

2014 IFSAP Annual Conference Re-Cap

This year's conference was held at the Irish Cottage in Galena. We had 56 attendees, 3 from our sister organization in North Carolina. All attendees truly enjoyed getting to know Carol, Dottie & Beverly and we found many common issues. We were very fortunate to have professional informative high energy speakers present sessions to our attendees. Eddy Weiss kicked off the conference with Disaster Preparedness ~ a timely reminder of the weather conditions and "new" world we face. Karl Ottosen reviewed the federal and state support documents required for handling disabilities and line of duty deaths including outside organizations that provide additional support. Karl also facilitated the open forum fielding several legal questions.

Bob Buhs and Jim Dominik reviewed our current Executive Support Program material and our attendees recommended revisions. They moved on to the Executive Support Level II Program and presented potential material for this course. We are looking for 1 member from each ESP Class to participate in the pilot program. Interested members please contact IFSAP President Sue Scheuer-McBride. We are hoping to roll this program out in 2015. The conference also included our annual meeting including swearing in our new board members. We raised \$4500 in sponsorships allowing us to keep the conference costs low, bring in a National Speaker and award 1 conference scholarship. Our raffle raised \$600; these funds will be utilized for future educational needs.

Thursday night's multi-cultural dinner menu was a hit. Entertainment by "Rinker Rhythm" kept the dance floor moving. Attendees enjoyed multiple trips in the photo booth. Kudos to the board and committee for a great conference, you are incredible!

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