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Manager, Physical and Cyber Security Audits and Investigations, Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), Salt Lake City, UT 2016-present.



Experience:

Began career in the security profession in 1990.
WECC, Manager, Physical and Cyber Security Audits and Investigations, 2016-present
WECC, Senior Auditor, 2011-2016
Edison, Manager Corporate Security 2010
Arizona Public Service, Corporate Security CIP Program Manager 2007-2010
Phoenix Police Department, Police Officer 1997-2006
United States Marine Corps 1990-1994

Education:

BS Police Science, Ottawa University, Phoenix 2010
M. Ad (leadership emphasis), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff 2010
ASIS Security Executive Course, Wharton, Philadelphia 2016

ASIS Activities:

Member since 2008.
Council Vice President 2016-present
Council Chair 2014-2016
Council Vice Chair 2013-2014
Council Member 2012

Professional Affiliations:

Maricopa County Juvenile Court Advisory Board Member 2008
President, Silent Witness 2008-2010
Union Representative, Phoenix Law Enforcement Association 1999-2006

Based on the ASIS International Strategic Plan what three goals do you feel are the most critical to the Society over the next three years and why?

Increased Global Network & Membership

Increase the focus on expanding membership and inclusion to members globally across all facets of security. The life blood of ASIS is our membership. Members who are engaged and included will serve with greater tenacity and dedication to ASIS. A focus on the new members from those at the highest levels will ensure we maintain a sustainable and growing organization of security practitioners, educators and leaders. Additionally, the Councils and Chapters are continuing the promotion and pursuit



of expanding our reach to wider and more global audiences. For ASIS to truly be a global society, and sustainable, we must ensure success of this goal.

Professional Competency- Certifications & Education

ASIS International certifications and professional education will attract and elevate security professionals to advance their careers. This will result in ASIS being recognized as the primary resource to enhance skills and knowledge across a broad landscape, particularly for those new to the profession, as well as mid, senior, executive levels and succession planning. As a Triple Crown achiever, I have experienced this firsthand, the impact of test preparation, knowledge sharing and continued use of educational resources throughout my career have been central to my personal growth and leadership of others.

To enhance ASIS International position as the premier global leader, ASIS leadership must increase our commitment to be globally recognized for our three leading certifications for security management practitioners: Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Professional Certified Investigator (PCI), and Physical Security Professional (PSP)

Branding-Identified as the Thought Leader

We must be identified at the thought leaders for our profession and provide those resources for our members. We must increase the awareness of our existing brand to meet the current profession needs and the role we play for our members. When I speak to colleagues in our profession and in the utility industry I have learned there are still many people that have never heard of our organization, and this happens far too often. To sustain ASIS position as the premier security association, we must increase the knowledge and awareness of who and what ASIS is. The increased use of various technology outlets will increase our reach to the masses and make ASIS more easily accessible on a global front. With greater awareness, comes greater participation and this will certainly enhance our membership engagement, our sustainable future, and our positions as thought leaders.

Please describe your specific view of the role of a member of the Board of Directors.

The role of an ASIS Board member is one who collaborates to ensure that the rudder of the organization is pointed towards a sustainable future. I would do this by espousing sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as making sure the association has adequate resources to advance its mission. As a board member, I would be one who champions the goals and mission, is actively engaged, and positively represents the organization.

What professional efforts and accomplishments within ASIS and outside (not simply roles you have held) make you deserving of this candidacy?

Past Member of the Maricopa County Juvenile Courts Advisory Board-
THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)

The Community Advisory Board is a diverse group of community volunteers dedicated to ensuring children become productive and responsible members of the community. The Board's mission is to facilitate and enhance the functional relationship between the community and the Juvenile Court in



providing services to youth and families. The Board advises the Juvenile Court on ways to continuously improve its services to Maricopa County residents as follows:

- 1) Identifying what the community wants from the Juvenile Court;
- 2) Evaluating the services currently provided by the Court to the community;
- 3) Making recommendations on the types and quality of service the community should rec) Acting as a sounding board for new ideas.
- 4) Membership on the Board is by CAB recommendation and Juvenile Court Presiding Judge appointment. Two characteristics for Board service are constants; an abiding concern for the well-being of children and the community and a willingness to work tirelessly on their behalf.
- 5) Silent Witness Board Member & Past President
- 6) Past President of Silent Witness of Arizona (501c)-Silent Witness is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is a member of both Crime Stoppers USA and Crime Stoppers International.
- 7) NERC CIP-014 Standard SME advisor
- 8) Actively involved in steering ASIS certification requirements for NERC CIP-014 Physical Security of Substations standard third-party assessments. Additionally, setting the standard and expectation for regional auditors to hold the CPP or PSP to conduct audits of CIP-014.