



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Becki Sammons, President, Iowa State Police Association

Hello fellow ISPA members,

I am honored to represent all of you as this year's president of the ISPA, which just celebrated its 90th year. Past-President Josh Bell and the members of the CRPPA certainly helped us celebrate in style with a fantastic conference in Cedar Rapids. Their hard work and dedication really paid off, I would especially like to recognize the amazing hospitality and friendliness of everyone who worked so hard to make it happen—Local 5 really did have our Six!

As for the serious business of representing our interests at the Capitol, the fight continues to get some enhancements and protections added to chapter 411, the code which governs our pension system. It is always an uphill battle with the cities when it comes to anything which might increase their costs, but we are making some progress toward getting the changes we want. We are also pursuing other proactive law enforcement legislation and will have our official ISPA legislative day on February 7th. Our lobbyists continue to help us reach the right people with the right message to further our goals, and we are working closely with IPOA and other organizations to present a united LE presence. Stay tuned for legislative updates once the session begins in January.

Other upcoming changes to watch for include an online ISPA "merchandise store" and the ability to make Officer Assistance donations and pay dues electronically. I look forward to the opportunity to represent the ISPA in Des Moines and in Washington, and at other forums throughout the coming year. Please reach out to me or any board member if you have ideas or concerns that you think need our attention—we try hard to make sure your interests are front and center with the legislators. I'm also looking forward to hosting the 91st annual Conference in Iowa City next October 9th -11th, I hope to see you there!