

**Harold Ruslander IAI Incoming President
Address to the Membership
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Good evening IAI members and honored guests.

At this time, I would like to recognize those men and women who are serving or have served our countries in law enforcement. Thank you for your service.

I stand before you tonight humbled by the honor bestowed upon me by the membership to be your president for the year 2016/2017.

I joined this great organization in 1993, was elected the Board of Directors in San Diego in 2007. I was elected 4th vice president in 2012.

While my involvement in the IAI has been 23 years long, my talk tonight will be a lot shorter.

The one thing that keeps the IAI vibrant is its' members. My theme for my term of office is "Member Centered". I truly believe that the IAI is member centered. My goal is to make us even more responsive to our membership. To make the IAI an organization the people strive to be a part of.

I task each and every one of you to recruit new members to our organization. I ask that when you attend our annual training conferences or various training sessions held throughout the year, whether IAI sponsored or not, that you go back to your respective agencies and share the knowledge you have gained with your coworkers. Unfortunately, not everyone can attend the training that is offered. So, by sharing what you have learned you increase the effectiveness of your unit. You also increase the knowledge and expertise of yourself and your coworkers.

Experiment, document and share ideas and techniques with the membership through the JFI and Newsletter and by lecturing or offering a workshop at our annual conference. Remember, Knowledge not shared is knowledge lost.

I hope all of you have gotten everything you hoped for from this conference. I wish you safe travels home and successful careers in your chosen professions. I challenge each of you to pursue certification in you chosen area of interest. The IAI is the only organization that offers certifications that are recognized in the fields we offer and is actively moving toward ISO accreditation which will be of value to our members worldwide.

If I or any member of the IAI staff and the executive board of directors of the IAI can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call upon us. The IAI is a phenomenal organization. A worldwide organization, an organization of and for its members. In addition to working closely with our training partner, Trittech Forensics, I would like to explore the possibility of having a core cadre of accomplished instructors be established and available to travel to any division of the IAI no matter where it is located and provide the level of training the IAI is known for.

Good night, safe travels and thank you for your support and confidence.