



Annual General Meeting November 15th, 2007

Message from the Chair - on behalf of Paul McParlan

The amount of work and dedication needed to successfully represent an association chapter of this size and diversity is no small task. As a chapter of friends, colleagues and associates I ask that you join me in thanking the ASIS Toronto Executive for a fantastic 2007.

Any successful organization understands the value of succession planning. This is more than evident in the Toronto ASIS chapter where I have had the privilege of watching the growth of the chapter and the individuals who have put forth countless volunteer hours, and look forward to an even better 2008. Thank you to the membership and my fellow chapter executives for allowing me the privilege to work with and represent you as the ASIS Toronto Chairperson.

Membership

Current membership for the Toronto Chapter is 494. Of those, 66 are CPPs, 9 are PSPs and we have one PCI. Over the course of 2007, 53 people dropped from the chapter list, but 69 were added. As outlined in the mailed out chapter letter and survey dated November 1st, the Toronto Chapter is seeking your input on ways to strengthen the value of the chapter. All survey results will be collaborated and posted by year's end. The data can then be used as a tool for the 2008 executive to steer the chapter in the direction that the membership desires. We will be launching a Toronto Chapter quarterly newsletter with our first newsletter to be released in the first quarter of 2008; we will be highlighting chapter events and news. We will be asking the membership to submit news for our members update page and look forward to any ideas or submissions for the newsletter. Please stay tuned to the website for more information and of course volunteers are welcome to assist.

Financial:

This year the chapter supported our membership and community in a variety of ways. Educationally, we ran the Best Practices Seminar, the CPP Study Group, the PSP Study Group and new study materials were purchased for both the CPP and PSP. The golf tournament, Canada Night in Las Vegas, the Law Enforcement Dinner and the 2007 Christmas gathering were all supported and charitable donations totalling \$2,000 were made to the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness (CCAA). With the assistance of our 2007 plaque sponsors we were able to enhance the visibility and professionalism of the chapter by creating professional signage and an enhanced website. All financial and chapter business was discussed by the Executive Committee and obligations were met in a timely fashion. The chapter revenues for the BP Seminar, as well as the two study groups are very strong, while the golf tournament and LE Dinner are less financially successful. Current Bank Balance is \$1,835.93.

Vision Plaque Sponsorship

The Toronto Executive passed motions in 2007 to:

1. Amend the program name from: Vision 2000 Plaque Sponsor to Vision Plaque Sponsor
2. Increase the allowable number of Vision Plaque Sponsors from 10 to 15 participants

Currently there are 13 Vision Plaque Sponsors, they are: Bay Area Investigations, GE Security Canada, Group 4 Securicor, Intelligarde, King-Reed & Associates, Mul-T-lock Canada, NCI Secured Intelligence, OBN Security & Investigations, Pandemic 101, Profile Group of Companies, Reilly Security, Security Locksmith & Design and Total Security Management

Website

- Chris Carter assumed position in March of 2007
- Cleaned out or archived old documents retained on web host server
- Performed some minor programming functions to revitalize the current website
- Mailing list went from 450 people to its current level of 692 people
- Integrated ASIS International mailing list with ASIS Toronto Chapter
- Since March 2007 a total of 47 employment opportunities have been posted

- Developed Best Practices CD with extra copy sales to the Chapter
- Implemented at no cost to the Chapter a mass email program capable of sending out to 10,000 members
- Framework for a www.asistoronto.org web presence is in development
- Chris will chair a three-person committee next year to re-design and improve the website; volunteers are needed!

CPP Study Group 2007

The 2007 CPP Study program was hosted at the Total Security Management offices starting in January with 37 participants taking part over a 10-week period. There were a total of 7 guest speakers who provided valuable insight into their areas of expertise as well as presentations from participants who provided reviews of the textbooks used as reference for the CPP exam. Of the 37 initial participants 7 people wrote and passed the CPP examination in 2007. We are planning on running a study program beginning in January for the 2008 session.

PSP Study Group 2007

The 2007 PSP Study program is currently in its sixth week at the Procter & Gamble building. Total attendance was 30 people, and we have not dropped below 24 people in any given week. A different speaker has presented each week and in some cases we've had two speakers in one session. Our last session will take place on November 28th, where we will host a review and some of last year's students will attend to speak about their experiences with the PSP. Of the 36 people who attended last year's study program, 4 people wrote and only 1 passed, bringing the total number of PSPs in the chapter to 9.

Best Practices Seminar

This year's annual Best Practices Seminar was the chapter's 14th annual and one of the most successful ever. We had over 100 attendees and for the first time offered two streams of educational sessions for a total of nine sessions overall. The event returned to the Villa Columbo after a one-year absence and the venue has been booked once again for next year. The evening was capped off by the award of a free admission to the ASIS Annual Seminar in Las Vegas to Larry Dance of Sobey's, a donation to the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness and a fabulous keynote presentation by former FBI agent Patrick Gray of Cisco Systems. Jason Caissie will be stepping down as event chair for 2008, so volunteers are welcome.

Golf Tournament

The 2007 ASIS Toronto Golf Tournament, hosted at Lionhead Golf & Country Club took place on Thursday June 19th. Of 144 available spots, 136 were sold and event sponsorship was at its highest level ever. The 2008 event is planned to take place once again in the month of June, and we will be changing our venue for the reasons of:

1. Operational concerns with Kaneff - Lionhead G & CC
2. Geographical alternatives

Field Trip

The tentative September field trip to a power generation company did not take place, as the logistics were not accommodating to the organizations.

CANASA – Security Canada Central Show

We set up the new ASIS Toronto Banners in a complimentary booth for the 2-day CANASA show, and presented 5 educational speakers. A lot of interest from attendees was generated in joining ASIS International and Toronto. We are reviewing future participation with the educational element for 2008, as attendance at the seminars was quite poor.

Law Enforcement

The 2007 Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards Dinner was held on October 25th and was the Toronto Chapter's 10th year honouring the diligent work of Police Officers in the Golden Horseshoe. Seventeen Officers from eight police services (Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Peel, Toronto, York, the OPP and RCMP) were honoured for their work in categories ranging from Community policing to Homicide. The event was also attended by Senior Officers and media staff of the recipient police services. Over 60 attendees enjoyed the awards dinner, which was followed for the first time by a keynote speaker from the Halton Regional Police Service. Other firsts included a media campaign and the use of a professional photographer. The event was well received by all in attendance and a similar venue is anticipated for 2008.

Holiday Gathering

This year's holiday gathering will take place on Thursday December 20th from 6:30 to 9:30 at the Miller Tavern (Formerly the Jolly Miller) located right on the subway line at York Mills and Yonge Street. RSVP is requested so we may accurately gauge food consumption.