

Unfortunately on Friday July 25, 2025 we were contacted by Stephen Foertsch, who is the plan administrator for the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) Legal Defense Fund (LDF). He told us their Board of Trustees had decided to stop the joint LDF venture with ISPA. Foertsch said they had recently lost a large number of their Minnesota LDF members and their board felt it was not a good time to start this new program. The short version is that ISPA **will not** be joining the MPPOA LDF.

Needless to say this came as a big surprise to all of your ISPA Board of Directors as just as recently as the last week or so we had been talking to them about the best way to handle dues collection and member verification. On top of this we had recently talked to one of the executive assistants to provide hotel and conference information so they could come talk to the delegates.

For over 7 months your ISPA board has been working on bringing the legal defense fund to our membership. We have spent countless hours in discussion and planning only to have MPPOA LDF decide to not partner with ISPA less than two months before we were supposed to start signing-up members. For over 7 months every time we asked if everything was moving forward or still a go, we were told yes.

We are deeply disappointed with MPPOA and LDF representatives for their lack of communication and transparency with this decision. We truly believe their decision was not made overnight and for whatever reason they chose to not communicate with ISPA Board members that they might not be able to do this program or even tell us they might need to put a pause on it.

While we understand MPPOA LDF has to do what they feel is best for their membership, we feel their abrupt notification to end this program was done with lack of respect and zero courtesy for ISPA and our members. Your ISPA Board of Directors apologizes for any inconvenience or issues this causes our members.

Please feel free to contact any ISPA Board of Director ([https://www.ispaonline.com/en/executive\\_board/](https://www.ispaonline.com/en/executive_board/)) or myself if you have questions. We can't guarantee we will have the answer, but we will do our best to answer them.