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# ASIS CHICAGO NEWSLETTER

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# A Message from the 2024 Chapter Chair – Mary Therese Tylus, MA



Happy New Year to all our Chapter Members and Friends. I hope this finds you well and off to a great start in 2024. I just wanted to take a few moments to introduce you to the Chapter's 2024 Officers and Chairs as we have some new faces and names who will be working hard to continue to put on monthly Chapter meetings with outstanding speakers from the various security industries, Women In Security/NextGen and Mentorship events and programs, growing our membership through various avenues and outreaches within the security, military and law enforcement communities, as well as reaching out to members we haven't seen in a while ... and don't forget that outstanding Study Group the Chapter puts on every year.

## **The 2024 Officers and Chairs for the Chicago Chapter are:**

- Mary Therese Tylus, MA -- P4 Companies – Chair
- Jamison Taff -- DSI Security Services – Vice Chair
- Corey Burrage, CIPI, CIPM II -- The Art Institute of Chicago – Treasurer
- Amy Hanks, CPP, PSP -- Axis Communications – Secretary
- PJ Jordan, CPP – Certification Chair
- Jack Phillips – Phillips Security Consulting – Law Enforcement Liaison Chair
- Hamid Chaudhry, CPP – District U-46 -- Program Chair
- Bob Okonek – JLL – Webmaster
- Jaxon Taff – Apex3 Systems – Communications Chair (Newsletter & Social Media)
- Jason F. Ortiz, CPP – Inter-Con Security – Military Liaison Chair
- Tim Wenzel, CPP -- ESRM at Kroll – Membership Chair
- Andrew Bartol – Prosegur Security -- NextGen Chair
- Mike Ortiz – P4 Protective Services – Mentorship Chair
- Steve Siegel – Golf Outing Chair
- Wendy Young – Milestone Systems – Women in Security Co-Chair
- Alex McNulty – Milestone Systems – Women in Security Co-Chair
- Brandi Srda, CPP – Willis Tower – Women in Security Co-Chair

# A Message from the 2024 Chapter Chair – Mary Therese Tylus, MA - Continued

As a reminder, our Chapter meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at Harry Caray's River North, 33 W. Kinzie, Chicago. Come join us for networking, great monthly speakers, delicious food, and fellowship. We will be introducing once again virtual meetings during the months of June and August and will be putting on our annual Chapter Golf Outing on Monday, July 29, 2024. Look for more details coming to future newsletters, web announcements and your email inbox soon.

On the next few pages of this newsletter, we will be thanking our outgoing 2023 Officers and Chairs for their hard work and service to our Chapter. We will also be sharing our accomplishments as a Chapter for 2023 and what our members can look forward to seeing in 2024.

As always, don't forget if you haven't already renewed your International Dues please do so and then go on to our website to renew your Chapter Dues. If you are a past guest looking to join for the first time, just follow the directions on the page that lists the easy steps to join ASIS International and the Chicago Chapter. I would like to extend a challenge to all our existing Chapter members to recruit at least one new member for our Chapter in 2024.

Thanks for reading our newsletter, for your continued involvement and membership in our Chapter and if you are new to ASIS International and our Chapter, for joining us as we embark on our adventures in 2024. I look forward to our first meeting of the year on January 18, 2024, at Harry Caray's, seeing familiar faces and new ones! See you in two weeks at Harry Caray's!

# Thank You to Our 2023 Outgoing Officers and Chairs!

The ASIS Chicago Chapter would like to recognize the following Officers and Chairs who have stepped down from their positions at the end of 2023. We as a Chapter would like to thank them for sharing their time and talents with the Chapter to assist it in growing the membership, growing our multitude of various events during their tenures as Officers and Chairs and for assisting in helping to keep the Chapter humming and running smoothly. The Officers and Chairs who are stepping down are as follows:



**Matt Maravilla**  
*Chapter Chair*  
Preferred Windows  
and Doors



**Eugene Posey, MPA**  
*Chapter Treasurer*  
Greenroom Security



**Kathy MacIntosh-Serrata**  
*Chapter Membership Chair*  
Schneider Electric



**Suzanne Monreal, CPP**  
*Chapter Women In  
Security Chair*  
Titan Security Group



**Essam Choudhary**  
*Chapter NextGen Chair*  
PSS Innovation

# Our Chapter in Review

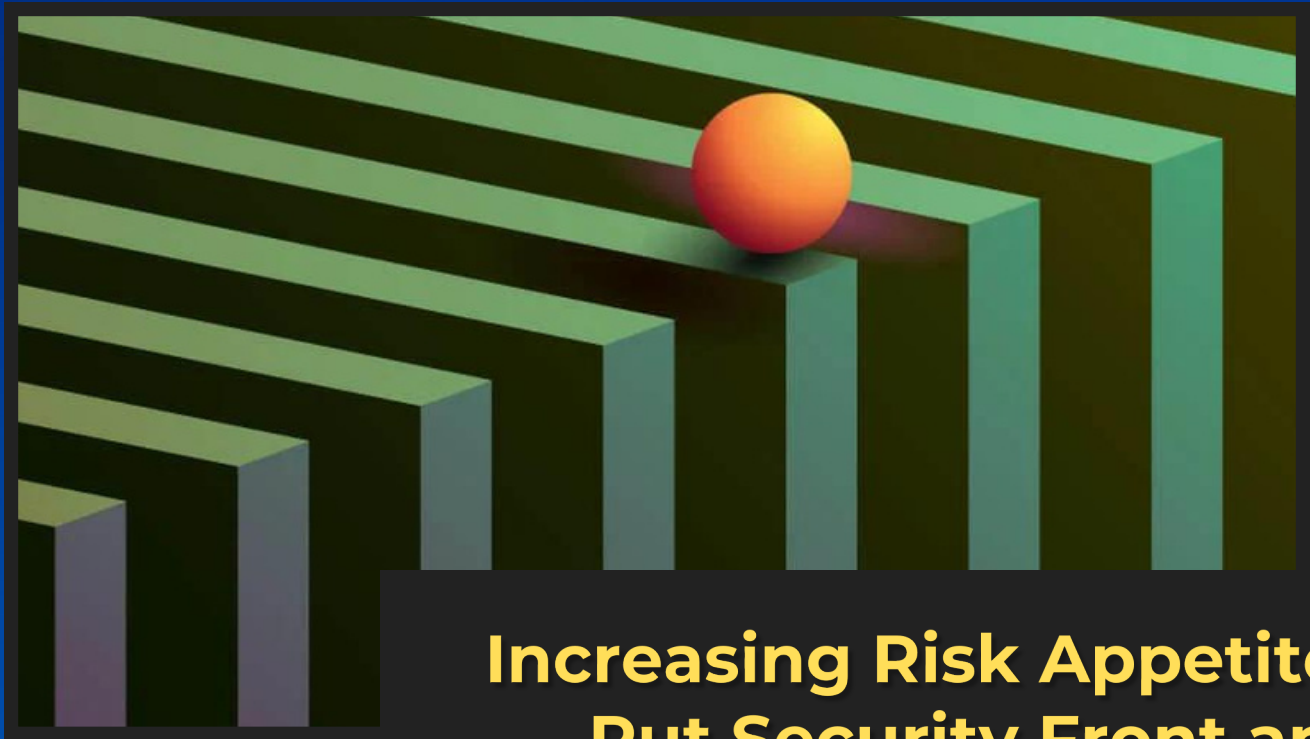
## In 2023, the Chapter accomplished .....

- Filled the Mentorship Chair Position – Mike Ortiz
- Continued hosting successful in-person Chapter meetings
- Successful Golf Outing at Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont, IL
- Continued the monthly Chapter Newsletter
- Women in Security and NextGen jointly hosted another large successful event in May at Willis Towers
- Women in Security Chair has assisted other companies in creating Women In Security Groups
- Women in Security held its first Tri-Chapter event with WI, North Shore and Chicago Chapter as hosts
- Women in Security Chair and NextGen Chair have welcomed their successors for 2024:
  - Wendy Young, Women In Security Co-Chair
  - Alex McNulty, Women In Security Co-Chair
  - Brandi Srda, CPP, Women in Security Co-Chair
  - Andrew Bartol, NextGen Chair
- Chapter Study Group was a hybrid of two in-person and remaining Zoom sessions led by PJ Jordan
- Chapter has created a CPP Accelerator Scholarship which will be awarded annually

# Coming to Our Chapter in 2024

## In 2024, our members can look forward to .....

- Chapter Monthly Meetings continue to start at 11: 00 am with registration in order to give us more time to network
- Local Chapter Dues remain \$10 for 2024
- Local Chapter Dues in 2025 will increase to pre-COVID rate of \$20
- Continued use of social media to publicize our meetings and events
- Joint NextGen and Women in Security events
- Joint NextGen and Mentorship events
- Another Chapter Study Group will be held Feb – April 2024 via Zoom and in-person
- The Dick Norwood Chapter Golf Outing – Monday, July 29, 2024 at Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont, IL
- Effective with our January Chapter Meeting a Special Active Law Enforcement Member/Non-Member Luncheon Ticket = \$19.00
- June and August We Will Be Conducting a Remote Chapter Meeting with a Guest Speaker



## Increasing Risk Appetites Put Security Front and Center as an Influencer

What does the next decade look like for business leaders?  
Volatile.

A new research report from The Clarity Factory, *The Business Value of Corporate Security*, found that the majority of business leaders today believe volatility will characterize the next decade, driven in part by geopolitical tensions, technological innovation, economic downturns, and cross-border migration. The research found that 57 percent of board directors expect to increase their risk appetites (or they have already done so) in response to rising volatility and uncertainty, which presents an opportunity for security leaders to contribute essential data and serve as a trusted advisor on risk decisions.

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# Fast Facts: 9 Methods to Gather Threat Intelligence

OSINT, HUMINT, SOCMINT.... There are many methods of security intelligence gathering out there, but what do they all mean?

Use this speedy Fast Facts video as your guide to differentiate between different categories of intelligence gathering.





## **ASIS News: Meet Your 2024 Leadership**

With 2024 just around the corner, ASIS welcomes a new class of security leaders to its global and regional boards.

Cy A. Oatridge, CPP, rises to the position of president for 2024, and Joe M. Olivarez, Jr., will take over as president-elect. Eddie Sorrells, CPP, PCI, PSP, joins the executive committee as secretary/treasurer, and Peter J. O'Neil, FASAE, CAE, remains as CEO.

**[Click here to see the full 2024  
ASIS Global Board of Directors](#)**



## What We're Watching: Topics on the Horizon for 2024

Security Management editors spend their days steeped in news—the good, the bad, and the ugly. While the end of the year is often a great time to look back (see our favorite articles from 2023 here), it's also a time to look ahead at what is coming around the corner in 2024.

Here, members of the Security Management team broke out their crystal balls to consider what stories we saw developing in 2023 and what is likely to affect security professionals in 2024 and beyond.

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# Thank You for an Amazing Holiday Party and We Appreciate All Your Support in 2023!



# ASIS Chicago Chapter Certification Chair Position Available

Greetings Security Professionals:

Every year ASIS Chicago coordinates an Exam Day Prep certification study group for our members. Our study group meets once a week for 8 to 10 weeks. The content includes: identifying effective study tools, study tips and methods, and a review of the ASIS sources. The study group also includes practice Q&As similar to those candidates see on Exam Day.

Here are some benefits of participating in a study group:

- Learn what sources, methods, and tools have been used by those who have passed and not passed their exam.
- Discover which sources are most useful for Exam Day.
- What to expect on Exam Day.
- Meeting and Networking Opportunities with like-minded security professionals from all areas of security.
- Learning about new security trends, techniques, and practices.

Here are some benefits of becoming the Chicago Chapter Certification Chair:

- All the above; plus:
- Crafting, directing, and facilitating the Chicago Chapter's study group
- Receive automatic ASIS credits for volunteering
- Personal pride and accomplishment from assisting security professionals with their professional development goals.
- Becoming the Chapter's subject matter expert on ASIS Certifications, credentials, etc.

**The only requirement is to possess an ASIS CPP certification. If you're interested contact our Certification Chair, Paladin "Pj" Jordan, CPP.**

# The Value of an ASIS Certification

## Enjoy personal satisfaction and professional achievement by:

- Validating your security management expertise
- Elevating your stature in the profession
- Gaining a competitive edge in the marketplace
- Enhancing your career and earnings potential. ASIS certificants earn an average of 20% higher salaries than those without an ASIS certification (per ASIS Certification Survey – April 2019)
- Broadening experience and training from law enforcement and military backgrounds

## The Value of an ASIS Certification to Your Employer

- Build a strong, dedicated team committed to high standards and continuing professional development
- Promote ongoing enhancement of critical job knowledge and skills
- Feel confident that your staff are using best practices
- Recruit the most qualified professionals
- Reinforce or elevate your organization's reputation and credibility

[Learn More](#)



# Choosing a Certification



## Certified Protection Professional (CPP<sup>®</sup>)

The Certified Protection Professional (CPP) is considered the "gold standard" for security management professionals. This certification validates your knowledge in all areas of security management. Eligibility requirements include 5-7 years of security experience and 3 years in responsible charge of a security function.

[EXPLORE CPP](#)



## Associate Protection Professional (APP)

The Associate Protection Professional (APP) designation provides the first "rung" on the security professional's career ladder. It is for those with 1 or more years of compensated security experience and measures the professional's knowledge of security

fundamentals, business operations, risk management, and response management.

[EXPLORE APP](#)

*\*The APP Certification was supported in part by a grant from the ASIS Foundation.*



## Professional Certified Investigator (PCI<sup>®</sup>)

The Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) certification provides demonstrable proof of an individual's knowledge and experience in case management, evidence collection, and preparation of reports and testimony to substantiate findings. Requirements include 3-5 years of investigations experience, with at least two years in case management.

[EXPLORE PCI](#)



## Physical Security Professional (PSP<sup>®</sup>)

The Physical Security Professional (PSP) demonstrates your knowledge in physical security assessments, application, design, and integration of physical security systems, and implementation of security measures. Eligibility requirements include 3-5 years of experience in the physical security field.

[EXPLORE PSP](#)

Greetings Security Professionals:

Every year ASIS Chicago coordinates an Exam Day Prep Certification Study Group for ASIS Chicago members. This year's Study Group begins Saturday, February 24 and runs through Saturday, April 13. The Group will meet Saturday mornings via Zoom. The Group is open to attendees pursuing their CPP, APP, PSP and PCI credentials. Look for registration and additional details in our February Newsletter.

**Paladin "Pj" Jordan, CPP**  
**ASIS Chicago's Certification Chair**

[Learn More](#)

# Do You Feel Overwhelmed by the Emails Being Sent From Asis?

We have heard from several Chicago members that they feel inundated and overwhelmed with emails from the Chapter. We as a Board and Chairs, do our best to keep our Chapter communications to a minimum. We send out one to two announcements per week for our upcoming events and increase the frequency the week of so that those whose schedules free up at the last minute can attend.

As we investigated this issue further, we believe that perhaps the root of the “too many emails from ASIS” are from International, specifically, the Community Connections emails. Based on your selected preferences in your International profile of interests/expertise, International will then send those applicable Community emails. Those notifications can be modified by going into your ASIS International profile and changing your ASIS Connected Community Settings and/or your email & communication preferences as follows:

**Step 1:** After logging into ASIS International, click on My Information, select My Account, and then in the ASIS Links box to the right – My Communication Preferences.

**Step 2:** After making and saving changes scroll to the bottom of the page and click on ASIS Connected Community. Click on My Connections to see which ASIS Communities you are enrolled in and determine how often you want to receive them – daily or weekly. Make your changes and then hit save (also check to see who you are following).

**Step 3:** Move to the My Community Tab and select Email Preferences and verify or change your preferences and hit save. In this same tab, select Communication Notifications and do the same.

**Need help? Call ASIS International Membership (703-519-6200) and they can help walk you through the process.**

# Welcome to the ASIS Chicago Chapter!



**Dawn Grandsart**  
Axis Communications



**Chuck Slaybough**  
Axis Communications

**"Thank you for joining the  
ASIS Chicago Chapter!**

**We appreciate your support  
and welcome you to ASIS!"**





## Make Sure to Follow the New ASIS Chicago Chapter LinkedIn Page

Hello everybody! Currently, there are two different LinkedIn pages for the ASIS Chicago Chapter. One of the pages is a private group page and the other one is a public company page. These two different LinkedIn pages can often cause confusion on where to look and interact with. Due to these issues, we as a chapter will no longer be supporting or posting on the private group page. All social media content moving forward will be posted on ASIS Chicago Chapter's public LinkedIn page. This new change will give us the option to attract new members to the chapter and upcoming events. If you have not done so already then make sure to follow the new public LinkedIn page to stay up to date with chapter events and news!

**ASIS Chicago Chapter  
LinkedIn Page**

ASIS CHICAGO CHAPTER

# JANUARY MEETING

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JANUARY 18TH, 2024  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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**Doug O'Garden**

Digital Credentials and Digital  
Identity Are Not The Same

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HARRY CARAY'S ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE  
33 WEST KINZIE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60654

# ASIS Chicago Chapter

## JANUARY MEETING

### SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Event Speaker:

**Doug  
O'Garden**

**Digital Credentials and Digital  
Identity Are Not The Same**



Jan. 18, 2024



11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

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Every physical credential will eventually go digital. But digital credentials are not the same as digital identity. In this presentation you will learn the difference between the two concepts.

As the industry is busy working to make mobile wallets and credentials fit into the digital transformation of physical access control. This is the beginning of a truly mobile, touchless, frictionless concept for accessing both the physical door and the digital desktop.

There are endless opportunities along the path to adoption as we move towards the transformation of data portability, and enhance our interoperability processes, as we move from our "Flintstones to Jetsons" society.

**REGISTER TODAY!**



## **New Chapter Luncheon Ticket Price for Active Law Enforcement**

The ASIS Chicago Chapter is proud to announce a special ticket price of \$19 for active law enforcement to come join us at our regularly at our monthly Chapter Luncheon meetings. Our monthly Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Harry Caray's River North, 33 W. Kinzie in Chicago, IL. Come join us for networking, a great lunch and fantastic guest speakers on various topics relevant to security practitioners.

**Register Now**

ASIS Chicago Chapter

# UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

**JAN.**

**18**

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**January Meeting and  
Seminar**



Harry Caray's Italian  
Steakhouse - River North



[www.asischicago.net](http://www.asischicago.net)

# CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2024

Do you like to plan ahead and mark your calendar so you can attend our Chapter Meeting? Here are the dates and locations:

**JANUARY 18, 2024**

*In Person at Harry Caray's*

**FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

*In Person at Harry Caray's*

**MARCH 21, 2024**

*In Person at Harry Caray's*

**APRIL 18, 2024**

*In Person at Harry Caray's*

**MAY 16, 2024**

*In Person at Harry Caray's*

**JUNE 20, 2024**

*Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting*

**JULY 29, 2024**

*Annual Chapter Golf Outing @ Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont, IL*

# CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2024 CONTINUED

**AUGUST 15, 2024**

*In Person at Harry  
Caray's*

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

*In Person at Harry  
Caray's*

**OCTOBER 17, 2024**

*In Person at Harry  
Caray's*

**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

*In Person at Harry  
Caray's*

**DECEMBER 19, 2024**

*In Person at Harry  
Caray's*

*We hope to see all  
of you at our  
upcoming chapter  
events this year!*

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***More details and information will be given  
out the closer we get to the events.***

***Remember to look at our website and watch  
your email inbox for more details.***

***2023 had so many exciting events and  
speakers and we know 2024 will be even  
better. Thank you for all the support!***

# DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR 2024 ASIS MEMBERSHIP DUES!

## ASIS INTERNATIONAL

Go to [www.asischicago.net](http://www.asischicago.net)

Click "Membership" on left hand side

Click "Pay ASIS International Dues" from drop down menu

Enter your ASIS username and password

Click renew "My Personal Account" and verify information

Submit payment (\$234.00) await receipt in your email inbox

## LOCAL CHICAGO CHAPTER

Go to [www.asischicago.net](http://www.asischicago.net)

Click "Membership" on left hand side

Click "Pay Chicago Chapter Dues" from drop down menu

Click "Pay Local Dues"

Click "Add To Cart"

Submit payment (\$10.00) and await receipt in your email inbox

**Your ASIS International and ASIS Chicago Chapter dues must be paid separately.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Membership at [kathy.macintosh@se.com](mailto:kathy.macintosh@se.com)**

ASIS International  
Membership Registration  
(New Members)

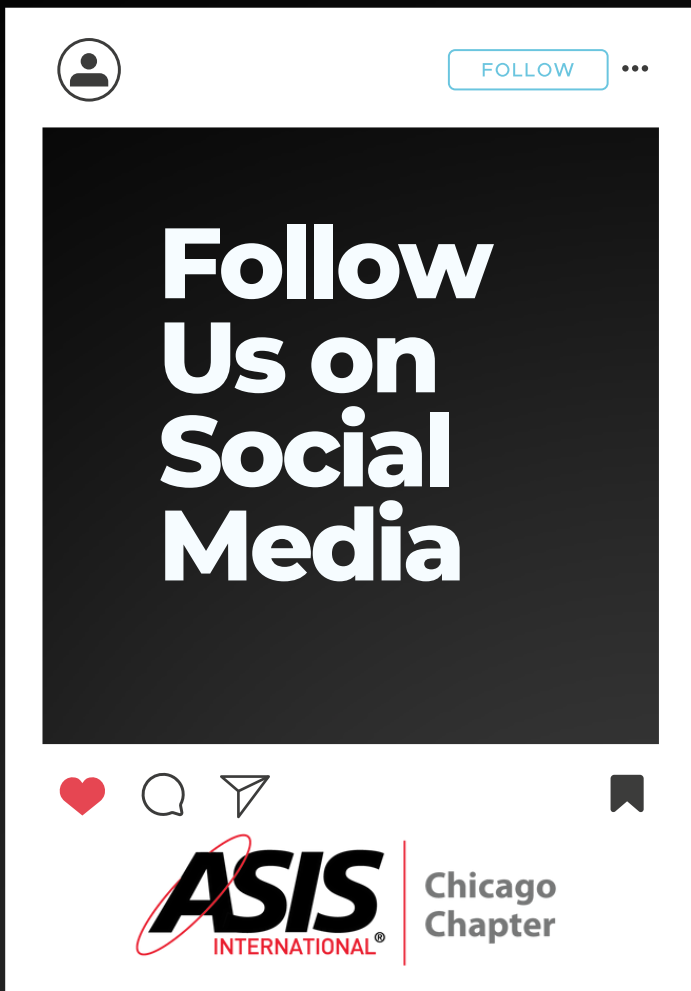


ASIS International  
Membership Renewal  
(Existing Members)



ASIS Chicago Chapter  
Dues\* (New & Existing  
Members)





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Chapter



<http://asischicago.net>

**Make sure to stay  
connected for all  
the latest news &  
updates!**



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

## **Women in Security Event Sponsor**

To become a Women in Security event sponsor, go to the Tab on the left-hand side of the ASIS website and click on Women in Security. Scroll down to the bottom of the page. Click on 'Become a WIS Sponsor' and simply follow the prompts to support furthering the inclusion of women which strengthens the security profession and helps prevent conflict in a pragmatic way.

## **NextGen Event Sponsor**

To become a NextGen event sponsor, contact Essam Choudhary at [essamc@live.com](mailto:essamc@live.com) today!

## **Chapter Sponsor**

To become a Chapter Sponsor, go to the Tab on the left-hand side of the ASIS website and click on 'Become a Website Sponsor' today!