President's Message

Fellow IAI Members,

Jim Murray, the IAI's conference planner, Jim Gettemy, the program chair, and I recently visited Phoenix to make final preparations for the annual conference this summer. The conference site at The Pointe Hilton on South Mountain is one of the best I have ever seen. All guest rooms are two-room suites, the meeting rooms are spacious and well appointed, and a golf course is part of the property. Five restaurants on the hotel site should accommodate every taste.

Jim Gettemy has the speakers' program almost finalized, and it looks very, very impressive. As in the past, the mornings will be devoted to general sessions with the afternoons (and a few evenings) given over to multidisciplinary workshops and breakout meetings. I look forward to a most enjoyable and productive conference, and I hope that many members will be able to attend.

There has been occasional confusion and misinformation regarding the process of running for office in the IAI. Although the process has not changed, the following is presented to minimize any confusion that might exist:

> Anyone desiring to run for an IAI office must appear before the Nominating Committee on the first Monday of the conference. As stated in Article VI, Section 1, of the IAI's constitution, that committee is composed of all past presidents in attendance at the conference who wish to serve, the chair of the Board of Directors, and one associate member.
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> Incumbent officers, to include vice presidents and board members, seeking the same office or, in the case of the vice presidents, the successive office, **do not** have to come before the Nominating Committee. *Non-incumbents* desiring to run for any office, including the Board of Directors, **must** appear in person before the committee. In addition, nominations for office may be made from the floor during the Annual Business Meeting, but each candidate ***must*** speak briefly on his or her own behalf after being nominated from the floor. It

should be noted that the Secretary-Treasurer, Legal Counsel and Editor are appointed, not elected, positions, so they do not fall within the above guidelines.

The IAI Image Quality tests conducted at NIST have been completed and a compression ratio of 15:1 has appeared to be acceptable for IAFIS applications. Complete test documentation has been forwarded to all IAI officers and board members, and is available from any of these individuals. In addition, the complete test will be published in a future *Journal.* Interestingly, the FBI has adopted the 15:1 compression ratio as the basis for continuing the development of the IAFIS system.

I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix for what promises to be a most productive and educational experience.

Joe Polski
President, IAI

Presidential Appointments

President Polski has appointed Charles J. Parker, Corpus Christi, TX, to be the regional representative for the Texas division. Mr. Parker, who is also the able editor of the *TDIAI Newsletter,* was selected after the death of the former regional representative, T. O. Bock.

President Polski also has appointed Allan E. Ruprecht, Dearborn, MI, to be the new regional representative for the Michigan-Ontario Identification Association, a chartered IAI division, after the resignation of the former regional representative.

In addition, President Polski has asked Nancy E. Masters, Sacramento, CA, to serve as chair of the IAI's Safety Committee for the remainder of 1994. Ms. Masters, who has written several comprehensive articles related to safety that have appeared in *JFI*, replaces John F. Fischer. Mr. Fischer resigned as chair after years of dedicated effort and service to the IAI in that capacity.