

SECRETARY-TREASURER

By Ryan Goecke, Secretary-Treasurer, Marshalltown Local #17

Greetings Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) Members and supporters. Thank you for getting your 2023 dues renewals in. As our primary source of revenue this is most important to stay on top of this. Along with this is a reminder to notify your local or ISPA if you have a change of address or beneficiary. There are many benefits for our members but the most important is that, as stated in the purpose of founding the ISPA, "It shall ever be the purpose of the order to work for the betterment of all police officers, and their families in this state."

The ISPA Board continues to seek additional benefits for our members. Please visit the ISPA website to learn more <http://www.ispaonline.com/>. Our newest is the Officer Assistance Program. Police Officers are usually the last to ask for help. If you know of a co-worker struggling with expenses for a debilitating illness or injury to themselves or immediate family member, natural disaster or catastrophic circumstances please make application for them for financial assistance.

I can't stress enough the importance of grassroots efforts in lobbying legislators when there is legislation important to law enforcement. The ISPA Board and Lobbyists spend time monitoring new bills, contacting House and Senate leadership and attending committee meetings. Contacting your local senator and representative goes a long way toward these efforts. It usually doesn't take a much. Find your legislator <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find> and leave a message or send an email. If you're not sure what to say just contact one of the Board members for assistance.

This will be my last year on the ISPA Board. This started for me in 2008 when I was first elected and continued when I took over secretary-treasurer duties when Rick Host retired. Past President Dave McFarland, Local #12 Waterloo will do an outstanding job. Contact information for the ISPA is:

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Thanks ever-so-much for your support over the years. Serving on the ISPA Board has truly been my pleasure.

Stay safe!