

Arkansas Chapter 129 - ASIS International
July Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2004

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at The Stephens Building in Little Rock, AR. Members and guests gathered at 6:00 p.m. for light snacks compliments of the Chapter & fellowship prior to the meeting.

Chairman Craig Russell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reading of the minutes from our June meeting was waived but Chairman Russell made copies of the minutes available for anyone wishing to review them.

Announcements, etc.

- The Chapter is hosting its first Annual Seminar on Friday, August 6, 2004, at Winrock International Conference Center on Petit Jean Mountain. This seminar will take the place of our regular monthly meeting in August. Aside from having a great venue for the seminar, the program will be informative and useful. Early bird registration is \$50 and covers the cost of all sessions & lunch. Deadline for the early bird payment is TONIGHT. The fee increases to \$60 after tonight's meeting. Members are encouraged to stay overnight following the seminar and enjoy fellowship & exploring Petit Jean. Families are welcome for the overnight stay. Sessions will include:
 - Seven Easy Steps of Interrogation
 - Observing & Identifying "At Risk" Workplace Behaviors
 - Professional Certification – Benefits and Preparation
 - Life-saving Techniques and AEDs in the Workplace
- The 50th Annual Seminar & Exhibits will be in Dallas, TX this year from September 27th through 30th. All are encouraged to attend – please let Craig or Ralph know if you are planning to attend so that arrangements can be made for Chapter member activities.
- Arkansas Says Farewell To One Of Their Own - Jack Dempsey Penland, CPP, passed away on June 28th. Jack joined ASIS International in 1959 and was very active in Detroit Chapter 008 and, more recently, held a strong interest in Arkansas Chapter 129. He received the CPP designation in 1997 before being awarded Life Membership and Lifetime CPP status. He held several volunteer-leader positions during his career and, during his retirement, continued to follow the growth of the organization through the society's mail-outs and publications. Jack was very proud of his pioneer status in the corporate security industry. Over the years, he made hundreds of friends in the group.

- Ralph reminded everyone that chapter elections will be held in November and the new officers installed in December. Any one wishing to serve in a leadership role should notify Ralph or Ken McLeod by the October meeting so that the Nominating Committee can present the candidates in November. In addition to chapter officer positions, there are opportunities to serve on various committees as well.
- Ralph is studying and preparing to take the exam for his PSP certification. Any one that would like to join him in this preparation should contact Ralph ASAP.
- Regional News - Ralph will be traveling to Shreveport on July 29th to present the Ark-La-Tex Chapter with their charter.
- The Protection of Assets Manual is now available online or as a hardcopy. The cost is approximately \$485. Details are available at www.asisonline.org
- We have a special treat in store for our meeting on September 14, 2004. Cary Jones has arranged for Wayne Hoover, CFI of Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates to present "Use of Non-Accusatory Interviewing Approach". This is an excellent opportunity to hone your interviewing skills with a leading expert in the field! Be sure to invite your colleagues to join us for this special presentation.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Trooper First Class Quinn Best of the Arkansas State Police. TFC Best was assisted by his K-9 partner, Doug. In addition to an excellent presentation followed by a demonstration of the use of canines in explosive detection, TFC Best shared a recent experience with us that sent him & Doug both to the hospital. While searching a vehicle after making a routine traffic stop, various chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamines combined and exploded. The driver of the vehicle had thrown the chemical together and hid them when he realized he was being stopped by TFC Best. The vapors from the chemical explosion resulted in minor injuries to TFC Best and Doug.

TFC Best explained some of the training, both initial and ongoing, that is required to produce a quality EOD canine. It's obvious that TFC Best and Doug have a strong bond – both professional and personal. The highlight of the meeting was watching Doug work the room to find explosives that had been hidden.

Financial Report

- Available upon request to members in good standing.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2004, at Winrock International Conference Center. This seminar will take the place of our regular monthly meeting.

Members & Guests

A total of 19 members & guests attended the meeting (11 members, 8 guests & 1 K-9).

List of attendees is available upon request to members in good standing.

Photos of Guest Speaker





OBITUARY

JACK DEMPSEY PENLAND

Jack Dempsey Penland, 84, of Hot Springs Village, AR passed away June 28 at Good Samaritan Health Care Center after a long struggle with declining health. He was born July 9, 1919 in Drumright, OK to the late William Henry and Versa Myrtle (McCandless) Penland. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Pauline Zurski Penland; his son, Robert A. Penland and his wife Diane of Soldotna, AK; and his daughter, Julianne Hare and her husband Tim of Tallahassee, FL. Also surviving are grandsons: Michael A. Penland, Kirtland AFB, NM and Brian Alford, Tallahassee; and sister-in-law Marcella R. Steele of H.S.V. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruby Fay Garrison and brothers, Frank and Dale Penland.

Jack and Pauline retired to H.S.V. in 1977 from the Plymouth-Northville area of Michigan. Jack was a 40-year employee at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. where he progressed from lineman to Director of Internal Audits. He helped pioneer development of standards and professionalism in the corporate security industry and held offices in, and was a lifetime member of, the American Society for Industrial Security. He worked closely with law enforcement and was cited numerous times for professional assistance rendered to the F.B.I., Michigan State Police, the Detroit Police Department, and numerous other law enforcement agencies.

Jack was an accomplished athlete. As a young man, he was employed as an exhibition baseball player for Tidewater Oil Co. and also became an outstanding, amateur golfer - an avocation that continued well into retirement. He was a W W II Army veteran with service in the Pacific Theater with the Americal Division. He was recalled to active duty for four years during the Korean Conflict. He left the Army Reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After retirement, he remained active through his participation in the Service Corps of Retired Executives where he assisted small business owners and served as District Representative and Regional Director. He also devoted time to community affairs. He helped raise funds for Good Samaritan and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Retired Officer's Association, the Hot Springs Village V.F.W. Post 10483 and occasionally volunteered at Jackson House in Hot Springs.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Caruth-Hale Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, H.S.V. on Saturday, July 10, at 10am with inurnment in the churchyard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Trinity.