

To Members of the ASIS International Greater Philadelphia Chapter,

It is my great honor to serve as your Chairperson as we kick off a new decade. Vice Chairperson Fran McAnulty, Treasurer Barry Ballurio, and Secretary Al Hindley and I are all committed to continuing to focus on the revitalization of the Chapter.

This commitment includes offering members three no cost educational sessions that provide Continuing Education Credits for those with certification requirements. You should have received a notification of our first, a Security Technology Symposium, taking place at SAP Headquarters in Kennett Square on Thursday March 19, 2020. Our second Education Session will be in May/June. Although I cannot confirm it, yet we are in talks to have a high-profile cyber security expert speaking at one of Philly's most recognizable buildings. We are planning a third for September at one of our city's great museums which will likely focus on cultural property and special event security.

Our Chapter's foundational events are already being planned. ASIS GPC's 22nd Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night will be held on April 2nd and the LEAN Committee plans to have nomination and sponsorship letters out soon. Private Security Appreciation Night will be next in the Fall followed by our Annual Holiday Party which will be held once again at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in December.

Since I joined the Chapter in 2016 a goal of mine has been to grow our Chapter's Young Professional membership. While various attempts at programming we have tried since have only been marginally effective I refuse to give up. I plan to undertake outreach to our college and universities in the community. We've done this before, to little success, but this time the approach will be different. I'd like to actively pursue opportunities to get the Chapter involved in university job fairs. If you are interested in volunteering to make outreaches to university and college career counseling departments or in manning a table at a local job fair, please email me.

Former Chairperson John Philippi hoped increase practitioner involvement in the Chapter. The current Board feels it is important to continue the outreach to that community within our Chapter and John has agreed to continue to spearhead that effort. We are very grateful for that and have offered our full support.

Lastly, the new Board and I hope to organize more opportunities for building camaraderie and community within the Chapter. Be on the lookout this year for a few activities that don't involve a PowerPoint, such as a Phillies game, an afternoon at Top Golf, or even a day of paintball or skeet shooting. These won't be official events; more details will be forthcoming.

The Chapter finished 2019 strong. We will build on that success and get these Roaring Twenties kicked-off right.

Very Respectfully,

Michael Ventiere, CPP