

ASIS Calgary / Southern Alberta Chapter

Monday, January 5, 2009

Fifth Avenue Place
420 - 2 Street SW
Calgary, AB

Attendees:	Manuel Avila Sean Bolli Doug Durant (phone) Kathy Macdonald	Glen Kitteringham Ryan Petersen James Sanford	Apologies:	Gina Arbeau Vladimir Batinić Roger Maslen Michael Nagina Christian Stenner
Please read:				
Please bring:				

Old Business

(Details show current plus two months)

Sean called the meeting to order at 2:30 (?).

Committee Reports:

2009-01.001	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Michael
Discussion:	For detailed information about the Treasurer's Report or any other financial information, please contact: Michael Nagina, current Chapter's Treasurer at treasurer@asis162.org		
Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓		✓	✓

2009-01.002	Legislative Report	Presenter:	(Gina)
Discussion:	November: Canadian safety standards discussed regarding new security guard training. December: No updates. January: Nil.		
Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓		✓	✓

2009-01.003	Newsletter Report	Presenter:	(Gina)
Discussion:	November: Deadline for submissions is November 19. Glen will provide article for 2009 Tri-lateral Conference. December: Andrew Boone and Gina are in the final stages of the newsletter and it will be sent out to the membership by the end of the week. January: Nil.		
Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Next newsletter issued.		✓ Gina	✓ November 30, 2008

2009-01.004	Member Communications Report	Presenter:	(Kathy)
Discussion:	<p>November: Member Communications Plan has been drafted and distributed to Executive members in attendance.</p> <p>December: Nil.</p> <p>January: As part of the communications plan, part of the program includes professional postcards / information cards to distribute at luncheons, security events and for ASIS members to hand out to others who are not a part of the Chapter. Approved going forward with developing a few samples (in conjunction with working Vladimir) and then present them to the Executive for review / approval, as well as printing costs.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Distribute an electronic copy of Member Communications Plan.	✓ Sean	✓	

2009-01.005	Certification / Education Report	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>November: Nine (9) attendees have expressed interest in attending; cheques have been requested. Discussion regarding partial refund to those who successfully complete the CPP exam before the end of 2009; however, there may be one or more people whose attendance is paid for by their employer, thus making it potentially complicated. Glen, Sean and Terrance are scheduled to meet on Thursday to discuss this item further.</p> <p>December: Seventeen (17) scheduled attendees. Twenty-two (22) copies of Dave Ray's book (A Security Practitioner's Practical Guide to the Law) have been ordered. Twenty (20) copies of the CPP Study Guide (13th Edition) have also been ordered. Sean, Terrance and Glen to meet again.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓	

2009-01.006	Scholarship Report	Presenter:	Sean / (Gina)
Discussion:	<p>November: No applications received as yet.</p> <p>December: No applications received for 2008.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓ Gina	✓	

2009-01.007	Program Report	Presenter:	James
Discussion:	<p>2009 Guest Speakers</p> <p>January 15th: Dan Chervenka Symbolic Dynamics of Security</p> <p>February 19th: Don Muldoon Use of Force and Powers of Arrest</p> <p>March 19th:</p> <p>April 16th:</p> <p>May 21st:</p> <p>June 18th-19th: Tri-Lateral Conference, Deerfoot Inn and Casino</p> <p>September 17th:</p> <p>October 15th:</p> <p>November 19th:</p>		

Discussion:	<p>November: Sean / Glen will bring a video projector to the November luncheon.</p> <p>December: James will arrange for a projector for the December luncheon if needed.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.033	Pioneer Award	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>November: Glen will follow up with RVP regarding the evaluation process.</p> <p>December: Glen will be discussing details of this award with Paul Stanley and Bill Bradshaw.</p> <p>January: Further to a conference call held before Christmas, a follow-up call is to be held later this week. Award is decided upon by past recipients. Criteria is unclear; contributions to: 1) security in Canada, 2) ASIS locally, and 3) ASIS in Canada. Suggestion that selection be done by Chapter Chairs, RVP, ARVPs.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.038	Recognition	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>November: Standard needs to be developed, specifically related to 'exemplary' effort / service.</p> <p>December: Will revisit this item in 2009.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.039	Chapter Dues	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>November: Will be included in the next newsletter.</p> <p>December: Annual invoices need to include Chapter dues and option to pay for the ten (10) monthly luncheons.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Send 2009 invoices to the Chapter members.	✓ Michael	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.040	Member Identification Badges	Presenter:	James
Discussion:	<p>November: Carried over.</p> <p>December: Two (20 cases with foam inserts will be purchased to store the member ID cards. Option of storing the cases at the DCC to be followed up.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		

Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓		✓	✓ PENDING

2008-01.041	Sponsorship	Presenter:	Vladimir
Discussion:	<p>November: Looking to accommodate smaller companies. Potential for 'host table' up to 'host luncheon'.</p> <p>Levels of support Bronze (\$?), Silver (\$\$), Gold (\$\$). (please contact the Chapter's Treasurer Michael Nagina at treasurer@asis612.org for details).</p> <p>Draft document presented as follows:</p> <p><i>Chapter Support</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through monthly luncheon support, companies reach many Calgary-based security professionals and be so doing advertise their organization which ultimately leads to a heightened awareness about their services and products. • At the same time, the organization's contributions support the Chapter's important activity of providing a forum and an opportunity to learn, exchange ideas, establish new and strengthen old connections. <p><i>Support Benefits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support benefits are available at each event, including supporter logo on the Chapter website announcing the monthly luncheon and recognition made by the Chapter Chair during the opening remarks. <p><i>Support Contribution</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$__ for one luncheon • \$__ for two luncheons • \$__ for three luncheons <p><i>Contact Us</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For additional information, please e-mail _____. <p>Discussion included the potential for the supporter's logo being on the Chapter website for a 12-month period.</p> <p>December: Options to be communicated to membership via e-mail.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓		✓	✓ PENDING

2008-01.043	Payment Options	Presenter:	Glen
Discussion:	<p>November: No reply as yet from ASIS Toronto member. Will research alternate / local options.</p> <p>December: Jason Casio (Toronto Chapter) has provided information. Sean and Michael to meet to discuss same.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:		Person responsible	Deadline
✓		✓	✓ PENDING

2008-01.046	Chapter Elections	Presenter:	Glen / Sean
Discussion:	<p>November: Glen to send e-mail.</p> <p>December: Incumbents were re-elected.</p>		

	<i>January:</i> Nil.		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.047	Chapter Banner	Presenter:	Sean
Discussion:	<p><i>November:</i> Chair to bring to each luncheon.</p> <p><i>December:</i> Need stand to display the banner.</p> <p><i>January:</i> Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Investigate options and costs for a stand.	✓ James	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.048	Joint Luncheons	Presenter:	Sean
Discussion:	<p><i>November:</i> Pending.</p> <p><i>December:</i> Sean will call Dan Chervenka to discuss further.</p> <p><i>January:</i> Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓ Vladimir	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.050	Annual Report	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p><i>November:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations • Scholarship • Networking • Community • Need to market better, show value-add • Outsource production of report; Glen to contact Nancy for discuss and request proposal with price. <p>Motion will be conducted by e-mail (see Appendix A - Process to Use Voting Buttons).</p> <p><i>December:</i> Quotation for the production of the Chapter's annual report has been received. After discussion, Glen volunteered to complete the report.</p> <p><i>January:</i> Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓ Vladimir	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.052	Executive Director	Presenter:	Glen
Discussion:	<p><i>November:</i> Suggestion put forward for a full-time Executive Director for the Security industry in Canada. The person would be a legislative contact.</p> <p><i>December:</i> Glen has drafted the job description for this position.</p>		

	<i>January:</i> Nil.		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Discuss further with Paul Stanley and Bill Bradshaw.	✓ Glen	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.053	Paid Luncheon Speakers	Presenter:	James
Discussion:	<p>November: Suggestion put forward that consideration be given to arrange for a paid guest speaker, potentially in conjunction with a one-hour workshop. Only expenses would be paid, i.e. no hourly billing rates.</p> <p>December: No progress to report.</p> <p>January: Conference call held with Keith Harper and Steve _____. Discussed potential topic of Counter Terrorism, environmental, gangs, potential for break-out sessions, related AB / TX demographics. Attendees will be vetted to allow for an open and free discussion. Next steps include: identify ASIS contact person (Terrance?); determine if the program should go forward; Steve to discuss with call back to Terrance within a week; best use of taxpayer dollars.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.054	Website - Photo Album Section	Presenter:	Manuel
Discussion:	<p>November: Discussion regarding the expansion of the Chapter website to include an album of photographs from Chapter events.</p> <p>December: Carried over.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓ Manuel	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.055	Account Balances	Presenter:	Michael
Discussion:	<p>November: Consideration of transferring some of the current account balance into a GIC or similar.</p> <p>December: No update.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Additional research required.	✓ Michael	✓ PENDING	

2008-01.057	Name Tags	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>December: As some members have misplaced their ID cards and new members have not received one, Glen recommended the membership be canvassed to see who needs a new name tag.</p> <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			

Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Note to be sent to the Chapter membership to determine who needs / wants a new name tag.	✓ Kathy	✓ PENDING

2008-01.058	Alberta Crime Prevention Practitioner's (ACPP) Training Program	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>December: Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA; www.accpa.org) will be holding this training program on February 17th through 19th at McDougall Centre. Dr. Stephen Schneider of St. Mary's University will be the instructor. This course meets the ASIS criteria for re-certification credits.</p> <p><i>Editorial comment: Interesting payment choices / amounts.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I am an ACCPA member already. Please register me for \$295.00. ○ I am not an ACCPA member yet, but would like to be. Please register me for \$335.00 (includes membership in ACCPA until December 31, 2009). ○ I am not an ACCPA member and do not want to be. Please register me for \$375.00. <p>January: Nil.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ .	✓	✓ PENDING	

New Business

2009-01.057	Canadian Security Magazine Article	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>January: Brian Robertson wrote an article (www.canadiansecuritymag.com/Editorial/Why-security-industry-associations-are-in-trouble.html; attached below). Glen has submitted a response to Canadian Security Magazine; other submissions expected from Roger Maslen, Paul Stanley and Bill Bradshaw. Glen encouraged others to do so also. Potential titles for industry organization could be Canadian Security Industry Association (CSIA) or Association of Private Security Agencies (APSA).</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓	✓	✓	

Adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Next Meetings:	Tuesday, February 2, 2009 at 2:30 PM.	Monday, March 2, 2009
Location:	Fifth Avenue Place, 420 - 2 Street SW, Calgary	

The above minutes serve to record the discussions and action items of the meeting. (Note: In an effort to limit the length of printed copies of these minutes and thus be more environmentally aware, only the current and two (2) previous months of minutes are shown within this document.)

Please advise the writer of any discrepancies or omissions immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Petersen
Secretary
ASIS Calgary / Southern Alberta Chapter

Why security industry associations are in trouble

www.canadiansecuritymag.com/Editorial/Why-security-industry-associations-are-in-trouble.html

Written by Brian Robertson, on 10-12-2008 14:08

A year ago I wrote a column in which I praised Graham Ospreay of the Canadian Society for Industrial Security (CSIS) and Ken Mitchell of the Canadian Security Association (CANASA) for their efforts toward creating a framework under which all of the different security industry associations could work together toward the creation of a single voice for the security industry in Canada. That initiative went off the rails before it started. Ken Mitchell has left his position at CANASA and Graham Ospreay has [stepped down from CSIS](#).



Will other leaders come forward for the cause? That remains to be seen. No one from any of the local ASIS Chapters strewn across the country has ever shown much interest in the affairs of the industry beyond making sure that (small) monthly meetings continue to be held and (a few) more of their members become CPPs. That leaves CSIS. But CSIS is plagued by all-too familiar questions around its own leadership and if, in fact CSIS will continue to exist, and should it continue to exist?

CSIS is a non-profit organization trying to recover from the activities of a disgraced former Executive Director who left the organization over four years ago. We are talking about an organization that numbers its members in the hundreds and represents an industry that numbers its members in the tens of thousands.

Being a tiny organization with only a handful of members (almost all of whom work in the Greater Toronto Area or the National Capital Region) is something that CSIS is at least used to. In theory, there are nine positions on the CSIS board. Six of them are now or are soon to be vacant. And there is not a long line-up to fill them.

The lack of interest that keeps CSIS at the same low level of development that it has been stuck at for years is not a problem uniquely experienced by CSIS, though. None of the ASIS Chapters that operate across the country are about to go under, but few of them can claim to have been doing much growing, either.

Really committed new leaders take over the executive positions in local CSIS and ASIS Chapters every few years. But they all step down from their positions a few years later, frustrated at how little progress they made.

CSIS should fold its tents and send its members off to the nearest ASIS Chapter. ASIS Chapters should stop thinking of themselves as service organizations whose role is to service their own members, and start thinking of themselves as the leaders whose responsibility it is represent industry to government, to media, and to the public.

Security professionals should stop asking what it is that industry associations can do for them and start asking what they can do to help industry associations do more for the good of our industry, and for the good of the society we live in.

The people who are offended by what I have said in this column should write a letter to the editor of this publication and tell me, if they can, if I am wrong.

Brian Robertson is president of Diligent Security Training and Consulting in Toronto.

Users' Comments

Posted by Kevin Murphy, on 15-12-2008 11:06, IP 207.219.210.220, Guest

1. President and Chairman of the Board

I can only disagree in the strongest terms with Mr. Robertson's comments. What our industry needs in the face of changing regulation and legislation is a strong national Canadian voice, not one that is either American or International. The changes in our association do not reflect a lack of commitment to the organization. In fact, I will remain with the Board for two more years as Past President. Mr. Ospreay's term of office had expired. However, the time we can give to it as volunteers is determined by the demands of other forces such as the job that pays us a salary and family needs.

Posted by Scott Kittell, on 12-12-2008 08:12, IP 216.75.164.134, Guest

2. Electronic Access Control Specialist

I agree. We need an organization that involves the broader aspects of the "Security" industry as a whole. The industry is much more than false alarm policies and security guard issues.