



# COMMON GROUND

SUMMER 2009

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As your President, I thank each of you that took the time to attend the annual meeting in Detroit as a part of the Associations One Conference. MCSA hosted the networking reception for Associations One that followed our board meeting. Investigators and security leaders attended the reception from the mid-west region.

I am pleased to announce that the PAC Challenge made by former Vice President John Rutherford is a resounding success. It is still not too late to contribute with your personal check to the MCSA PAC. The total raised as result of many contributions is over \$2500.00 for the PAC. This money will go a long way in our efforts for legislative action in this session. Once again, we certainly thank John Rutherford for the kick in the pants that got this whole fund raising going. We are pleased to announce that John is also on the mend from medical issues and continues to be a strong advocate of MCSA.

The draft of the rewrite of PA 330, the Security Guard and Alarm Company statute is now out for consideration. Your legislative committee chaired by Don Grant has been busy getting the bill drafted. The bill is now being reviewed and will soon be introduced and then to the legislature for action. Please contact Chairman Don Grant with your suggestions on the bill language.

Dividend checks were handed out at the Annual Meeting to members whose dues are current. If you have not received your dividend check for your company, contact the MCSA office as your dividend check is probably waiting for your dues renewal.

I want to congratulate our new officers for this coming year. Vice President Don Grant, Treasurer Terry Reese, and Board Member Michael Preece. MCSA is proud to have these members in a leadership role for our industry and our members of Contract Security. If any member has suggestions, comments or criticism, please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members or attend our next board meeting to learn what is going on.

With that segway, our next board meeting is in August and will be held at the Julian Vail, LLC offices in Lansing. More will come with the date and exact time for the meeting.

Unity is important within our industry and the MCSA strives to bring our industry together. If you know of agencies interested in joining MCSA, please contact our MCSA office at (800)992-4845.

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Dale White,  
MCSA PRESIDENT

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**CONTACT INFO UPDATES**

We at the MCSA office like very much to stay current with our members. We invite you to send us any updates or changes you might have in your contact info. Also if you have an email address, we would like to include this in our records as well.

All updates should be sent to:  
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# CAPITOL REPORT

There is plenty to be involved with at the Capitol. As you can imagine, the budget process is taking the majority of the attention and time of our legislators. The budget cuts, the Governor's Executive Order and lack of revenue are front-page news and tasks our legislators nonstop to keep ahead of the financial hardships. At a time when unemployment is up, tax revenues are down, layoffs in most work environments and residents expecting the same role of government, it is not easy being a lawmaker. We at Julian Vail, LLC, remain busy while meeting, greeting and educating members of the House of Representatives on the Contract Security Industry. Julian Vail, LLC communicates with your President Dale White and Legislative Chair Don Grant to keep them abreast on issues important to be aware of and those to promote in the Legislature.

We report to the board and membership on a regular basis to keep you informed of the status of bills and the process that we follow in promoting agenda items important to you and the industry.

The blue back (draft) legislation on the rewrite of PA 330 is completed and being reviewed at this time. Once introduced, we will inform you of the House Bill number and the committee schedule for the bill. Please feel free to contact Don Grant, Legislative Chair, or Larry Julian if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

Larry, Val and the entire staff at Julian Vail are relieved and thankful that President Dale White is recovering and has a positive report from his recent surgery. Our prayers for good health are with him.

We look forward to seeing you all soon at the legislative hearing on PA 330.

**Julian Vail, LLC, Legislative Liaison**

Looking for information on licensing? Visit [www.michigan.gov/dleg](http://www.michigan.gov/dleg) for more information and contacts within the department.

Curious what's happening in the Michigan legislature? Visit [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov) for legislative committee meeting schedules and agendas for the meetings.



# Investigative & Security Professionals for Legislative Action Launch New Initiative to Combat Detrimental Legislation!

Never before has the security and investigative industries faced so many legal threats to their ability to do business. It is expected that the 111th Congress, supported by privacy advocates and consumer and labor organizations, is set to introduce legislation that will curtail access to database information and call for the redaction of Social Security numbers and dates of birth on public records.

The American Bar Association has proposed Resolution 301 in response to state licensing of computer and digital forensic investigators. Choice Point has been acquired by Lexis-Nexis, leading to potential anti-competitive consequences. There is a proposed Model Private Investigator Act for consideration before the American Legislative Exchange Council and there are several studies by ASIS International relative to security issues and best practices.

But there is good news! A new voice for the investigative and security professions has been launched. A group of industry leaders, experienced in handling legislative and regulatory affairs for a number of respected professional organizations, have formed Investigative & Security Professionals for Legislative Action (ISPLA) to fulfill a need at the federal level that has not been addressed until now by any national association. This political action committee (PAC) creates a mechanism for individuals and professional associations to participate in lobbying and financially supporting qualified political candidates for office.

ISPLA will be asking Congress to review existing law and take a cautious approach to restricting access and other measures that may have a significant impact on the judicial system, law enforcement, and corporate America. We support the State licensing processes and encourage the enforcement of existing laws, regulations, standards, and restrictions governing access to and distribution of personal identifying information.

This ISPLA call for membership and financial support is being disseminated to 25,000 investigators and security professionals. You are invited to play an integral role in ensuring that this profession is properly represented in Washington as we create a formidable political action committee to represent your interests. Join with other professional association leaders who are committed to coming on board to ensure that our professions' interests are protected from ill-conceived legislation and burdensome regulations. Our annual dues are just \$99. Go to [www.ispla.org](http://www.ispla.org) and join today via electronic payment. Checks may also be mailed to the address below.

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*Executive Committee Officers: Peter Psarouthakis, Chairman; Alfred P. Cvasin, Secretary; Alan Goodman, Treasurer; Bruce H. Hulme, Director of Government Affairs*

*Committee Members: H. Ellis Armistead, Nicole Bocra, Jim Carino, Paul Dank, Paul A. Jaeb, James H. Olsen, and Edward N. Spicer*





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**2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
*Please check appropriate category:*

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>INDIVIDUAL      \$250.00</b> May hold office, holds one vote, may serve on committees; i.e.: licensee, employee of licensee	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PARTNER      \$250.00</b> Non-exclusive, non-voting membership for businesses and organizations who market to the security industry; i.e.: Insurance agencies, uniform suppliers, payroll processors, attorneys, etc.

*MCSA dues cover membership from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.*

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# Annual Meeting a Success

The Annual Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, MI was a great success. Thank you to those that attending this meeting. The board and committee have been taking great stride and are working on an important piece of legislation.

We ask that you take this time to reach out and recruit new MCSA members in an effort to protect the contract security industry in the state of Michigan during these difficult times.



*Julie F., James Conrad, and John Rutherford taking notes during the Annual Meeting.*



*The Campbell Group rewarding MCSA with their dividend check. Pictured from left to right: Julie F., John Thomas, Dale White, John Rutherford, Don Grant and Kevin Whaley.*

## **ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS**

**Vice President**  
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## **MCSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

August 19, 2009	MCSA Board/Membership Meeting
September 16, 2009	MCSA Board/Membership Meeting
November 18, 2009	MCSA Board/Membership Meeting

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