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This year has flown by so fast that it is time for me to say goodbye as your chapter chair. I cannot believe that an entire year has passed by this quickly. I know every chair seems to say this, but I really do feel that there was just not enough time to get everything accomplished. I started the year with ideas and plans for everything, and finished the year wondering where the time went.

I want to start off my final view from the chair by acknowledging the hard work of all the committee and event chairs that made this year a success. We started the years off on the right foot with Darryl LeDoux and his committee's hard work and dedication on the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He set a tough standard for the upcoming year to follow. The next team that needs to be thanked is the May Seminar and Exhibits committee, which was a new combined format with HTCIA. I would like to personally thank Carlos Galvez, Patrick Sharkey, Art Lesser and Bill Stepka for all the hard work and time they put in on behalf of the chapter. From here, I would like to thank Larry Reid and Kris Rennet are once again chairing the event this year. As in the past, this event went off without a hitch. I glad to see that our last major event in November, Security Officer Recognition day, was a smashing success. I would like to give special thanks to Bob Denny, J.T. Stachler, Michael

Clements and Art Sluauer for throwing such a perfect event. We were lucky enough to have over 300 attendees for this year's event. The hard work and dedication of all these individuals have set the standard for next years events and committees to strive for.

I would also like to thank Rebecca Clevenger with Allied Barton who held the Membership Committee Chair. This has been a rather challenging year. With the new event format and changes in our joint ventures this year, our membership numbers have grown drastically. She has continued to assist these new members and maintained their access to the chapter website. Without your hard work, our membership would truly suffer. I would also like to acknowledge the continued support from Ron Kane as our Chapter Photographer, Rudy Dubord C.P.P. for taking back on the Certifications Chair, Kathy Goelkel for her efforts on the IB Hale submission; Bill Stepka C.P.P for taking on the Historian Chair, John Suhr for taking on the Placement Chair, and last but defiantly not least, Ron Sathre C.P.P. as our RVP. As always I would like to thank Alex Dourov our webmaster who has allowed our chapter to dominate ASIS webspace. If I have left someone out, I do apologize. My memory is not as good as it used to be. All these individuals are truly the supporting cast of our organization and should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

I could not have completed this year without taking this time to say a special thank you to the 2006 Executive Council that made this year the success that it was. First, I would like to thank Spike Speicher with Strategic Security. Spike Served as Vice Chair this year and truly was my right hand man. His efforts and planning really did make this year a success. Next, I would like to thank Karen Moore C.P.P. with SIM Investments, our Treasurer. She has put in endless hours in order to make sure that this chapter stays financially sound. Without her hard work we would not be able to continue to hold the type of events our membership has grown accustomed to. Finally, I would like to thank Debb Rodriguez of ABM / ACSS Security Service who served as both Secretary and Hospitality chair. Debb's hard work and dedication is shown at every event. Their continued support and dedication has been vital to the success of the Chapter this year.

The year I spent serving as your Chapter Chair has been an experience that I will never forget. Even though it probably caused me some major signs of stress (such as gray hair, memory loss and an ulcer) at times; the outcome and results of my year in office was very rewarding for me. This year's events and responsibilities allowed me to meet many new individuals and colleagues that I will rely in my professional life for years to come. I have enjoyed representing this chapter and all the individuals that comprise our local membership, so I thank you for the opportunity you bestowed on me.

The chapter has one last event to finish off the year right and I hope that all of you will attend. Symantec at 350 Ellis Street, Mountain View CA. will host our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 21, 2006. We will be hosting this free luncheon to thank the chapter for all the hard work and support that you the members have provided this year. We will be having our annual Toys for Tots drive as well as a final good bye roast to Lifetime members Bob Denny and Wayne Dexter. So please take the time to join the chapter for this special upcoming event. In order to accurately plan for the meal, please take a moment to register for this meeting.

The one thing that I would like to leave the chapter membership with is that everyone needs to volunteer their time in order to make this chapter a success. The Chapter is going through a growth period in its 50th anniversary year and a lot of our older members are retiring. These individuals have been the backbone of the chapter committees and executive board for the past few years. We need all members to participate and step up in order to allow this chapter to thrive over the next 50 years. Our younger members need to participate, assist or volunteer within all level of the organization so that they can learn

from those that have come before them. If everyone takes the charge now, our organization will be prepared to take on what lies ahead.

The chapter is in fine hands for the 2007 year with the incoming Chair Spike Spiecher. Spike's years of experience and dedication will take the chapter to the next level. He has shown this year that he knows where the chapter needs to be and he is definitely the right person to help take us there. Thanks to all and Good Luck to Spike!

Respectfully,  
*Curtis Given, CPP*