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## Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

### A Message from President Maria Tsocanos

This is an unprecedented time. We've all been faced with personal and professional challenges over the last few months. I would like to acknowledge and give praise to those of you who have had to adapt to various roles outside of the normal course of business in your places of work to assist with COVID-19 related tasks.

During this challenging time many people have lost their jobs and in some cases loved ones due to COVID-19. Our NEAFS community has also experienced the loss of a dedicated NEAFS member, Dr. Donald Hoffman. His presence at our annual meeting will truly be missed. This is a time that we have never experienced in our lifetime but I hope we will become a stronger community as a result.

We as an organization will continue to strive to succeed in our mission, of bringing information and exchanging ideas in the field of forensic science. It may not be in person but we will do our best to do whatever we can virtually until the day comes that we can have in person meetings and training sessions.

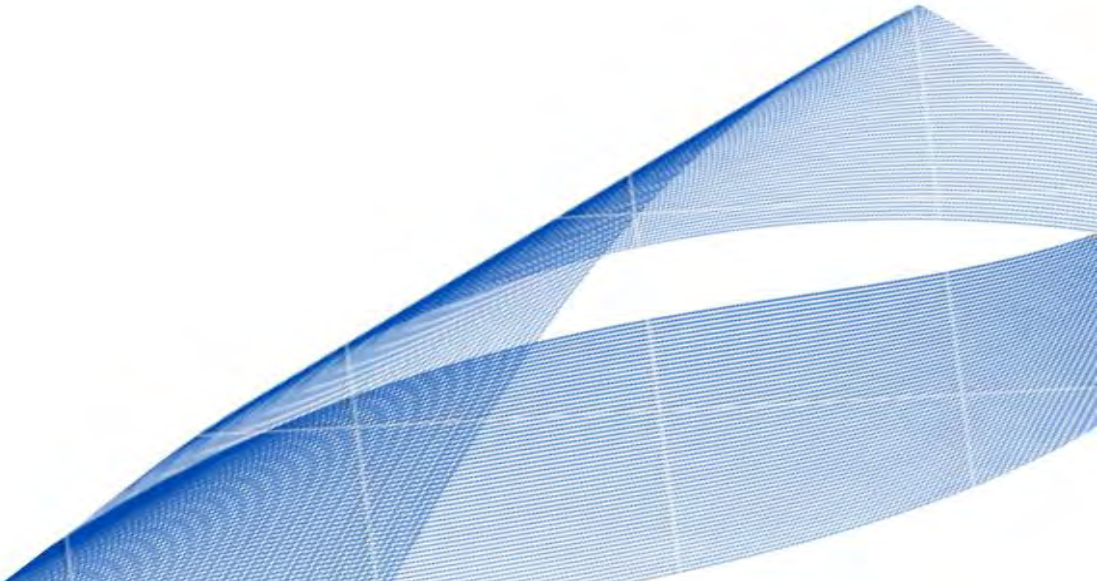
President- Elect Angela Vialotti and her team are hard at work planning our next annual meeting. This years' meeting will not be like any other. It will be our 1st Virtual NEAFS Annual Meeting. We are very enthusiastic and excited to continue with our great program. Please stay tuned for details.

Lastly, if you have not paid your membership dues yet do not worry because we have waived all the late fees for this year during this difficult time. If you or someone you know who is a NEAFS member has difficulties paying their membership dues, please contact the membership chair Anisha Paul at [membership@neafs.org](mailto:membership@neafs.org).

As always, please contact me at [president@neafs.org](mailto:president@neafs.org) with any questions, comments or concerns.

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Maria Tsocanos  
2020 NEAFS President





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## Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

### **A Message from the Program Chair**

Hello, fellow NEAFS Members. I hope this message finds you safe and well.

I would like to begin with a thank you. Thank you, NEAFS, for your patience. With much assistance from the board, committees, and staff, I have been working on how to tackle the meeting given the uncertainty of restrictions on gathering sizes, the challenge of hosting a conference while social distancing, while trying to be mindful of the different regulations throughout our region. You have allowed me the time and opportunity to thoroughly do so, and for that I am incredibly grateful. Thank you.

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce the organization's first virtual conference. It was with much consideration that the decision was made to transition the annual conference to a virtual platform. It is my hope that this format will result in greater accessibility and convenience for all attendees. In areas where there might not be a travel budget, or there might be travel bans, or anywhere there might be travel-fear, it is my goal to still provide the quality content and continuing education that NEAFS has provided in the past. As of now, the virtual meeting will encompass the same dates as previously scheduled; Wednesday, October 14th - Saturday, October 17th. As more of the conference schedule is established it will be posted to the website.

Although I will miss seeing you in person (and dancing with you), I look forward to attending with you in October.

Thank you again for the opportunity to create a meeting that will bring us together.

**-Angela**





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# **NEAFS 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

## **October 14th - 17th**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Abstract Form can be found on the NEAFS website at [www.neafs.org/callforpapers](http://www.neafs.org/callforpapers).

**MEMBER** or **ACTIVE APPLICANT** presenting a technical talk or poster  
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**DEADLINE: *September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020***

**PLEASE NOTE:** All presenters must register for the meeting. In addition,  
reimbursement for registration must be submitted after presentation has been  
given at the meeting.

You will be notified whether your abstract is approved as is, approved with suggested modifications, or not selected. It is recommended that abstracts be from 250 to 500 words and must accurately reflect the content of the presentation.

#### **Peter R. De Forest Student Competition Rules and Guidelines**

Students may choose to enter their presentation (oral or poster) in the Peter De Forest Student Competition. To be eligible to compete, a presenter must be enrolled as a full or part time undergraduate or graduate student during the time the research was performed and completed. A graduation date within 6 months of the NEAFS meeting at which the work will be presented is acceptable, provided the work was completed before the graduation date. NEAFS membership is not required. Presentations should consist of original research or ideas. Literature reviews will not be accepted into the competition. Students will be judged on both scientific accuracy and presentation skills. For collaborations, only one student will be eligible to present the work and the award will go to the presenter, not the project. No two students may present the same project, even if in a different format (oral vs poster presentation.) The student presenting the work should have contributed and completed the major portion of the work themselves. A student may present their research in both oral and poster format, however only one format may be entered into the competition.

Abstract Form can be found on the NEAFS website at [www.neafs.org/callforpapers](http://www.neafs.org/callforpapers).





## Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Meritorious Service Award Nomination Form

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists is accepting nominations for the Meritorious Service Award.

This award is given to a NEAFS member that has a history of providing commendable service to the forensic science community by serving justice through casework, performing research advancing forensic science, training and educating forensic scientists and future forensic scientists, and overall contributions to the NEAFS organization. The nominee must have held the status of Regular Member within NEAFS for at least 10 years to be considered.

In addition to this form, a letter of recommendation outlining the nominee's contributions must be emailed to [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org). All nominations must be received by September 1st. The winner of the NEAFS Meritorious Service Award will be announced during the annual meeting.

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# IN MEMORIAM

Donald Hoffman, Ph.D., ABFT.

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It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of Dr Donald Hoffman. He checked himself into the hospital in mid-March with flu-like symptoms, and lost his battle with COVID-19 a short time later.

I was privileged to call Don my friend, as we worked together for many years at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. We must have had hundreds of meals together, both in the faculty dining room, and more frequently after work at local restaurants around the neighborhood. We also rode together to and from the NEAFS Annual Meetings every year from 2004 to 2019. Don enjoyed every NEAFS meeting, and frequently signed up for the toxicology-related workshops immediately preceding the Annual Meetings. I've included just a few of the many photographs I took of my friend Don during NEAFS 2019.



Dr Hoffman was an accomplished chemist and toxicologist, having received his BA degree in chemistry from New York University and his Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Columbia University. He worked at the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) as a forensic toxicologist for 27 years, and continued in forensic toxicology as a private consultant right until the virus took him from us. Don was passionate about the field, and often answered calls from attorneys as we were dining. I was always amazed at how detailed and technical his answers were, with zero preparation or advance knowledge of whom was calling or what they were calling about.



# IN MEMORIAM

Donald Hoffman, Ph.D., ABFT.

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Dr Hoffman began teaching forensic toxicology and pharmacology at John Jay College 44 years ago, impacting over 3,000 students in his career there. During that time, he also mentored many students on their research projects, and in 2006 was recognized for his contributions by the Forensic Science Society with an award "In Recognition of Outstanding and Dedicated Support to the Society and the John Jay Community". To further honor his dedication and contributions, his family is establishing The Donald B. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship in Toxicology to benefit students at John Jay College who have chosen the toxicology specialization.

In addition to co-authoring dozens of articles on forensic tox during his career, Dr Hoffman wrote a chapter on postmortem toxicology in Wiley & Sons' Forensic Chemistry Handbook. He was a voracious reader of toxicological material and always strove to remain current in his field. I would often drop by Don's office unexpectedly, only to find him reading a journal article on advances in instrumentation techniques, sample preparation, metabolites, new synthetic drug manufacture, and the list goes on.





# IN MEMORIAM

Donald Hoffman, Ph.D., ABFT.

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Don always enjoyed a good meal, dessert (hold the whipped cream), two cups of coffee and finish off the session with a big cigar. These were his most relished moments. The 2019 NEAFS President's Banquet was particularly suited to his favorite indulgences with its "Roaring Twenties" theme. Fortuitously, Don found a cigar shop with walk-in humidor right around the corner from the meeting hotel, where he purchased the cigars used to complete the period theme costume. Always considerate and kind, Don bought the cigar that I am "smoking" as well.

The forensic toxicology community lost a valuable resource, an exceptional scientist, a dedicated toxicologist, and I have lost a dear friend - Donald Hoffman.

Peter Diaczuk

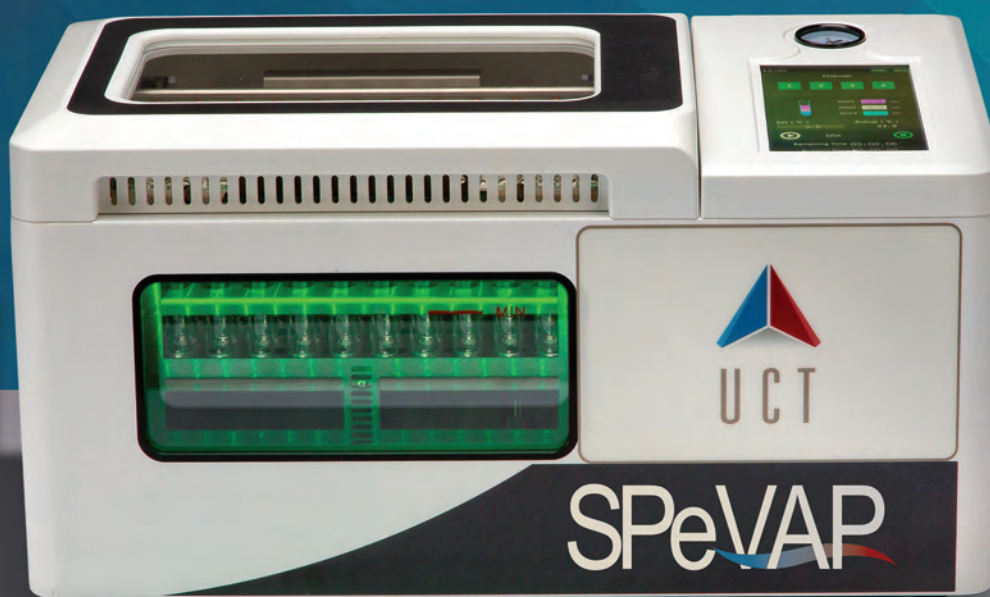


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# Webinars

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## **MAFS Online Training Opportunities**

Good morning! We offered this to our MAFS Members, but thought we would open up the opportunity to all forensic scientists. If you are interested, feel free to pass along. The early webinars are 8-hours and the 2019 is a 4-hour session.

In an effort to offer some training opportunities, MAFS has made archived versions of the Leadership Symposium webinar available for you to view. Maybe you regretted missing the webinar the first time around? Now is your chance to revisit them and sharpen your saw! Unfortunately we cannot provide you a certificate for viewing the webinars, but we hope this can be helpful for those that may be missing training opportunities or for those that are working from home.

If you would like to view the webinars, [this link](#) will send you to the google drive where they are kept. You will find webinars on Transitioning to Leadership (2016), Communication (2017), Motivation (2018), and Leading Change (2019). Pdf's of the slides are available for the 2017 and 2019 webinars. A big thank you to Brian Hoey and Brooke Ehlers for making these webinars available!

The MAFS Training and Education Committee is diligently working to offer you more virtual training opportunities, so stay tuned! We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

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## **Promega Webinar Series on the OSAC-ASB standards process and selected DNA-related standards in July-September 2020.**

For more information and to register click [here](#).

# Upcoming Training

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## August 2020

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### **Basic Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist**

**The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF's Forensic Science Laboratory-Washington located in Ammendale, Maryland**

**Monday, August 17 through Thursday, August 20, 2020**

Introductory Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist is a four-day course designed for state and local government laboratory analysts in the early stages of fire debris training or with less than a year experience in conducting fire debris analysis casework. This class covers the basic theory and concepts analysts need to understand in order to help them gain initial competency from their agency. Classroom learning will be enhanced with hands-on exercises and small group assignments.

There is no tuition for the course, but participant's agency must cover all travel and per diem costs.

The deadline for submitting an application for the course is May 1, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their status for the class by mid-May.

Download application [here](#).

# Upcoming Training

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## December 2020

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### **Introductory Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop**

**Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute, 9601 NW 58th St., Doral, FL 33178**

**December 7-11, 2020**

Violent crimes usually result in bloodshed. When physical forces act upon liquid blood, patterns will be deposited on the various items at the crime scene, as well as the clothing of the individuals present during the activity. These patterns can yield valuable information concerning the events that lead to their creation. The information can then be used for reconstruction of the incident, as well as to evaluate the statements of the witnesses and the crime participants. Bloodstain pattern evidence can be of value in the investigation of any violent crime in which bloodshed occurs.

#### Workshop objectives:

- 1) Teach the investigator how to identify bloodstain pattern evidence at the crime scene.
- 2) Teach the investigator how to properly document bloodstain pattern evidence.
- 3) Teach the investigator how to properly preserve the bloodstain pattern evidence.
- 4) Teach the investigator how to reconstruct bloodstain patterns at the crime scene.
- 5) Provide the foundation for teaching the investigator how to interpret bloodstain pattern evidence.
- 6) Teach the investigator the safety and health issues associated with bloodstain pattern evidence.

#### Workshop Goals:

- 1) To be able to recognize bloodstain pattern evidence at the crime scene.
- 2) To be able to properly document and preserve the bloodstain pattern evidence.
- 3) To be able to properly use bloodstain pattern terminology.
- 4) To be able to identify simple bloodstain pattern types.
- 5) To obtain basic bloodstain pattern analysis knowledge that will be the foundation for additional training culminating in being able to evaluate and interpret bloodstain pattern evidence and render an opinion concerning that interpretation.

The objectives and goals will be achieved through lecture, discussion, practical experiments with blood, and case studies.

Workshop Description: <http://noslowforensic.com/new-page/>

Instructor: Toby L. Wolson, M.S., F-ABC, Noslow Forensic Consultation, LLC, E-mail: [Toby.Wolson@gmail.com](mailto:Toby.Wolson@gmail.com)

Further information about this workshop can be obtained at the following website: <http://noslowforensic.com/new-page/> or by contacting Toby Wolson ([Toby.Wolson@gmail.com](mailto:Toby.Wolson@gmail.com)).



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## NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS 2020 TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) is proud to offer its members a Training Scholarship Fund (TSF). **Members in good standing are eligible to receive up to \$400 towards training, workshop or non-NEAFS meeting registration and travel expenses.** Individuals will only be allowed reimbursement once per application period. Any NEAFS Annual Meeting expenses are ineligible to receive funding. Reimbursement will occur upon receipt of a certificate showing successful attendance and completion of the course along with an article summarizing the course for the NEAFS newsletter.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must submit a *Pre-Approval Application* prior to attending the training for which they wish to obtain funding. All applications must be complete with a brief course description, statement as to how the applicant will benefit from attending the training and justification for receiving funding (i.e. insufficient employer funding or continuing education requirements).

Notification will be given to each applicant upon receipt of the *Pre-Approval Application*. This notification lets the applicant know that their submission has been received **by the Awards Chair** at NEAFS and is being reviewed. Applicants can expect to be informed of the acceptance or rejection of their application within 60 days of receiving this *Pre-Approval Application* notification.

Upon successful attendance and completion of the training, all pre-approved applicants must submit a *Reimbursement Application* along with supporting documentation. Whenever possible, a certificate should be provided as proof of attendance and completion. If a certificate is not issued, or is unavailable, a letter from the organizer/instructor verifying the applicant's successful attendance and completion shall suffice. Each Training Scholarship Fund recipient is required to contribute to NEAFS and its members by publishing a written article in the Newsletter. *Reimbursement Applications* will only be considered complete when accompanied by a 1000-word (minimum) course summary.

All application materials can be found on the NEAFS website. Please submit all inquiries, applications and supporting documentation to: [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org).



# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

## TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### PRE-APPROVAL APPLICATION

*Instructions: To be completed prior to attending the workshop/meeting eligible for reimbursement.*

#### Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEAFS Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABC Status:    Diplomat    Fellow    Board Member    Affiliate    Exam Committee

#### Training Information

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor/Host Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendance Benefit to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Expenses

Registration Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Justification for Reimbursement: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be reimbursed by your agency or any other non-NEAFS related entity for any expenses incurred as a result of attending the above training?    Yes    No

If "Yes", provide funding agency and amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been funded to attend all or part of a workshop or training course this year?    Yes    No

If "Yes", provide cost of workshop(s)/training(s) attended and amount compensated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Reference #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_





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## TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

*Instructions: To be completed upon successful completion of the workshop/meeting approved for reimbursement.*

#### Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Training Information

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor/Host Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instructor/Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If applicable, provide proof of attendance and successful completion by attaching a certificate to this form.

*NOTE: Each applicant must write a 1000-word (minimum) course summary to accompany this form. Applicants awarded full or partial workshop reimbursement will have their course summaries published in the NEAFS Newsletter. The preferred format is a Microsoft Word document. Reimbursement applications submitted without a course summary will be considered incomplete and ineligible for reimbursement.*

#### Reimbursement Information

Expense(s) Incurred: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Applicants must provide proof of payment for each expense listed on this application.

Will you be reimbursed by your agency or any other non-NEAFS related entity for any expenses incurred as a result of attending the above training? Yes No

If "Yes", provide funding agency and amount: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Reference #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS



For questions, additional information or to volunteer please contact Adam Hall at: [treasurer@neafs.org](mailto:treasurer@neafs.org)

## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING



**Newport Marriott**

NOVEMBER 1ST 2021 - NOVEMBER 5TH, 2021



# Certification Reimbursement

The NEAFS Board of Directors has voted to reimburse the American Board of Criminalistics and International Association for Identification exam sitting fees for five NEAFS members (regular or associate) in good standing who pass the ABC or IAI exam. This offer is for any exam completed in 2020. After passing the examination, please fill out the Certification Reimbursement Form ([www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org)) and email the completed form with proof of passing the exam to the NEAFS Certification Chair Peter Diaczuk at [certification@neafs.org](mailto:certification@neafs.org). The reimbursement is based on a first come first served basis. Remember you must pass the ABC or IAI exam to be considered for reimbursement.

The following are current examinations that are offered:

Comprehensive Criminalistics Examination (CCE)

Drug Analysis (DA)

Molecular Biology (MB)

Fire Debris Analysis (FD)

Hairs and Fibers (HF)

Paints and Polymers (PP)

For more information about the examination sitting, please contact Peter Diaczuk at [certification@neafs.org](mailto:certification@neafs.org).

For more information about the examination and the American Board of Criminalistics, please visit <http://www.criminalistics.com>.



## Historical facts – NEAFS

- “NEAFS was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated forensic scientists dedicated to improving the professional status and technical capabilities of individuals engaged in all phases of forensic science.” “To accomplish its goals, NEAFS conducts continuing education seminars featuring workshops and special training sessions. The Annual Meeting...presents a contagious atmosphere of scientific exchange and social congeniality.” Mark Lewis, President 1980
- The first Editor of the newsletter in 1976 was R.E. Gaensslen
- The first meeting of the Executive Board was on May 1, 1976 by President Angelo Fatta. Also in attendance were Vincent Crispino, R.E. Gaensslen, Thomas Kubic, Carl Moller and Alexander Stirton.
  - On this first meeting, it was stated that there were 211 members and this number included applicants. Six of those members were upgraded to Regular members.
  - The first annual meeting was being discussed. The annual meeting was to be a one day meeting on or about October 23, 1976. Tentative sites were John Jay College or C.W. Post College. The schedule was: 8am-12pm Coffee and Registration, business meeting and split sessions; Lunch; 1pm-5pm two general interest talks, split sessions, mixer and dinner. The split sessions included serology, microscopy, arson, toxicology and drug identification. The general interest talks would be short and would be concerning aspects of forensic science that would be unfamiliar or unusual to most members.
- NEAFS was incorporated by the State of Connecticut on May 12, 1976. Vincent Crispino, Thomas Kubic and Henry Lee were the Incorporators.
- The NEAFS newsletters were published by the Forensic Sciences Foundation which was located in Maryland.
- A joint meeting was held on April 15-16 with MAAFS in New Jersey as well as the Annual Meeting of NEAFS on October 29<sup>th</sup> in 1977.
- Dr. Peter De Forest chaired the Hairs and Fibers Session during the Second Annual Meeting. Alexander Stirton chaired the Serology Session and Dr. Jesse Bidanset chaired the Toxicology Session during the Second Annual Meeting.
- The newsletters included information from other regional organizations as well as NEAFS.
- In 1977, the BOD acted as an ad hoc Education Committee and set up two courses entitled: “Forensic Microscopy” and “Introduction to the Forensic Applications of Infrared Spectroscopy”.
- A luncheon was held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of NEAFS and consisted of salad, a choice of roast beef or filet of sole, dessert and a beverage for \$6.00. Cocktails were \$1.50 and beer and wine were \$1.00.
- In 1978, the annual meeting was increased to a two day program instead of one day.
- George Neighbor volunteered to chair the Paint analysis program for the 1978 Annual Meeting.
- In 1978, NEAFS sponsored a training course entitled “Basic Bloodstain Analysis” and it was taught by Dr. Henry Lee, Dr. R.E. Gaensslen and Dr. Peter De Forest. This course was held at the University of New Haven.
- George W. Neighbor was the Secretary of NEAFS in 1978.
- Thomas A. Kubic was voted in as a Life Member of NEAFS while he was President in 1978.
- In 1979, Chris Chany was approved to become a Provisional member from a student member and Peter Diaczuk was approved to be a Corresponding member.
- George W. Neighbor was President-elect in 1980.
- Travel reimbursement for mileage was 17 cents/mile in 1980.
- NEAFS had 400 members in 1980.
- In May 1980 in Louisville Kentucky, NEAFS participated in the first multi-regional association meeting.
- George W. Neighbor had a BA degree in Chemistry from Rider College and a MS in Forensic Science from John Jay College. He worked as a Principal Forensic Chemist for the NJSP in the North Regional Laboratory in Little Falls, NJ where he supervises the trace evidence and bio-chemical units. Prior to working with the NJSP, He has

twenty years of industrial research experience in materials analysis. He served as Secretary for two terms (1978-79) and was a member of the AAFS and the Forensic Science Academy. George became President of NEAFS in 1981 – the 7<sup>th</sup> year in NEAFS history. George stated at the end of his President's message in the March 1981 newsletter "Now you can call me George, or you can call me G.W., or you can call me George W., or you can call me Hi Neighbor". In 1989, George presented "Trace Evidence Never Grows Old" during the Criminalistics Session.

- In 1997, the Scholarship award was renamed the George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- In 1980, the Annual Meeting budget was \$2000.
- 1980 Goals of NEAFS
  - Exchange ideas and information among professionals in the field
  - Promote recognition of forensic science as an important part of the justice system
  - Sponsor and organize seminars, workshops, and special training sessions
  - Represent the membership on national issues affecting forensic science
  - Encourage research and development
  - Stimulate implementation of new methods and techniques
  - Establish professional standards
  - Provide advice on educational curricula, legislation and other matters affecting the profession
  - Arbitrate professional disputes
  - Foster friendship and collegiality among the forensic scientists of the Northeast
- For the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, the room rate was \$55 (single or double).
- The 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was the first meeting held in New England in Peabody, MA. A clam bake was scheduled.
- The door prizes that were given out at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting were a Commodore 64 Computer, Cannon AE1 Camera, Reflecting Telescope and an AM-FM radio.
- Our current method of visiting the exhibitor booths and obtaining confirmation of the visit goes back to at least the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 1983.
- The door prizes given out at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting which was donated by Perkin-Elmer were a Video Cassette Recorder, Compact Disk Player, Scientific Programmable Calculator, Cordless Telephone and a Sony Walkman.