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Dear National Academy Associates,

Welcome to 2019! With the start of a new year also means the changing of your California Chapter Executive Board. At our 2018 conference in Lake Tahoe, Assistant Chief Josh Ehlers of the California Highway Patrol, Session 259, was elected as the 4th Vice President. Josh will serve the Sacramento Division.

Past President Janis Trulsson rejoins the Executive Board after an eight-year hiatus and will serve as the Chapter's Corporate Sponsorship Development Coordinator. In her new capacity, Janis will work closely with 1st Vice President Eric Sonstegard to build and cultivate relationships with businesses that bring new and innovative products to our industry while supporting our Chapter. Thank you Janis for your continued commitment to the California Chapter.

With the appointment of Janis, I want to recognize Chief Rox Kennedy of the Chula Vista Police Department and Session 243, for her years of dedicated development as the Chapter's first Corporate Sponsorship Development Coordinator. Our Chapter's increased fiscal stability can be directly attributed to Rox's determination and focus in her role with the Chapter. Thank you Rox for the years of commitment.

As I stated during the swearing ceremony at the conference, the 2019 Board will undertake three initiatives this year. First, we will look at the possibility of conducting a west coast version of the Youth Leadership Program. Second, we will continue to review ways to continue to build our Chapter's fiscal structure; we had a strong 2018 fiscal year and we need to build upon that success. Lastly, we will continue to look for ways to enhance our communication to the membership through our website and mobile platforms.

As you know, each year our Chapter hosts two very meaningful training programs. The Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) will take place April 8th through the 11th in San Diego. 3rd Vice President Eric Thunberg and the FBI San Diego Field Office have been working diligently to prepare this always-popular seminar. Registration is now open at <http://www.fbinaasandiego.org/>.



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The 2019 FBINAA Advanced Trainer or yearly conference will be held September 3rd through the 5th at the Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach. 1st Vice President Eric Sonstegard is in the final stages of curriculum development for the conference and creating various networking opportunities.

The California Chapter's "crown jewel" experience, the Youth Leadership Program (YLP), returns to the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions for 2019. Vice Presidents Craig Chew (San Francisco) and Josh Ehlers (Sacramento) will coordinate this year's selection process. The application period is now open. The applicant must be between at the ages of 14-16 at the time of the program (June 20th – 28th) and live within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco or Sacramento Field Offices.

In late 2018, the Chapter partnered with the University of San Diego to study the future issues facing law enforcement. Please take the 5 to 10 minutes needed to complete the survey. The results will help drive future areas of focus for our conferences and training. Access the survey at: https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3fZncyyK8TSJ7f. The password is USD.

With a new year brings membership renewal. Starting on January 5, 2019, you can renew your membership online by visiting your profile at www.fbinaa.org. Your dues are the same as 2018.

Sincerely,

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