

# *NEAFS Newsletter*

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Photo courtesy of Peter Diaczuk:

.357 magnum, S&W model 19, firing Winchester "Win Clean" ammunition at a moment before/after discharge. The blurred streak on the right (center photo) is the bullet in flight. Frames are 1/300<sup>th</sup> of a second apart.

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## **President's Message**

It is hard to believe that June is almost a memory as we dive headlong into the dog days of summer. I hope everyone is enjoying their summertime with time well spent with family and friends. As summer careens on through I certainly hope all of our members are able to take some time to recharge his or her batteries. Visions of barbecues dance through my head.....

Along with those visions of barbecues, visions of this year's annual meeting are currently racing through the head of this year's Program Chair, President-elect Laura Tramontin. Please check the NEAFS website over the coming weeks to get more details on what's in store for members attending the meeting. Laura has a tremendously information packed agenda in place for all attending. These include workshops planned in Fire Debris, DNA Mixture Interpretation, Trace Evidence Analysis, as well as vendor sponsored workshops in LC/MS and GC/MS. Each workshop providing information to the various sub-disciplines that makes up our membership. Along with jam packed sessions in Drug Chemistry, Forensic Biology, Criminalistics, Toxicology, and both General and Plenary Sessions, Laura has an exceptional meeting in store for all of us.

If you are considering submitting an abstract and presenting a paper, keep in mind that the rest of this summer will fly by in no time. Abstract submission forms as well as Session Chair contact information is currently available on the NEAFS website. Check it out.

As always NEAFS continues to strive to bring you informative training and educational opportunities during the year as well. Heading into July there are three upcoming training events scheduled at Cedar Crest College as part of the 2009 NIJ Supported Summer Workshops series; Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for the Laboratory Scientist, Incorporating Concepts of Quality Assurance & Quality Control into Crime Scene Investigation, and Courtroom Testimony for the Forensic Scientist. Each of these is at an affordable rate for those members interested. I would encourage you to look into taking one (or more) of these if possible. These workshops continue our trend of bringing you valuable training opportunities at an affordable price. Again, check the website for more details.

As we continue throughout the year it is difficult to predict where we will be within the next 6 months in terms of the economy, government restructuring and all of its potential implications. There are hopefully a few constants, or certainties; tomorrow being another day, and this year's annual meeting. It looks to be a great one!

I will keep you posted in upcoming President's Messages, and look forward to speaking with you again soon.

Have a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,  
David San Pietro  
NEAFS, President

## Annual Meeting Update from the President-Elect

While most of you are enjoying summer vacation plans, the session chairs, workshop moderators and myself are busy finalizing the details of the upcoming annual meeting. This year's 35th Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> along the Jersey Shore in Long Branch, NJ. Although it won't be beach season, the hotel does offer spectacular ocean views.

Check out the NEAFS website for more details on hotel information, registration, and abstract submissions. Please get those abstracts for presentations and posters in as soon as possible so we can all enjoy the rest of the summer knowing we have a quality program in place for the fall.

We are offering five workshops this year, attempting to cover all the investigative areas. John Butler returns to NEAFS to share his wealth of knowledge on DNA, Dr. Peter DeForest will share his expertise in Trace Evidence, Carl Chasteen will provide insight in the interpretation of Fire Debris data, and Agilent Technologies is sponsoring Advanced GC/MS System Optimization. We are trying something new this year with a multi-vendor LC/MS workshop co-sponsored by Agilent, Applied Biosystems, Thermofisher Scientific, Shimadzu, and Waters/Micromass.

The General Session is titled "Notable NJ Cases". It offers a forensic look at six cases that impacted future investigations in NJ. We plan to start with NJ's very first case in forensics and end with more recent notorious cases. We have a mix of presenters including forensic scientists, investigators and prosecutors. It promises to be informative regardless of what state you come from...

As you review the Meeting schedule, you'll notice we've implemented a few changes. We will be bringing back the Plenary Session this year. John Collins and Jay Jarvis, editors from Crime Lab Report will share the results of their study to examine the accuracy of claims that faulty forensic science is a leading cause of wrongful convictions. The Educator's Forum has been moved to Wednesday afternoon with the "The Future of Forensic Science Education" providing the topic of the discussion. All the Technical Sessions will be offered on Thursday, which means NO Saturday sessions! You'll be able to sleep in after three days of working hard (and three nights of playing hard).

There's an old saying, "We get out of life, what we put into it." The same can be said for NEAFS, "You get out of NEAFS, what you put into it!" My goal is for everyone to get the most out of this year's Annual Meeting. Get involved, participate, volunteer, and share your ideas and information.

I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Tramontin  
NEAFS President-Elect  
2009 Program Chair



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# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual NEAFS Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009



Meeting information  
available online at:

[www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org)

Ocean Place Resort and Spa  
Long Branch, NJ

(800) 411-7321

[www.oceanplaceresort.com](http://www.oceanplaceresort.com)

## NEAFS Group Reservations

(Group Rate not available online)

Room rate: \$149.00\*

single/double occupancy (\*plus taxes)

Resort fee: \$12 per person/per day (covers use of the fitness center, indoor pool, parking, local and toll free long distance telephone calls, wireless high-speed internet, daily [Mon.-Fri.] newspaper, private beach access, luggage handling, shuttle to Long Branch train station, bellman and housekeeping)



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## **NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting - Meeting Schedule**

### **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Microscopical Thinking and Trace Evidence
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Chemical Aspects of Fire Debris Analysis
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: LC/MS and LC/MS/MS Redefined
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: DNA Literature Review & Mixture Interpretation
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Advanced GC/MS System Optimization
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Educator's Forum
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Exhibitors Setup
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Beach Bonfire (Weather Permitting)

### **Thursday, November 5, 2009**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Drug Chemistry
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Biology, Part I
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Criminalistics, Part I
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	ABC GKE Exam
10:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Exhibitors
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Toxicology
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Biology, Part II
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Criminalistics, Part II
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Student's Forum
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Poster Session / Welcome Reception
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Scientific Session: Interesting Cases

### **Friday, November 6, 2009**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Exhibitors
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	General Session: Notable NJ Cases
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Luncheon
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Plenary Session: The Wrongful Conviction of Forensic Science
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Business Meeting
8:00 PM - 12:00 PM	President's Reception

# NEAFS 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## CALL FOR PAPERS – ABSTRACT FORM

**DEADLINE: September 4, 2009**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenting Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Authors and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific Session:    ☐ Biology                      ☐ Criminalistics                      ☐ Drug Chemistry  
☐ Toxicology            ☐ Interesting Case Session    ☐ Poster                      ☐ Education Forum

Audio-Visual equipment needed:

☐ PowerPoint    ☐ Slide Projector    ☐ VHS Video Player and Monitor    ☐ Overhead Projector

Time needed for presentation:   ☐ 10 min    ☐ 20 min    ☐ 30 min

Please specify the version of PowerPoint used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this form online at <http://www.neafs.org/annualmeeting/annmeeting.htm> and email to the Program Chair and appropriate Session Chair.**

**All speakers need to complete and submit the Registration Form.**

### ABSTRACT



# NEAFS 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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NEAFS ANNUAL MEETING: NOV. 4-6, 2009

Ocean Place Resort and Spa

Long Branch, NJ

[www.oceanplaceresort.com](http://www.oceanplaceresort.com)



**EDUCATOR'S FORUM:** WED., NOV. 4, 2009  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**TOPIC: The Future of Forensic Science Education**

We are looking for Speakers for this year's Educator's Forum!! A 30 minute presentation is desired but not mandatory.

Please fill out the Abstract form on the NEAFS website and send to Beth Saucier to reserve your spot!!



**Deadline: September 4, 2009**



Please send abstracts to:

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Call 978-451-3504 with any questions and/or to reserve your spot!!

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**([www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org))**

**REGISTRATION MAILING ADDRESS:** NEAFS Registration, Old Chelsea Station, P.O. Box 1246, New York, NY 10113-1246.

WE MAY NEED TO CONTACT YOU, THEREFORE, PRINT LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER.

**ANNUAL MEETING / WORKSHOP Registration:** You are considered pre-registered when the Registration Chairperson receives a completed registration form and full payment no later than October 8, 2009. After this date, ALL registrations will be processed as ON-SITE. There is a \$ 20 late fee for any registration process as ON-SITE. Registration is not accepted via email or fax, *unless* Paypal is utilized as form of payment. You will not receive confirmation of your registration status.

**If using Paypal, PAYMENT and COMPLETED Registration FORM MUST BE SENT to the following email address: [registration@neafs.org](mailto:registration@neafs.org).**

**WORKSHOPS:** Workshop attendance requires additional fee. Workshop(s) are *not* included with Annual Meeting registration. Workshop space is filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. The President-Elect reserves the right to cancel any workshop if timely registrations are not received for the minimum number of participants. If a workshop is cancelled, notification and full refunds will be made. You may not register for more than one workshop if the workshops are held during the same time frame.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION (in U.S. dollars):** NEAFS tax identification # 51-0213291  
Purchase Order or Vouchers are **NOT** accepted unless accompanied by full payment. Accepted forms of payment during Pre-Registration Only are either via Paypal, check or money order. Payment via Paypal may be made on the NEAFS website up until October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (<http://www.neafs.org/annualmeeting/annmeeting.htm>)

**CANCELLATION / REFUNDS:** If you cancel your workshop or meeting registration your written, signed and dated request must be mailed to the NEAFS Registration Chairperson at the above mailing address. If you cancel, your registration fees will be refunded, as follows: postmarked no later than October 21, 2009, full refund, less \$ 20 processing fee; postmarked between October 22-28, 2009, 75% refund; postmarked between October 29-November 3, 2009, 50% refund. No refund request honored if postmarked after November 3, 2009.

**SPOUSE:** Reduced rate registration is available to a spouse (non-forensic scientist) only with a full paying registered forensic scientist. The reduced rate (spousal) registration permits attendance during scientific sessions, all breaks and receptions.


**LUNCHEON:** Tickets for attendance at the Friday Luncheon are available with PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. If attending, be sure to select your entrée preference, if no selection is made, chicken will be served. If you have a food allergy, inform your server. If attending the Luncheon, your registration packet will include two separate tickets, one is for entry into the Luncheon room; the entrée selection ticket, is for the food service provider.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Any fee is the responsibility of the registrant. There is neither substitution nor transferring of registration.

If you have a concern or question please email the Registration Chairperson at [neafsdotorg@yahoo.com](mailto:neafsdotorg@yahoo.com).

# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING --- November 4 - 6, 2009

<b>I. REGISTRATION INFORMATION</b> (Please print or type all information)			<b>MAIL your completed form &amp; payment to:</b> NEAFS Registration, Old Chelsea Station PO Box 1246, New York, NY 10113-1246 Email Questions: neafsdotorg@yahoo.com
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Last Name _____	Fax _____		
Organization _____			
Street _____			
State _____ Phone _____			
Email _____			
Circle One: <u>NEAFS or MAAFS</u>		Spouse Name _____	
Member # _____	ABC Status <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomat <input type="checkbox"/> Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate <input type="checkbox"/> Exam Committee		

See additional page for informational details. To pre-register for the meeting or workshops, this completed form and full payment must be postmarked no later than (NLT) October 8, 2009. After this date, ALL registrations, will be processed as On-Site. There is a \$20 late fee for any registration processed as On-Site.

<b>II. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES</b>			
*For Student reduced rate registration, a copy of your FALL 2009 course schedule must be submitted, otherwise, you will be charged the full applicable meeting registration rate.			
November 4 - 6, 2009 Wednesday - Friday Sessions			
<b>Pre-Registration</b>			
Postmarked NLT 10/08/2009; After add \$20			
Member/Active Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$130.00*	
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180.00*	
*Student Member (No Luncheon Ticket)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$65.00	
*Student Non-Member (No Luncheon Ticket)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$115.00	
Spouse of Member/Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$115.00*	
DAILY REGISTRATION	Educator's Forum	Thursday ONLY	Friday ONLY
Member/Active Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00*
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00*
*Student Member (No Luncheon Ticket)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$52.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$57.50
*Student Non-Member (No Luncheon Ticket)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$102.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$107.50
Spouse of Member/Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$102.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$107.50
* Pre-Registration includes one Friday Luncheon Ticket (Select Entrée)			
# Additional fee to attend Luncheon on Friday.			
SECTION II TOTAL:			

<b>III. WORKSHOP SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES</b>		
Workshops are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Workshops are subject to cancellation.		
Workshop Title	Member	Non-Member
<b>Each Workshop Held on Wednesday, November 4th</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Debris	\$100	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> DNA	\$60	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> Trace Evidence	\$100	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Vendor LC/MS	\$20	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> GC/MS	\$20	\$20
SECTION III TOTAL:		

<b>IV. Scientific Session / Event - PLEASE INDICATE ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>Wednesday, November 4th:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Educator's Forum <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Bonfire (Weather Permitting)		<b>Friday, November 6th</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitors <input type="checkbox"/> General Session <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon ( <b>Ticket Required</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary Session <input type="checkbox"/> Business Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> President's Reception
<b>Thursday, November 5th (AM)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Biology, Part I <input type="checkbox"/> Criminalistics, Part I <input type="checkbox"/> ABC GKE Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitors	<b>Thursday, November 5th (PM)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Toxicology <input type="checkbox"/> Biology, Part II <input type="checkbox"/> Criminalistics, Part II <input type="checkbox"/> Student's Forum <input type="checkbox"/> Poster Session & Welcome Reception <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting Cases	

<b>LUNCHEON (Friday):</b> Please indicate your entrée preference if attending Luncheon. One Ticket is included with pre-registration*, (except for those who register at the reduced rate as a Student or for Thursday Only or Educator's Forum Only registrations.) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Seared Breast of Chicken  <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Grill Brochette (skewered beef, chicken sausage, &amp; pork)  <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom Ravioli                     </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>NOTE: If you have a food allergy, inform your server.</b> </div> </div>	<b>ADDITIONAL PURCHASE for Luncheon (Student/Spouse)</b> <i>[Available During Pre-Registration Only]</i> # of ticket(s) <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> * \$50.00 = \$_____
<b>PAYMENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> PAYPAL (Oct. 8th deadline)	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b> (Sum of II, III and Luncheon Tickets): \$_____



## **WORKSHOPS**

### **Chemical Aspects of Fire Debris Analysis Workshop**

**Instructor:**

Carl Chasteen, Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

**Moderator:**

Vincent Desiderio, New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences

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Cost: Members - \$100      Non-members - \$150

**Attendee Profile:**

This workshop is designed for students, new fire debris analysts, and experienced fire debris analysts who might be looking to refresh their knowledge. The topics to be discussed are somewhat advanced; however they will be presented in an easily digestible manner.

**Abstract:**

For various reasons, interpretation of data during fire debris analysis can be a very difficult task. Some of the more prevalent obstacles include the fact that ignitable liquids are present in numerous household products and can thus make significant contributions to the background, bacterial degradation may drastically alter results, and pyrolysis and combustion products can often overwhelm a chromatogram. Either taken singly or with combined effects these factors can often obfuscate interpretations to the point that it is no longer possible to determine what may have been added and what is inherent to the sample.

In order to sort through what is and is not important, it is critical for fire debris analysts to have a great deal of knowledge about what can be encountered and how it can arise in a sample. With this in mind, this workshop is designed to provide in-depth coverage of several topics that are important for the interpretation of data obtained during the analysis of fire debris. The topics that this workshop will address include: 1) a basic refresher of organic chemistry, 2) a discussion of petroleum refining processes, 3) discussions of extraction methods, chromatography, and mass spectrometry with respect to data interpretation, and 4) a discussion of potential sources of extraneous contributions including but not limited to the occurrence of background petroleum products, pyrolysis and combustion products, and microbial degradation.

**NOTE:** This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



## **DNA Literature Review & Mixture Interpretation Workshop**

Instructor:

Dr. John Butler, NIST

Moderator:

David San Pietro, Westchester County Forensic Laboratory

Phone: (914) 231-4409

FAX: (914) 231-1798

Email: [dspr1@westchestergov.com](mailto:dspr1@westchestergov.com)

Cost: Member - \$60 Non-member - \$110

Attendee Profile:

This workshop is specifically geared towards those individuals who are currently DNA practitioners with a minimum of 2 years forensic DNA analysis/interpretation experience.

Abstract:

The workshop is twofold. The first part is intended to introduce the attendees to the numerous DNA literature resources available, and the various means of accessing their information. It will also suggest effective means of reading and assimilating it. This will prove helpful in obtaining information pertaining to the newly revised DNA audit guidelines and their impact on mixture interpretation, as many laboratories will be required to address these changes. Efficient access to information will help laboratories more effectively meet these demands.

Recent revisions to the DNA audit document have focused on mixture interpretation, the deconvolution (component separation) of DNA mixtures, and their statistical analysis. The second part of the workshop is geared towards facilitating discussion on these topics. "Homework" samples will be made available on the STRBase website prior to the workshop for attendees to interpret using their laboratory's standard operating procedures. Often procedural variation may be found not just between different laboratories, but on occasion between analysts within the same lab. Agreement and consensus in approach are necessary to ensure the reliable assessment of mixture samples.

Representatives from attending laboratories will be given the opportunity to evaluate the same samples so as to encourage discussion regarding interpretation protocols. It is also hoped that attendee laboratories will make their various protocols available for discussion purposes. Attendees/laboratories are encouraged to volunteer to present their results to the class in the form of a possible small Power Point presentation for discussion purposes. There will be a quiz at the end covering the various principles discussed.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 40 attendees.





## **Advanced GC/MS System Optimization Workshop**

### Instructors:

John Pellerin, GC/MS Application Engineer, Agilent Technologies

Daron Decker, Chromatography Application Engineer, Agilent Technologies

### Moderator:

Kim Gorel, NJSP Office of Forensic Sciences

Phone: 609 584-5054 ext. 5451

FAX: 609 584-584-9976

Email: [lppgorek@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lppgorek@gw.njsp.org)

Cost: \$20

This workshop is being sponsored by **Agilent Technologies**.

### Attendee Profile:

This workshop is designed for analysts with extensive experience with GC/MS.

### Abstract:

The intermediate to advanced GC/MS chemist requires an advanced understanding of the theory and operation of both the GC and MS. This course will be team taught by specialists in both GC chromatography and MS detection. Topics to be covered include:

- 1) GC and MS troubleshooting and maintenance - offering real life solutions to chromatographic problems and spectral anomalies
- 2) Chromatographic optimization – covering how and why to choose liners and columns based on application
- 3) Simple macros for data review and reporting
- 4) Fast GC analysis applications especially regarding high molecular weight compounds.

Attendees are encouraged to email the moderator with problems and/or questions they wish to have discussed during the workshop.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



## **Welcome to the Future: LC/MS and LC/MS/MS Redefined**

### Instructors:

Agilent, Applied Biosystems, Thermofisher Scientific, Shimadzu, and Waters/Micromass.

### Moderator:

Andrea Belec, NYSP Police Forensic Investigation Center

Phone: 518 457-0054

FAX: 518 485-8502

Email: [abelec@troopers.state.ny.us](mailto:abelec@troopers.state.ny.us)

### Cost: \$20

This workshop is being co-sponsored by **Agilent, Applied Biosystems, Thermofisher Scientific, Shimadzu, and Waters/Micromass.**

### Attendee Profile:

This workshop geared toward all individuals interested in the forensic applications of LC/MS and LC/MS/MS.

### Abstract:

For many years now, we've been hearing about LC/MS and its plethora of acronyms and abbreviations: MS/MS, MS<sup>n</sup>, MALDI, TOF, APCI, ESI, quad, ion trap – and the list continues. In an unprecedented collaboration, NEAFS is proud to facilitate this workshop being brought to you by the top names in mass spectrometry.

The day will begin with a brief overview of LC and the various types of mass spectrometry while the balance of the workshop will be dedicated to presentations from leading research scientists. This will NOT be a continuous sales pitch for laboratory equipment, but rather an educational forum. These techniques will be defined and novel applications presented. Some of the topics include:

- When a single quadrupole instrument is just the right fit.

- Basics of LC/MS/MS quantitation for forensic quantitation

- Quantitative determinations using UPLC/MS/MS

- Time-Of-Flight MS

- MALDI

- LC/MS – IT-TOF

- Structural Elucidation

- Accurate Mass

Whether you're a toxicologist, a drug chemist, a trace evidence person or a biologist – if you are interested in mass spectrometry, please join us for this workshop.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



## **Microscopical Thinking and Trace Evidence Workshop**

### Instructors:

Dr. Peter R. DeForest & Peter Diaczuk

### Moderator:

Peter Diaczuk, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Phone: 212 237-8896

FAX: 212 237-8318

Email: [pedicote@earthlink.net](mailto:pedicote@earthlink.net)

Cost: Member - \$100

Non-member - \$150

### Attendee Profile:

This workshop is designed to provide the participants with a broad perspective concerning the role of microscopy and that of a generalized microscopical, or trace evidence, approach to the problems of physical evidence assessment and interpretation in complex cases. It is expected that those participating in the workshop will possess a basic theoretical understanding of polarized light microscopy, as well as a modicum of practical experience with the use of the polarized light microscope.

### Abstract:

The one-day workshop will have three interwoven components: short lectures, hands-on laboratory exercises, and presentations of illustrative case examples. The lecture portions of the workshop will present several aspects of microscopical theory and trace evidence concepts and philosophy. Two very different meanings of the adjective *trace* will be discussed. Most of the day will be spent on laboratory exercises involving trace evidence on bullets fired into various substrates and case examples. These exercises and case examples will be selected to illustrate the advantages of applying microscopical thinking and problem solving to dealing with complex cases. The point will be made that trace evidence approaches have an extraordinarily wide applicability in Criminalistics. Furthermore, the applications of this approach to casework transcend the dimensional constraints of the microscopic domain, because this process is not limited only to material transfers.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 24 attendees.

## **Proposed By-law Changes**

*The proposed changes have been voted on by the NEAFS Board of Directors for the consideration of the membership. The changes are below in yellow.*

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### Article VI, Membership:

Section 1. General qualifications: Applicants for membership shall be expected to have previously demonstrated moral and ethical conduct befitting the profession. Any application may be rejected by the Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors for the same reasons as termination of membership. (Article VI, Section 13)

Section 2. Regular Members (also referred to as Members): A Regular member of the Corporation (NEAFS) is one who has met the minimum established standards, has been approved by the Membership Committee, and is elected by a vote of 3/4 of the membership at the Annual Business meeting. A member shall be entitled to receive all publications, to a vote at business meetings, and to hold office.

#### **a. Qualifications for Regular Membership Shall Be:**

1. Hold a Doctorate, or Masters Degree, and have completed a minimum of two (2) years experience or
2. Hold a Baccalaureate degree and have completed a minimum of three (3) years experience or
3. Have completed a minimum of ten (10) years experience and be active in the field or
4. Have, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, made such significant contributions to the field and or the Corporation to warrant Regular Membership.

#### **b. Educational degrees, for the purposes of Article VI, section 2.a, are considered only in:**

1. Natural Sciences
2. Forensic Science
3. Related Fields at the discretion of the Membership Committee.

#### **c. Experience, for purposes of Article VI, Section 2.a., is considered only in the field of forensic science.**

1. Working a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week doing examinations and interpretation of physical evidence or,
  2. Working a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week having done examinations and interpretation of physical evidence or,
  3. Working as a full-time professor in forensic science or criminalistics in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited college or university.
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**Northeastern Association  
of  
Forensic Scientists**

**Employment Opportunities**

**Promega**

Field Sales Specialist - Caribbean Territory, Location: Miami, FL

Promega seeks a highly motivated professional to serve as our new Field Sales Specialist covering the Caribbean Territory. This territory consists of Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America. Ideal candidates will be located in Miami, FL. This position will provide technically-based product support to distributors and customers throughout the region.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications: Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Protein Biochemistry or closely related discipline, minimum of three years' hands-on lab experience in molecular biology, cell biology, and/or protein biochemistry, technical competency to understand and to clearly discuss fundamental theory and principles of experimental design, techniques and results, fluency in Spanish and English, demonstrated sales-related or business-related experience and proven presentation skills, ability to give technical and sales presentations to a group of 50 people or more.

The position requires strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact effectively with multiple Latin America cultures and markets, and the ability to travel up to 50% of the time outside the home base country.

For immediate consideration, please apply online at: [https://hostedjobs.openhire.com/epostings/submit.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=214632&company\\_id=15945&version=2](https://hostedjobs.openhire.com/epostings/submit.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=214632&company_id=15945&version=2)

***Posted: 06/26/2009***

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**Sheriff's Department of San Bernardino County (CA)**

Firearms Criminalist – Up to \$90,667

Sheriff's Department of San Bernardino County (CA) is recruiting for a qualified Firearms Examiner. Must meet ASCLD/LAB requirements. Experience and transcripts required.

New Deadline for Applications: 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2009

Apply ASAP: [www.sbcounty.gov/hr](http://www.sbcounty.gov/hr) .

***Posted: 06/26/2009***

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Washington State Patrol**

#### **Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Director**

The Washington State Patrol is currently recruiting for a Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Director. The Director of Forensic Laboratory Services acts in concert with the Washington State Forensic Investigations Council (FIC) in the development and implementation of statewide policy for forensic services. In addition to staff supervision and budget responsibility, the Director maintains liaison with other departments and agencies, the FIC, Washington Association of County Officials, and other criminal justice agencies to allow customer input, an interchange of goals, policies, procedures, and budgetary considerations. In addition to administering resources and managing people and programs, the Director is responsible for the staffing, budget, accreditation, fiscal policy, legislative requests, policy development, training, technical assistance and human resources for the bureau.

Candidates must have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in forensic science, natural science, or closely related field; however, an advanced degree in science or forensic science is preferred. The ideal candidate must also have ten years or more of increasingly responsible management and leadership experience in a crime laboratory system, with an emphasis on the ability to lead a statewide technical assistance and policy organization.

Click on the link below to see a full version of the job

announcement. [http://www.wsp.wa.gov/employment/docs/openings/FLSB\\_Director\\_Job\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/employment/docs/openings/FLSB_Director_Job_Announcement.pdf)

***Posted: 06/18/09***

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### **Rush University Medical Center**

#### **Autopsy Room Tech – Pathology Department**

The Autopsy Room Tech is responsible to assist the pathologist in the dissection and examination of organs and tissues to determine cause of death or pathological conditions. Set up autopsies and perform eviscerations in accordance with OSHA standards, guidelines, regulations, and infection control policies. Cleans and maintain autopsy instruments, autopsy suite, autopsy conference room, and the Pathology Lab gross stations, keeps them well stocked and organized at all times.

Requirements include: H.S. Diploma or equivalent, 1 year of directly related experience and Formal Autopsy training.

To be considered for this position, please apply online at [www.jobsatrush.com](http://www.jobsatrush.com), Job Code 2009-0697.

***Posted: 06/04/09***

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department**

#### **Firearms Examiner**

The Laboratory Division has an opening for the position of Firearms Examiner. Responsibilities are to conduct forensic examinations for firearms and tool marks on crime related evidence. Identify the microscopic markings left on evidence and how they relate. Prepare documentation and reports on the results, testify in court and provide expert testimony on general firearms capabilities and examination methodology.

Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, Physics or related science field. Over 3 years up to and including 5 years as a qualified firearms examiner. Experience in an ASCLD/LAB accredited laboratory and NIBIN training course is desirable.

For more information about the position and/or to apply, please visit our website at [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org).

**Posted:05/06/09**

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### **Osceola County Sheriff's Office**

#### **Forensic Fingerprint Analyst**

Salary: \$42,999- 66,991

#### **General Responsibilities**

The Fingerprint Analyst performs functions relating to the processing, recovery, examination and identification of latent prints for criminal investigative purposes; and does related work as required. The employee evaluates latent prints for comparative quality and determines if latent prints meet criteria required for AFIS and AFIX comparison and entry into the indicated system. The employee conducts latent print comparison analysis; ensures positive identification meets the ridge characteristic requirements. The employee prepares and submits to the appropriate personnel accurate results reports for latent comparison hit confirmation. Essential functions are as follows: evaluate, examine and compare fingerprints; conduct latent print examinations; fingerprint deceased; photograph and process evidence for latent prints; complete written reports; compile statistical reports; attend pre-trial conferences and depositions; testify in courts as expert witness, and performs any other duties that may be assigned.

#### **General Requirements**

Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Physical Science, Natural Science or related field; and minimum of three (3) years of work experience; or Bachelors Degree and any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Must have successfully completed Basic and Advanced Fingerprint training. IAI Latent Print Examiner Certification required or must obtain within one year. Must have a valid Florida driver's license. Must respond to crime scenes as needed. Must be proficient with Adobe Photoshop and basic computer programs. Must possess good verbal, inter-personal skills, and written communication skills. Must testify in court as an expert witness in the field of fingerprints.

#### **Application**

For more information contact: The Osceola County Sheriff's Office, 2601 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744; 407-348-1130.

**Posted:04/22/09**

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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### August 2009

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PENN State Forensic Science  
2009 Summer Programs  
August 3–7

Survey of Advanced Facial Identification Technique

For program descriptions and fees, visit: [www.forensics.psu.edu](http://www.forensics.psu.edu)

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The 2009 Trace Symposium  
Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, FL  
August 3-7, 2009

Registration is limited, so please register early. For more information visit, <http://projects.nfstc.org/trace/2009/>

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2009 American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Annual General Meeting  
Dearborn, MI at the Ritz Carlton Hotel  
August 8-13, 2009

Program Chairs: [Larry Olson](#) and [Rigo Vargas](#)

Site Chair: [Tom Riley](#)

For more information visit the ASQDE website at: <http://www.asqde.org/>.

The link for the Ritz Carlton Hotel is: <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Dearborn/Default.htm>

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Suffolk University Summer Forensic Science Institute 2009 Course Offerings  
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis FS 504  
August 10-14, 40 Hours – 4 Suffolk University credits or certificate

This week-long course, divided between lectures and laboratory exercises, teaches the fundamental principles of the discipline through theory and practice. The laboratory exercises allow students the opportunity to experiment with how blood reacts under known conditions. This course will not make ‘instant experts’ of the students, but it does give a firm foundation on which they can build expert qualifications.

Suffolk University Summer Forensic Science Institute 2009 Course Offerings  
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis FS 505  
August 17-21, 40 Hours – 4 Suffolk University credits or certificate

This week-long course is offered for those students who have successfully completed the basic 40-hour course of study. The course offers the student opportunities to examine blood stained garments, to create reference patterns on fabrics and to complete scene reconstructions and complex 3-dimensional determinations. It is recommended that the students who attend have some field experience in applying what they have previously learned in the basic course to actual cases.

Instructor: Paul Erwin Kish, MS Edu., Forensic Consultants & Associates

Mr. Kish is an internationally recognized expert in the field of bloodstain pattern interpretation. He has consulted on homicide cases in 30 US states and 7 countries. Mr. Kish has instructed over fifty week long classes totaling over 1000 students from 17 countries. He has authored various articles and textbook chapters on the topic of bloodstain patterns. He is a member of SWGSTAIN, a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and is a member of the International Association of Bloodstain Analysts and the International Association for Identification.

Cost: Basic course for certificate: \$800.00, Advanced course for certificate: \$1,300.00 Each course for four credits: \$2,536.00

Housing: Private and double dormitory rooms available at \$75 and \$49 per night.

Close of Registration: July 10, 2009. The class requires sufficient enrollment.

Contact: Forensic Science Program, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Phone: 617-573-8250,  
Email: [ccarrabi@suffolk.edu](mailto:ccarrabi@suffolk.edu)

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## September 2009

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Fall 2009 Bloodstain Evidence Institute  
Corning, New York  
September 21-25, 2009

For information on this educational program contact: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director, BLOODSTAIN EVIDENCE INSTITUTE, Post Office Box 1111, Corning, New York 14830; (607) 962-6581; [forensiclab@stny.rr.com](mailto:forensiclab@stny.rr.com)

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The 1st International ICST Conference on Digital Forensics & Cyber Crime (ICDF2C)  
Albany, NY, USA  
September 30 to October 2, 2009  
<http://d-forensics.org/>

The aim of ICDF2C is to bring together state of the art research contributions in the development of tools, protocols and techniques which assist in the investigation of potentially illegal activity associated with electronic communication and electronic devices. The conference is poised to attract d-Forensics professionals not only from the research and education community, but also from industrial and commercial organizations, as well as government agencies. The conference schedule is 3 days in length and the program includes a number of tracks that you can find here: <http://d-forensics.org/index.shtml>.

Call for Papers: <http://d-forensics.org/callforpapers.shtml>

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## October 2009

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8th Annual Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers Conference  
Hosted by the Southern California Quality Assurance Study Group  
Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove, California  
October 5-9, 2009

We will be offering training on several topics of interest for laboratories such as Measurement Uncertainty, Leadership Skills, Root Cause Analysis, and an ISO Roundtable discussion. For more information visit [www.afqam.org](http://www.afqam.org). Abstracts for presentations are currently being accepted. If you are interested in presenting a paper or other presentation please contact Jasmine Jefferson at [N3142@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:N3142@lapd.lacity.org) or complete and submit the Call for Papers Form on the AFQAM Website [www.afqam.org](http://www.afqam.org).

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2009 Joint Meeting of MAAFS, MAFS, SAFS AND SWAFS  
Wyndham Orlando, Orlando, FL  
October 18-23, 2009

For more information please visit <http://www.maafs.org/JOINTmtg.htm>

If you plan to present a paper or poster at the 2009 JOINT Meeting, please fill out the Call for Papers and submit it to the appropriate Section Chair. The deadline for Paper and Poster Submissions is August 15, 2009.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please call and make your hotel reservation. The JOINT Meeting Planners would like to get an idea of attendance early for budgeting purposes. There is no charge for reservations and they can be cancelled within 1 day of arrival.

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## October 2010

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Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting  
Kansas City, Missouri – Marriott Kansas City Downtown  
October 4-8, 2010

Watch [www.mafs.net](http://www.mafs.net) for more information!

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If you have training in the field of forensic science and would like to have it posted on the NEAFS web site, contact the NEAFS webmasters: [jobs@neafs.org](mailto:jobs@neafs.org)

### Posting Instructions

Please include the following in your submission: course title, location, dates and times, a short description and a direct link to the course posting. Submitted postings must be 50 words or less, we will not be responsible for editing course postings, please use postings on this page as a guide to formatting.



## NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

10/1/2008 through 12/31/2008

Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2009

Balances Forwarded	\$176,099.30
Checking Account	\$14,466.12
Savings Account	\$161,633.18

### 4th Quarter Income

	Memo	Amount
<b>2008 Corporate Sponsor</b>		<b>4,550.00</b>
	Applied Biosystems	750
	NMS	1,500.00
	Foster & Freeman	25
	Agilent	25
	Leeds Precision Instruments	750
	Specac, Inc	750
	Zeiss Micro Imaging	750
<b>AAFS Subscriptions</b>		<b>340</b>
<b>Annual Meeting Income</b>		<b>12,114.50</b>
	Registration	8,697.50
	DNA Statistics	495
	Toolmark	340
	Garbage Bags	330
	Chemical Enhancement	280
	Macro	590
	Merchandise Income	1,247.00
	Registration	135
<b>Interest Income</b>		<b>168.17</b>
		128.77
		39.4
<b>Workshop Registration Fee</b>		<b>125</b>
	Toolmarks	125
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>17,297.67</b>
Transfers to Checking		-80,000

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Vincent J. Desiderio  
 NEAFS Treasurer



# NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

10/1/2008 through 12/31/2008

Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2009

<b>AAFS</b>	JFS Subscriptions	<b>-340</b>
<b>Annual Meeting Expenses</b>		<b>-75251.12</b>
	DJ	-900
	Luncheon Speaker	-1,200.00
	Registration Expenses	-467.24
	Door Prizes	-112.22
	Exhibit Chair Travel	-165.37
	Crim Session Chair	-163.36
	Secretary	-163.36
	Toolmark Workshop	-371.51
	Pres. Travel	-5.85
	2007 Merchandise Chair Expenses	-172.02
	Merchandise Shipped to Annual Meeting	-40.8
	Director	-239.41
	Door Prizes	-287.46
	General Session Speaker	-61.7
	Education Forum Chair	-163.36
	DNA Workshop	-883
	Collegiate Competition Chair	-163.36
	Treasurer Expenses	-530.01
	Director Expenses	-163.36
	Workshop Instructor/Session Moderator	-254.81
	Tox Session Moderator	-163.36
	DNA Moderator	-163.36
	Workshop Instructor	-131.63
	Chem Enhancement Workshop Expenses	-176.05
	Drug Moderator	-77.09
	LC/MS Moderator	-163.36
	Gargage Bag Workshop	-77.55
	Membership Expenses	-126
	General Session	-749.97
	Site Chair Expenses	-324.42
	Marriott International	-66,538.65
	Registration Chair	-16.38
	President	-35.1
<b>Merchandise</b>		<b>-449.08</b>
	Merchandise Chair Travel	-288.99
	Expenses	-86
	2007 Merchandise Shipping Expenses	-23.9
	2007 Meeting Travel	-50.19
<b>Reimbursements</b>		<b>-400</b>
	Workshop Cancellation	-75
	Workshop Refund	-20
	Workshop Refund	-20
	Overpayment	-285
<b>USPS</b>	PO Box and Stamps	<b>-78.4</b>
<b>Yahoo Website Quarterly Fee-D</b>	<b>Quarterly Fee</b>	<b>-35.85</b>
<b>EXPENSES 4th Quarter</b>		<b>-76,554.45</b>
Transfer From MMA		80,000.00
<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>3,445.55</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Vincent J. Desiderio  
 NEAFS Treasurer



**NEAFS Board of Director's Meeting  
Westchester County Forensic Lab, Westchester, NY  
Saturday 24-Jan-2009**

President David San Pietro calls the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

**Members present:**

Laura Tramontin, Linda Rourke, Kristin Schelling, Andrea Belec, Kevin MacLaren, Vincent Desiderio, Erica Blais, Jennifer Wilson, Kevin McMahon, Edward Kovacs, Samantha Walters, David San Pietro, Peter Diaczuk.

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed and accepted.

The installation of Board Members, Officers and appointment of Staff (per agenda) was motioned and accepted.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of prior meeting provided by Secretary Diaczuk.  
A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Laura and Vinny provided the Treasurer's report: the loss at the Annual Meeting was \$1946.69. Vinny presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. He will look into both short-term and long-term CDs for better interest and send an email for a Board vote if it is viable. The bank statements will be available on line for review by Treasurer and President. A six-month CD must be secured by the end of February to be available without penalty for the Annual Meeting.  
A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

**Director's Reports:**

Andrea Belec- No report.  
Kristin Schelling- No report.  
Kevin McMahon- No report.

**Executive Secretary's Report:**

Kevin MacLaren has burned a CD of last year's info.  
A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Membership Report:**

Samantha has revised the membership application to be a on line fill-in form. Soon we should be able to pay membership dues on line. The sponsor form should be available too. The *student affiliate* status requirements were read by President San Pietro from the by-laws. They only relate to meeting attendance, so they will be left alone. A question arose about member upgrade. It currently reads *MS plus experience*, but requiring science is not mentioned. This is too vague and may result in a problem. Samantha suggests that it read “or in a related field”. But what is a related field? “At the discretion of the Membership Committee” might be a solution. This ambiguity is mostly from applications from consultants, not employees of government laboratories. For a by-law change, the revision must be published in 3 newsletters before a vote by the membership. Samantha reads all possibilities currently stated as the requirements. A discussion about adding a subsection “c” to the by-laws in Article 6 Section 2a resulted in a decision to have Samantha send an email for electronic discussion to the Board for a vote regarding the wording of a possible subsection “c”. The GREEN list has 500 emails of the 600 members. A list of members without email addresses was passed around for the Board to contribute and missing information. The annual dues notice will be going out soon. Those without email will be paper-mailed. Kevin will add an email address field to on line application. Those that still don’t respond will be telephoned. Some folks in Canada want the hard copy regardless. An ethics statement will appear on the NEAFS renewal similar to that which appears on the AAFS membership renewal form. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Ethics Report:**

Per President San Pietro: No report.

The Ethics Committee now consists of Past-Presidents Adrian Krawczeniuk, Dennis Hilliard and Elayne Schwartz.

## **Publications Report:**

Kevin MacLaren presented the Publications report. Edward Kovacs is introduced to the Board, who will take over the electronic Newsletter. This will eliminate printing and postage charges. For those few members who do not have an email, the newsletter will be printed and mailed to them on an individual basis. A discussion about whether access to the archives should be password protected was considered. Any information or contribution for the Newsletter must be forwarded to Ed a month before the Newsletter is to be released. Article 7, Section 3h on Publication Chair duties and electronic distribution was reviewed. Erica stated that Abacus pays \$300 to advertise in the Newsletter. They have emailed Erica to inquire whether the same advertising applies to the electronic version. A question arose whether the \$1100 from Abacus applies to the quarterly Newsletter or only to the printed Meeting Program. Erica will continue correspondence with Abacus and contact Ed directly. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

### **ABC Report:**

President San Pietro provided the ABC report for Robert Adamo. Three NEAFS members took the exam at the Annual Meeting. NEAFS will pick up the cost for the next sitting. Bob submitted his formal resignation as the ABC Representative. Mike Portzer will assume Bob's role. Consequently, it will be necessary to fill the position that Mike has vacated, which will be advertised in the next Newsletter. Having a membership email list is convenient at times like this for immediate contact with the membership.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

### **Awards Report:**

President San Pietro presented the Awards report for Marge LaFond. Consider the possibility of raising the dollar amount of the award to keep pace with the economy. Marge is investigating if this is feasible and will update her report. A suggestion was made that the savings realized by switching to the electronic Newsletter could be directed towards the award fund.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

### **Education Report:**

Linda Rourke presented the Education report for Larry Quarino. The Wood Identification workshop to be taught by Dr Hoadley will take place at Amherst, Mass, in March. Kevin MacLaren will send the email notice out next week to the Membership. Five more summer workshops are being hosted at Cedar Crest College, which are funded by an NIJ grant. NEAFS members will have an early window for registration prior to open registration on line. For the Fall, Dr John Reffner may offer an IR workshop at John Jay College. The details are pending.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

### **Registration Report:**

President San Pietro presented the Registration report about the Annual Meeting for Christine Chiesa. We had 266 total registrants at the Annual Meeting, 201 for the entire event, 50 for Thursday only, 12 for Friday only and 3 for Saturday only. Member breakdown: 137 members, 48 non-members, 5 student members, 67 student non-members, 9 accompanying people. Workshops: Statistics 12, Toolmarks 11, LCMS 12, Digital Photography cancelled, Garbage Bag 15, Chemical Enhancement 9, Agilent 11. Christine will return as Registration Chair for next year, but is looking for a replacement. Under consideration are Melissa Balough from NJSP and Holly O'Connor from Westchester County Lab for the 2010 meeting. One possibility is to divide the meeting and the workshops between them. Kevin MacLaren will try to implement an on-line method of paying for the meeting registration fee for this year's meeting. Laura reminds us that the funds received from Paypal payments are not labeled, making accounting more difficult. She must divide among vendors, membership dues, and now the meeting. Can it be sorted somehow? Kevin informs that we have Paypal "regular". Perhaps an upgrade will offer a sorting option. If not, perhaps using different Paypal accounts would help. Kevin will assist in implementing and will look into a mechanism for sorting the payments. Email and contact information from the meeting will be forwarded to Andrea, who will offer it to vendors. They have asked repeatedly for this contact information, and some stated that they may not find our meeting viable without these potential leads.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Corporate Sponsorship:**

Erica presented the Corporate Sponsorship report. She showed an exhibit booth contact form. She posed a question on how many lunch tickets will be afforded to each vendor. Because NEAFS pays the hotel for each lunch ticket, whether it is used or not, we must avoid giving away tickets that are not going to be used. Erica will send a separate email to each vendor just prior to the meeting to determine how many will take advantage of the luncheon. Of 35 available tickets, last year only two were needed using this method, because exhibitor breakdown begins at noon on Friday (during the luncheon) and most vendors are out by 3 PM. The times when the Exhibit room would be open (during which breakfasts and lunches, etc.) were discussed. Laura prefers the night before. Andrea stated that some vendors will not want to set up the night before, but some will. Security will be needed for those that set up the night before, either by the hotel or by a private agency. Laura stated that it looks better if the room is already set up by breakfast. A suggestion was made to open the room from 6 to 8 PM the night before (the 4<sup>th</sup>) they usually open. Perhaps offer breakfast in the exhibit room to entice the vendors to arrive early. This will be attempted at this year's meeting. The corporate sponsor page for 2009 includes a box on the right. Laura intends to include a snack in business meeting room, from 5 to 7 PM to entice attendance instead of the 3 PM snack as is currently on the schedule. The sponsor levels are no longer listed on nametags (Platinum, Gold, etc). Exhibitors are already contacting Erica for the meeting. Some web transition information must be updated. Erica has been giving out hotel information to those who have asked. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Merchandise:**

Jen Wilson presented the merchandise report. All merchandise ordered has been mailed out. Merchandise sold totaled \$1200, yet only \$500 of new merchandise was purchased. She will need authorization at the August BOD meeting to purchase additional merchandise for sale at the Annual Meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Site Chair Report:**

Kevin McMahon presented the Site Chair report. The 2008 meeting was successful. The only down side was the overcrowded plenary session because of heavy attendance. Of the 340 guest rooms that were blocked, only 307 were used. Fortunately, the hotel waived the \$1000 penalty because food sales exceeded expectations. The contract has been signed for the Ocean Place for the 2009 meeting. They have blocked 380 rooms, which means 331 rooms, by attrition, must be occupied. Through Helms Brisco, they suggested that we reduce the block by May 5<sup>th</sup> to 300. The hotel wants 60% of that as a "lost revenue" penalty (\$3200). Vinny stated that perhaps some MAAFS members will attend because of the location, which would add to the rooms occupied. However, if we wait to the last minute to reduce the block, then NEAFS must pay 100% of the unused rooms in the block. The rate from Nov 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, will be \$149 per night, plus \$12 per person per day + 15% tax = \$183. Check-in is at 4 PM and checkout at 11 AM. The minimum food expense is to be \$40K. For every 40 rooms sold, one will be complimentary. There will be a bon fire on the beach on Wednesday night from 8 to 10 PM, weather permitting. Because last year we spent \$60K + on food and beverage, Kevin will try to negotiate raising the 40K food to maybe 50K, which might preclude getting charged for low room use. For possible 2010 meeting sites, Kevin submitted brochures from Conn and NH locations for Board review. The NH site was considered for 2001. Additional sites will be inspected in the spring. For 2011, Helms Brisco will look in New Jersey. Several hotels responded with their room rates as of Dec 2008, but not with their food and beverage minimums. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Meeting Chair 2009:**

Laura presented the Annual Meeting report. She will give Ed all of the contact information for the Session Chairs. The workshops planned are: 1) Fire debris-chemical foundations, pyrolysis, 2) DNA-Dr. Butler to cover mixtures, statistics, new guidelines, 3) Microscopical thinking in trace evidence by Dr De Forest, Peter Diaczuk- trace evidence on bullets will be examined. Leica will supply stereo and polarized light microscopes, 4) LC/MS moderated by Andrea. There may be no charge if the vendors sponsor this workshop, 5) GC/MS sponsored by Agilent- updates and tips for its use. Laura is trying for tech sessions on Thursday to eliminate the conflict with Friday's Plenary / General Session. This would require the hotel to give us rooms for Thursday that were originally requested for Friday, so availability might be an issue. If successful, this will result in Saturday being only for the educator and student forums. Or, the educator and student forums could be moved to Wednesday, leaving Saturday free. These options will be explored. The drawback is the competition of having too much on Wednesday, plus more educators are free on Saturdays. Maybe the educator and student forums can take place in the evening from 5 to 7 PM. Possibly offer pizza. Kevin will explore these options with the hotel.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **Old Business:**

President San Pietro asked about lead retrieval for the vendors. Erica will purchase the software. This will be tested and demonstrated at the April Board meeting. Kristin has forwarded ethics guideline revisions to the Ethics Committee. President San Pietro will speak to Dennis. Archival and document retrieving. Ed has no high speed scanner accessible or available to him. Ed will check on purchase of a high-speed scanner or the possibility of Kinkos performing the scans. The problem is that handwritten documents are not searchable. David states that the Executive Secretary will archive each year's documents. Ed will work with each Executive Secretary on access and passwords. No financial documents have been archived yet, only membership applications. At the April meeting the unscanned documents will be given to Kevin MacLaren.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

## **New Business:**

Vinny Desiderio discusses grants and funding research, including a graduate research grant. A condition would be that the grantee must present at the annual meeting. This will require a Grant Committee to organize and follow up with the grantees and mentors. Kevin McMahon notes caution on harm to researcher or others. Guidelines will be considered at the April meeting. A Grant Committee will begin to write the guidelines, noting the CAC template. Vinny, Kristin and Andrea will begin this process. Samantha expressed her availability also.

A motion was made and carried to accept Vinny's report.

Kevin McMahon stated that the New England Division of the IAI has expressed an interest in having a joint meeting with NEAFS in 2010. Laura will explore MAAFS members registering for the NEAFS Annual Meeting at the member rate.

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

The next Board meeting to be Saturday, April 25th at the Westchester County Lab at 1000hrs.  
Meeting adjourned at 1430 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Diaczuk  
Secretary  
20-APR-2009

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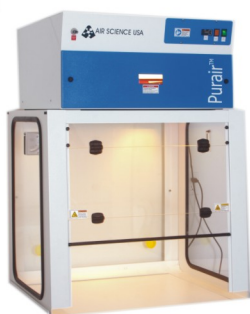


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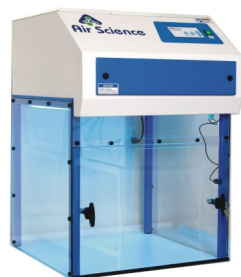
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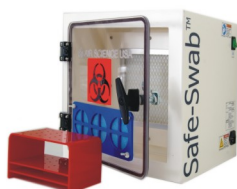
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