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## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

By Todd Thoeming, ISPA President



Greetings,

It is hard to believe I have had the honor of serving on the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) Board for seven years. In that time, I have made several wonderful lifelong friends from the ISPA Board and ISPA Conferences. Friends have also been made with board members of the Rabiner Treatment Center and National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO).

I would like to extend my congratulations and welcome to Past President Ryan Goecke, who has been hired as the new secretary/treasurer for ISPA. Ryan will start shortly and work with current Secretary/Treasurer

Rick Host for the transition.

This year's legislative session was dramatic. Several new laws were passed that benefit law enforcement and some were passed that don't. This next year appears to be another challenging year. If you have been reading the newspapers, you have seen there is talk already starting about public pensions. I'm asking you to let your representatives know that we do not want to see any changes in any of the pension systems and that changes would not be beneficial to the state.

ISPA Local 2, Davenport, is finalizing details for the 85th Annual ISPA Conference October 9–11, 2017, at The Radisson in downtown Davenport. The conference starts on Monday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. with our golf outing at Emeis Golf Course. There will be bags and poker tournaments on Monday evening at Modern Woodman Park. Tuesday's educational presentation will be on surviving PTSD. Wednesday will be business meetings with the conference ending with a formal banquet dinner and presentation of the Iowa Law Enforcement Purple Heart Awards Ceremony.

The men and women of Local 2 and I look forward to seeing you in October.