



# 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECAP

We are pleased to say we had another great year at our 2023 Annual Conference! The event took place October 17th - 19th at the Agua Caliente Resort in Rancho Mirage.

This year we brought back our networking and trivia session as well as the delicious food from our President's Reception. New this year we hosted the Under the Stars Poolside Reception where we honored the 2023 Security Officer Award Winners as well as presenting the Howenstein Lifetime Achievement Award.



## Check out photos from the Annual Conference

The 2023 Annual Conference began on Tuesday afternoon with the popular BSIS bootcamp presented by our Association President, David Chandler. For this year's networking session, our Ambassador Committee switched things up from Jeopardy to traditional trivia where attendees competed against each other answering questions related to the security industry and pop culture. We appreciate all those who participated in this friendly game.



## Interested in joining the Ambassador Committee?

Our Tuesday night tradition continued with the President's Reception sponsored by conference Presenting Sponsor Assured Partners. A favorite by all attendees, we were excited to add a twist to this year's reception with a live mariachi band! We look forward to continuing this new tradition next year.



The Annual Conference continued Wednesday morning with a full day of speakers, starting with the State of the Association address from CALSAGA President David Chandler followed by a Legal Update presented by Barry Bradley and Jaimee Wellerstein of Bradley, Gmelich & Wellerstein. Barry and Jaimee advised about new statutes and employment law cases and legislations that affect PPOs, PSEs and private security training facilities.

CALSAGA Lobbyist Kelly Jensen of Sloat, Higgins, Jensen addressed attendees during lunch to give a Legislative Update. Per your feedback, this year's program included the session Tearing Down the Myth of Complicated Sourcing and Enticing Top Talent which provided practice tips and advice for recruiting great candidates. Thank you to The Works Consulting for sponsoring a mid-session snack break.



Thank you to our Happy Hour sponsors on Tuesday, GardaWorld and Wednesday, Allied Universal Security Services. We always enjoy this time during which our attendees can network with our vendors and sponsors.



Wednesday evening was the debut of our new event, Under the Stars Poolside Reception. A beautiful evening where we recognized officers in our industry who have gone above and beyond and performed lifesaving acts. This year's Howenstein Award was awarded to Mark Miller for his tremendous work supporting the security industry. A special thank you to Trackforce Valiant + TrackTik for hosting our bar at this event and to Defencify Training for sponsoring our officer awards.



Our last day of the conference is always a popular one! We started off the morning with Anne Laguzza of The Works Consulting and Gary Bradley of St. Moritz Security Services presenting Level Up Your Human Resources. Followed up by a 2024 insurance update from CALSAGA's Preferred Broker Assured Partners, Shaun Kelly. We wrapped up the week with the BSIS Chief Lynne Jensen and Chief Deputy Sam Stodolski hosting a Q&A with attendees. This event is always one to look forward to and we are grateful for the incredible working relationship we have with the Bureau and their continued presence at our Annual Conference.

A special thank you to Agua Caliente Casino and Resort. This location boasts beauty and hospitality, we are thankful they welcome us back each year. Finally, we wouldn't have been completely successful without the support of our sponsors and vendors!

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We appreciate everyone who completed the Annual Conference survey following the event. Your feedback helps us to plan events that will be most beneficial to you. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces next year! Please make sure to save the date: October 22 - 24,

2024.