them personally with their suggestions and ideas.

As the year passes, don't stand aside and watch as the chapter advances. Stand up and volunteer to participate on a committee, make a suggestion, contribute an article to the newsletter, or just show up to all the scheduled events. Simply attending the monthly luncheons and enjoying the presentations and networking opportunities are enough to make you an active member.

Take time to learn about the 2005 KC ASIS Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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ASIS Guidelines

“The Commission on Guidelines was established in early 2001 by ASIS International (ASIS) in response to a concerted need for guidelines regarding security issues in the United States. As the preeminent organization for security professionals worldwide, ASIS has an important role to play in helping the private sector secure its business and critical infrastructure, whether from natural disaster, accidents or planned actions, such as terrorist attacks, vandalism, etc. ASIS had previously chosen not to promulgate guidelines and standards, but world events have brought to the forefront the need for a professional security organization to spearhead an initiative to create security advisory provisions. By addressing specific concerns and issues inherent to the security industry, security guidelines will better serve the needs of security professionals by increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security practices and solutions, as well as enhancing the professionalism of the industry.”

Some of the guidelines have been completed, and others are in draft form. In upcoming editions of our local newsletter, we will be highlighting some of the key points in guidelines that will pertain to most of our membership. This month we will provide a sample of some of the elements of the Chief Security Officer Guideline.

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Next KC ASIS Luncheon Meeting:

Thursday January 6, 2004, 11:30 a.m. at the Kansas City Royal's Stadium Club

Guest speaker Richard Shoaf will be speaking about safety training and consultations.

To make reservations for yourself and your colleagues, go to the website (www.kcasis.org) and click on “luncheon”, or contact Renee Wakefield at Renee.Wakefield@securitasinc.com or 816-360-1612.



From the Chair...

Dennis Smith, CPP, KC ASIS Chairman

What a year we had in 2004! As I look back on the past year's events with Chairman John Mallery steering the ship, I'm proud of the things we have accomplished. John has been a great leader and he encouraged us to enter waters that we had only observed from a distance previously.

With convergence of the two great security forces [physical & information] being a major focus at the International level, we launched out in an attempt to bridge the gap! Our educational seminar, "Convergence-When Worlds Collide" was the first ever venture by our chapter to involve both security worlds in the same conference, along with vendor exhibits that represented true convergence. Thanks John, for your encouragement, advice and leadership. I think we've built a foundation here that we can build on!

I want to thank the Chapter 50 membership for the confidence you have placed in me and the other members of the 2005 Executive staff. We've got a great team! Every one of us will do our utmost to make the Greater Kansas City Chapter the best in our Region.

Now, we look to the future with the goal of carrying on the great traditions of leaders who came before us. With the help of an outstanding array of Executive Board members, active committees and support from our members the coming year is filled with potential to make the Greater Kansas City Chapter of ASIS International even bigger and better than it already is.

A recent check of the International records indicates that Chapter 50 has 308 members assigned to our local chapter by the International. Of course, each of those 308 individuals has their own reasons for joining ASIS International and being a part of the local Chapter may; or, they have may chosen not be a part of the local. We're evaluating results of the recent Member Survey so we can plan ways to meet the needs of all our Chapter members. If you've completed your survey – thanks! If you haven't, please do so and submit it. That's the only way we know how you really feel.

Finally, let me share a few words about active participation in the local chapter. Shortly after I joined ASIS International I became active in the local chapter luncheons. It wasn't very long afterwards that an opportunity came up to work as Chair of the Education Committee, where the main focus was planning the annual seminar. What an education that was! It was a great experience! In ensuing years I've progressed through the ranks of the local Executive Board, culminating this year in the position of Chapter Chair. Throughout the journey, I've formed friendships with quite a number of Security professionals across a wide range of organizations and it has been a truly rewarding experience! If you are not active on one of the local Chapter committees or the Executive Board you're cheating yourself out of some outstanding rewards.

In future "From the Chair" articles, I'll be sharing some ways you can become involved in various Chapter activities and committees. Good things happen when lots of people get involved. We need you!

Upcoming Chapter Events

January 6th: Lunch Meeting – 11:30am to 1:00pm (Royal's Stadium Club)
Guest speaker Richard Shoaf will speak about safety training and consulting

February 3rd: Lunch Meeting – 11:30am to 1:00pm (Royal's Stadium Club)
Guest speaker: Bruce Gehring will speak on The Segway – Security Applications and Student Scholarships will be presented

March 3rd: Lunch Meeting – 11:30am to 1:00pm (Royal's Stadium Club)
Guest speaker(s) and program to be announced

April 7th: Lunch Meeting – 11:30am to 1:00pm (Royal's Stadium Club)
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