

# ASIS NEWSLETTER

*The Chicago Chapter Member Newsletter*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIR

by Matt Maravilla  
Orion Entrance Control, Inc.

I would like to thank all the members and guests who attended our Chapter meeting on June 17, 2021. I believe that the topic was great considering Chicago went through a lot of ups and downs not only due to COVID but also due to last year's protests. In hearing the speakers, I definitely realized that we learned a lot from mistakes made and we rebounded quickly to correct them.

I hope everyone enjoyed the new venue and the food! I personally thought the food was amazing, and being a coffee nut, really enjoyed the coffee. With that being said, I look forward to September's meeting and seeing everyone in person again! Stay safe and see you at the Golf Outing on Friday, August 13, 2021. Check out the newsletter for further details.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE ASIS ASSISTANT REGIONAL VP FOR REGION 2C

by Jason Sikora

Hello and thank you for your patronage of ASIS International and the ASIS Chicago Chapter. My name is Jason Sikora and I am an Assistant Regional Vice President for Region 2C of ASIS International. Region 2C covers a geographic area that includes Indiana and Illinois. In my role, I support the Chicago, North Shore and Illiana Chapters.

My career in security started back in 2006 just outside of Detroit. At that time, I was laid off from my job in retail due to the automotive industry crisis of that time. My brother, who was a mall security officer at the time, was able to get me a job very quickly with his company working in retail and commercial real estate security. As I have learned over the years, in times of crisis people need more security. It was that first job in security where I took a strong interest in serving and protecting with a goal of potentially joining law enforcement. Upon moving to Chicago a few years later, I realized that I could likely have a more lucrative career in the private sector than I would likely be able to in the public sector. So, I really started re-focusing my efforts on education, training and building my name within the security industry.

One step in this path was getting involved with ASIS International. I have been an active member of ASIS International and the Chicago Chapter since 2014. At that time, I was hoping to broaden my network in the security industry and improve my skills as a security professional. It was not long after that when I saw an opening for the Young Professionals Liaison for the ASIS Chicago Chapter which sounded like something that could really help me get better acquainted with the association while also getting my name out there. So, I threw my name in the hat and was selected to take over the role the following year by Catherine Grochowski, who was the Chapter Chair at that time. I truly believe that this moment was a pivotal point in my career as it exposed me to many other leaders in the industry and taught me that volunteer work can pay-off exponentially and in ways I never expected. In my role as the Young Professionals Liaison, I founded and led the Young Professionals and Emerging Leaders in Security (YPELS) networking and education group. The main goal of that group was to host events that catered to the needs of security industry newcomers who had a shared interest in networking and sharpening their leadership skills.



# MESSAGE FROM THE ASIS ASSISTANT REGIONAL VP FOR REGION 2C

by Jason Sikora

The group is now led by a group of exciting up-and- comers: Jamison Taff, Jessica Pila, and Deanna Watson. I'm incredibly excited and humbled to see the group evolve under their leadership. They host exciting events regularly for all security professionals that I highly suggest you check out.

I still feel like a Young Professional that is learning every day, but I'm starting to realize that:

- 1) I'm no longer young
- 2) there are others out there that need to be given the same opportunity that I was given by Catherine so long ago.

So, as a soon-to-be-veteran of the security industry, I would encourage anyone is who is interested in building their network and getting their name out there to get involved and volunteer. There is nothing more rewarding or perpetually humbling than volunteer leadership.

The Chicago Chapter is full of incredibly talented security professionals with a long history of incredibly dedicated volunteer leaders. The chapter is currently being led by one of the most incredible teams I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They are constantly working to give each ASIS Chicago member a valuable membership experience. I would like to give them a huge "kudos" for keeping the Chicago Chapter active and well virtually during the pandemic, while also supporting other surrounding chapters of ASIS by letting them join the monthly virtual seminars as well. Each of you are tremendous servant leaders and our industry owes you great debt of gratitude.

If anyone is interested in joining their team now or in the near future, please reach out to them now.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing all of you again very soon (hopefully at the golf outing too)!

Cheers,  
Jason





# DIVERSITY WITHIN SECURITY: AGB FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP

by Jesica Lopez-Huskey

Did you know that one of the best ways to boost your company’s levels of success is through hiring diverse employees? A recent McKinsey study demonstrated that “companies in the top quartile for racial and ethnic diversity are 35 percent more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians.”

One easy way to help your company with its diversity and inclusion of employees is through an intern partnership with the AGB Foundation.

I happen to work as a Marketing Manager at AGB Investigative Services which is the largest Black-owned full service cyber and physical security firm in the nation. 98% of my co-workers are minorities, and 65% reside in the most violent areas of Chicago.

AGB also has two non-profit organizations- The AGB Institute which is focused on providing education and training, and The AGB Foundation whose mission is to disrupt the cycle of poverty through workforce development, financial literacy, and philanthropy.



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# DIVERSITY WITHIN SECURITY: AGB FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP CONTINUED

by Jessica Lopez-Huskey

## Internship Details

The Always Giving Back Foundation offers a 6-week program which exposes diverse high school students aged 16-19 to a variety of work environments. It introduces them to the internal operations of a successful business and provides opportunities for them to learn about the daily expectations and challenges within the security profession.

## The Illinois Youth Investment Program (IYIP)

The AGB Foundation receives funding for the annual internship program from the Illinois Youth Investment Program (IYIP). IYIP is a multi-faceted approach to youth employment that invests in the future of Illinois' at-risk transition-age youth (16-24). This approach to youth employment accounts for the youth's employment barriers as well as the physical, emotional, social, and mental health needs while helping them to secure and sustain long-term and/or career employment thereby ensuring a greater likelihood of success and self-sufficiency.



“The AGB internship has broadened my horizons, taking me out of my comfort zone, and exposed me to the professional world in ways I have never imagined.”

– Erin Gayles 2018 Summer Business Intern

## Call to Action

If your business is interested in partnering with The AGB Foundation to provide summer interns for your company beginning next year, please contact Sara Martinez, Program Manager, at [sara.martinez@agbfd.org](mailto:sara.martinez@agbfd.org) or [sara.martinez@agbinvestigative.com](mailto:sara.martinez@agbinvestigative.com). Visit [www.agbfd.org](http://www.agbfd.org) for more information.

Thank you for considering diversity and inclusion within your company.

Best,  
Jessica Lopez-Huskey

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AN INVITATION FROM YPELS

Young Professionals & Emerging Leaders in Security

## SPEED MENTORING EVENT

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH**  
**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Prudential Plaza  
Outdoor Terrace  
130 E Randolph St  
Chicago, IL 60601

Tickets \$30 Per Person

- Small Appetizers
- Alcoholic Beverages

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Given the positive changes seen in Chicago, we understand that our members are eager to resume in-person events again. As such, we're thrilled to announce that the Young Professionals & Emerging Leaders in Security (YPELS) will be having their 2021 kickoff event on July 28th from 4:30PM - 6:30PM.

Please join us for the first ever Speed-Mentoring event at Prudential Plaza's stunning outdoor terrace overlooking Millennium Park! The mentors come from all walks of security and have generously volunteered their time for this event.

Given the diversity of our industry, the mentors have been strategically selected based on their position and past success. The mentors in attendance will come from the following sectors of security: consulting, contract security, systems integration, systems manufacturing, emergency preparedness and public service.

Young Leaders will rotate between mentors every 15 minutes, so that you have a chance to connect with everyone. There are sure to be some interesting, challenging, and provocative discussions during the event - so if you have a question or business challenge to tackle, bring it along!

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and will include small appetizers and alcoholic beverages to encourage networking before, during and after the session.

Since this is the first YPELS event of the year, please make sure to reserve your spot ASAP. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone and hope to see you there!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Did you know that ASIS International has a membership for those who have retired from the security industry?**

The Chicago Chapter is proud to announce that in 2022 we will roll out a Chicago Chapter retiree membership as well. Those who have retired from the industry and still want to be part of the Chicago Chapter will be able to maintain their Chapter membership for only \$10.



## **Retired Membership for ASIS International**

**\$100 USD available to individuals who have reached the age of 67 and:**

- will enter full retirement from the security industry on or after January of the calendar dues year.
- are currently retired (no longer serving as a security professional).
- are not a majority stakeholder in a security company.
- and have been a member for the immediate past ten consecutive years at the time they seek retired member status.

**Note: Verification required. Processing may take 2-3 business days. Upon approval, you will receive email confirmation and instructions to remit payment.**

**HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR 2021 ASIS  
INTERNATIONAL  
DUES?**

**INVEST IN YOURSELF AND YOUR  
CAREER— RENEW TODAY TO  
ENSURE YOU STAY A PART OF  
OUR MEMBER COMMUNITY OF  
34,000 AND CONTINUE  
ENJOYING THE MEMBERS-ONLY  
RESOURCES**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



The  
President's  
Challenge

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## New Protection of Assets (POA)

As a Chicago member you have access through your membership on our Chapter website to the new POA that was announced. If you are studying for any of the ASIS designations, the old POA is still there but will disappear December 31, 2021.

After January 1, 2022 only the new POA will be available and exam questions will be from the new POA.

For more information about this and other announcements, please visit <https://community.asisonline.org/home>

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please note that there will not be a Chapter Meeting for the months of July or August.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th



**GSX**  
GLOBAL SECURITY EXCHANGE

27-29 SEPTEMBER 2021  
ORLANDO, FL, USA | ONLINE



# DICK NORWOOD GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH  
TAMARACK GOLF CLUB

7 AM REGISTRATION  
8 AM GOLF SCRAMBLE  
1 PM LUNCH  
RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZES

DIRECT INQUIRIES / COMPLETED  
REGISTRATION FORMS TO  
STEVEN SIEGEL AT:  
EMAIL: [STEVEADVIL@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:STEVEADVIL@HOTMAIL.COM)  
PHONE: (219) 263-9085

## DATE & TIME

**Friday, August 13th**

Registration Opens	7:00 AM
Shotgun Scramble	8:00 AM
Lunch/Reception/Raffle	1:00 PM

## LOCATION

Tamarack Golf Club  
24032 Royal Worlington Dr.  
Naperville IL 60654

## COST

Single	\$130
Foursome	\$500
Meal Only	\$50

Includes Door Prizes, Contests & More!

# SPONSORSHIP

## PREMIERE/ 2 DRINK SPONSOR

**\$1,650**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- #1 Banner Placement at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 1 Year Website Sponsorship

## PLATINUM/ LUNCH SPONSOR

**\$1,350**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- #2 Banner Placement at Dinner Event
- Lunch Buffet Sign
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 1 Year Website Sponsorship

## GOLD SPONSOR

**\$1,150**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- Name at Top of Banner at Dinner Event
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## SILVER BREAKFAST/COFFEE SPONSOR

**\$1,000**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for Two
- Breakfast/Coffee Sign
- Name at Top of Banner at Dinner Event
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## BRONZE SPONSOR

**\$850**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for Two
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## TROPHY SPONSOR

**\$500**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for One
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Sign at Trophy Table

## CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR

**\$400**

- Free Lunch & Drinks for One
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Sign at Contest Hole

## DELUXE TEE SIGN SPONSOR

**\$275**

- Single Golf Tee Sign
- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

## SINGLE TEE SIGN SPONSOR

**\$150**

- Single Golf Tee Sign
- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

# REGISTRATION

## SINGLE GOLFER

**\$130**

- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

## GOLF FOURSOME

**\$500**

- Free Lunch & Drink for Four

## MEAL ONLY

**\$50**

- Free Lunch & Drink for One