
NEAFS Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

One of the goals of NEAFS is to provide a forum in which the forensic science community of the Northeast can exchange ideas and information, and to foster friendship and cooperation with one another. For twenty-eight years, this organization has held a meeting each fall to achieve this goal. The Annual Meeting gives members the opportunity to attend various workshops, technical sessions, and to meet and speak with peers from throughout the region.

Organizing and planning an Annual Meeting is not the work of one person, but a group of hard-working and dedicated volunteers. As Program Chairman for last year's meeting, I had the privilege to work with such a group of people.

I would like to thank the following individuals who were responsible for putting on the 2002 Annual Meeting:

Workshop Moderators: Ed LaRue, Paul Martin, Joseph Petersack, Linda Schanz

Session Chairpersons: Ed Bernstine, Chris Guglielmo, Linda Jankowski, Dina Shea, Gail Tighe, Anita Vailonis, Ray VanOrden,

Plenary Speakers: Casey Jordan, Thomas L. Martin, Jr.

General Session Speaker: Andrew Donofrio

Welcoming Speaker: Thomas Brettell

A special thank you to the Program Committee: Chris Chany (Exhibits), Christine Chiesa and Betty Bleivik (Registration), and George W. Chin (Site) for a job well done.

I would also like to thank Past President Mary Eustace for all her encouragement and support while planning the meeting.

Jennifer Limoges is busy organizing this year's meeting, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on November 5 ö 8. Be sure to mark your calendar.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christopher K. Huber
President*



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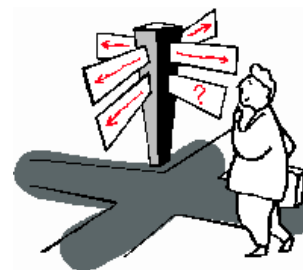
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 Westchester County Forensic Laboratory

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 29TH ANNUAL NEAFS MEETING WILL BE
 HELD AT

**THE CROWNE PLAZA PITTSFIELD,
 MASSACHUSETTS**

NOVEMBER 5 to 8, 2003

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 5, 2002

Meeting called to order @ 6:45 pm

Members present:

Mary Eustace
 Christopher Huber
 George W. Chin
 Bharat Lakhkar

Kevin McMahon
 Tammi Jacobs Shulman
 Dennis Hilliard
 Christine Chiesa

Adrian Krawczeniuk
 Elayne Schwartz
 Ed Bernstine
 Christopher Montagna

David San Pietro

1. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** (Mary Eustace For Jennifer Limoges)

The 2003 NEAFS Annual Meeting is to be held at the Crown Plaza in Pittsfield, MA from November 5-8, 2003.

Tentative General & Plenary Session ideas: Teleforensics and Clandestine Laboratory investigations.

Minutes from the Board Of Directors meeting were reviewed and corrections were made.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

2. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Kevin McMahon)

The financial report for April 1,2002 - June 30,2002 was reviewed:

Checking 15,685.14

Savings 12,427.67

The financial report for July 1,2002-September 30,2002 was reviewed:

Checking 13,712.21

Savings 12,459.13

Motion made and passed to accept the report

Annual Dues

34 individuals did not pay their annual dues of \$30.00 as of October 1, 2002. Dues must be paid by March 31 2002, otherwise on April 1, a \$5.00 late fee will be instituted. If the dues have still not been paid by July 1, 2002, another \$5.00 late fee will be instituted for a total membership fee of \$40.00.

Kevin has sent out letters notifying all 34 members that all dues and assessments must be paid or they will be dropped from the membership. Their names have been posted by the registration desk. In the business meeting on November 6, 2002, we will vote to drop the 34 individuals from our membership.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

3. **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Tammi Jacobs Shulman	No report
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Dennis Hilliard	No report
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Adrian Krawczeniuk	No report
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Motion made and passed to accept the report.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **MEMBERSHIP** (David San Pietro)

The following is a breakdown of all applications received and approved by the committee for 2002:

New membership = 36

Associate membership = 25

Regular membership = 11

Upgrade to Regular membership = 3

Reinstatement to Regular membership = 1

The following issues were discussed:

- Do the sponsors for new members have to be a member in good standing?
- Should allowances be made for educators who apply for membership but don't have a sponsor because they do not know anyone in the field?
- How can their credentials be verified?
- Who would sponsor them?

It was decided that sponsors must be members in good standing.

It is suggested that educators should get to know the local laboratory personnel in their area and work on building a relationship with them. In the meantime, Dave will make up a checklist / questionnaire to be filled out by all applicants.

The three NEAFS Directors will be responsible for reviewing the questionnaires from individuals who do not have a sponsor and determining whether the educator meets the membership requirements. If the requirements are met, the director will become their sponsor.

Motion made and passed to accept the report

b. PUBLICATIONS

WEBSITE (Mary Eustace for Dan Rothenberg)

The test run for the newsletter via e-mail was a success. As of now 35 people receive their newsletter this way. Members who are interested to be on the e-mail list must request it from Dan.

Motion made and passed to accept the report

c. EDUCATION (Ed Bernstein)

Ed wants to offer educational sessions for teachers (in the form of a workshop) at the next annual meeting. He would write to the local high schools to notify teachers of the workshop.

Ed is considering developing a bloodspatter and crime scene reconstruction course for next year.

Ed has study questions for the GKE exam that he is willing to pass around.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

d. CERTIFICATION (Bharat Lakhkar)

-ABC is pursuing accreditation through the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB). For the time being, it will be treated as a mock application.

-Based on surveys from all over the country, it was decided there will be no comprehensive test for Fellow in Trace Evidence. The test will continue in its present form.

-Results of recent (spring) results of GKE exams were disappointing. The only factor which stood out is the lack of study time. It was found that years of experience has no relation to passing the exam.

-Results of ABC exams should now become available within 90 days of taking a test.

-A pilot examination for Technical Specialist in Fire Debris Analysis is ready and will be offered shortly.

-It is planned to offer more "ABC approved" courses at the next Academy meeting in Chicago. The number of points earned for re-certification by those attending these courses will be double those for other comparable courses.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

e. **AWARDS** (Mary Eustace for Laura Tramontin)

There were 11 undergraduate and three graduate applications received.

The awards committee nominated:

John Kristofic for the undergraduate award: and

Mark LaFrance for the graduate award.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

f. **ETHICS** (Mary Eustace for Mary Beth Raffin)

-No report.

g. **SITE** (George W. Chin)

NEAFS will have to pay a \$1500.00 penalty charge due to the lack of rooms reserved at this meeting. We signed a contract agreeing to a specified number of rooms and this number was not met. Some reasons for this could be that many people commuted for the day; and/or the cheaper rooms available over the internet took away from NEAFS getting credit for those rented rooms.

Exhibitors seem happy with the location and room size.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

5. **Annual Meeting Report** (Christopher Huber)

- Workshops are going well, 17 attendees.

- Sessions are also going well.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

a. **Registration** (Christine Chiesa)

In total 208 people registered for the meeting:

- 178 pre-registered
- 19 walk-ins
- 11 approved from NJSP (note: 43 NJSP members were pre-registered. Later NJSP decided to only allow 11 members to attend the meeting.)
- 5 cancelled on Nov.1, 2002 and received money back.
- Not included in the above 208 count were 53 registered at the student rate.

Discussion on the necessity to raise the registration fees:

- NEAFS is losing a lot of money on meals. The average cost for a luncheon/dinner is ~ \$25.00 + tax and gratuity.
- Breaks costs NEAFS ~ \$18.00 per person/ per day.
- \$9.00 for morning, \$5.00 - \$7.00 for afternoon breaks.
- American Academy does not supply students free meals with a student registration.

The following proposed changes will be brought before the membership at tomorrows business meeting:

- Student registration will not include meals but the students will have an opportunity to purchase it separately.
- Scholarship winners will be exempt from this and will receive a free meal ticket for the banquet.
- Registration increases:

\$30.00 for members (from \$80.00 to \$110.00)

\$30.00 for non members (from \$115.00 to \$145.00)

\$15.00 for students (from \$40.00 to \$55.00, which is one half of the member rate, with no meal ticket included.)

\$30.00 spouse and member (from \$100.00 to \$130.00)

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

6. **OLD BUSINESS** (Mary Eustace)

- There was no additional old business.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a.- 2003 Annual Meeting (Mary Eustace for Jennifer Limoges)

2003 NEAFS Annual Meeting will be November 5 - 8, 2003 at the Crown Plaza, in Pittsfield, MA.
Tentative General and Plenary Session ideas:

- Tele-forensics and Clandestine Laboratory investigations.

- b.- Mary Eustace:

1.- Accounting books must be audited tonight. Dennis Hilliard, Tammi Jacobs Shulman, and Adrian Krawczeniuk will perform the audit.

2. - American Academy Regional Award

-The board was asked to nominate a NEAFS member for this years AAFS Regional award.
The awards committee received three nominations and presented them to the board.

3. - Nominations Committee Vote

- To be given at the business meeting.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

**28th Annual Meeting
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Financial Report**

INCOME:

Exhibitor Fees:		\$5,500.00
Registration:		\$13,747.50
Corporate Sponsorship:		\$2,000.00
Workshops:		\$965.00
-Analytical Tools:	\$500.00	
-DNA:	\$315.00	
-Color Analysis:	\$150.00	
Sales (Polo/T-Shirts, etc.)		\$261.00
Publications (Advertising):		\$225.00
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$22,698.50

EXPENSES:

Hotel:		\$32,897.59
-Guest rooms:	\$1,285.04	
-Equipment Rental:	\$3,016.60	
-Food/beverage:	\$10,935.54	
-Banquet	\$5,292.00	
-President's reception:	\$4,991.64	
-Welcome reception:	\$5,526.77	
-Meeting room rental:	\$1,500.00	
-Security:	\$350.00	
Registration:		\$895.12
-Office supplies, etc:	\$520.12	
-Refunds/reimbursements:	\$375.00	
Publications (meeting program printing):		\$2,409.68
Treasurer:		\$254.98

Directors (2):		\$317.46
Site Chair:		\$28.63
Exhibits:		\$166.06
Poster Session:		\$70.22
Workshops (refunds):		\$100.00
-Analytical tools:	\$65.00	
-Color Analysis:	\$25.00	
-DNA:	\$10.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$37,139.74
	LOSS:	\$14,441.24

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin G McMahon Treasurer

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2002

Meeting called to order @ 5:14 pm

Members present:

Mary M. Eustace, Kevin McMahon, Adrian Krawczeniuk, Dennis Hilliard,

Christopher Huber, Tammi Jacobs Shulman, Elayne Schwartz

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- Anyone wanting something added to the website or newsletter should e-mail Mary or Dan.

- If anyone has pictures to put on the website, please e-mail us.

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Motion made and passed to accept the report.

e. AWARDS (Laura Tramontin)

Awards will be announced at the luncheon tomorrow.

There were 11 undergraduate and 3 graduate applicants.

Laura believes the reason there were so many candidates was that it was helpful to put the application in the registration packets, in the newsletter, and on the website.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

f. ETHICS (Mary Eustace for Mary Beth Raffin)

No report.

g. NOMINATIONS (Mary M. Eustace)

These are the nominations to the NEAFS Board for the year 2003.

President: Chris Huber

President-elect: Jennifer Limoges

Secretary: Tammi Jacobs Shulman

Treasurer: Kevin McMahon

Director: Dennis Hilliard

Director: Adrian Krawczeniuk

Director: Elayne Schwartz

Executive Secretary: Anita Vailonis

Notification was given to the membership by Elayne Schwartz that additional nominations will be accepted, by petition, until December 6, 2002. If no additional nominations are received by that time, the Executive Secretary will cast 1 vote for each position to elect the officers at the January meeting.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

h. AUDIT (Dennis Hilliard)

Dennis reported that an audit of the books for the year 2002 was conducted by himself, Tammi Jacobs Shulman, and Adrian Krawczeniuk. No discrepancies were observed.

Motion made and passed to accept the report

5. ANNUAL MEETING REPORT (Christopher Huber)

- workshops are going well, 17 attendees.

- sessions are going well also.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

a. REGISTRATION (Christine Chiesa)

We have had 25 walk-ins registrations and 178 luncheon meals were reserved, and we have sold \$250.00 in merchandise.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

b. SITE (George W. Chin)

Complaints were made about the coldness in the hotel and last minute room changes.

Overall the meeting is going great: Everyone is happy including the exhibitors who are happy with the room size and the number of people visiting their exhibits.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

c. EXHIBITS (Chris Chany)

We had 10 exhibitors in total. Abacus gave us the cover on our program and sponsored the Biology Session. Agilent sponsored our break for \$2000.00.

Problems we've encountered include the CODIS meeting also being held this week and we lost Kodak and microscope companies as exhibitors.

Chris asks that if anyone knows any salesmen please let Chris know for next year.

It was suggested that board members contact their local sales representatives about exhibiting at next years meeting.

New exhibitors for this year include: Reliagene, Craig Technologies, UCT, and VWR

Troemner said they would be here next year. If we can get the old exhibitors back, and get some new ones, we will be in good shape for next years meeting.

HP gave us 2 calculators for door prizes.

Craig Technologies paid their fee in cash.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

No additional old business was discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. The 2003 contract is signed. The 2003 NEAFS Annual Meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza in Pittsfield, MA from November 5-8, 2003. Workshops will start on the Wednesday. Jennifer Limoges could use help. Please contact her at NYSP (Albany)

b. Discussion on the necessity of raising the registration fees:

Over the last 2 years, George W. Chin (NEAFS site chair) has noticed the following problems:

- The amount of money NEAFS pays out to the hotels has been much greater than the amount of incoming money.
- Breaks cost ~ \$20.00 per day, dinner or lunch costs ~\$25.00-\$35.00.
- AV equipment costs \$500.00 per room per day.
- Approximately \$4500.00 is spent for the cocktail hour, including ~ \$3.00-\$4.50 for domestic beer and wine.
- We are also losing money on the college students who attend.

This year, NEAFS had to pay a \$1500.00 penalty charge due to the lack of rooms booked at this meeting.

We signed a contract agreeing to this. Speculation on why this occurred included the fact that many people commuted for the day; and/or cheaper rooms were available over the internet and this took away from NEAFS getting credit for those reserved rooms.

Motion made and passed to accept the report.

c. Fundraising

One suggestion by Bob Adamo was to charge advertisers to be on our website:

- Charging \$100.00 to \$150.00 per advertiser would get their name on our web page for one year.
- 3 months before the annual meeting, all the advertising companies will be highlighted to identify those that will be at our meeting.
- There is no expense to us other than having Dan work on this page. It was agreed that Bob Adamo would look into this for the next board meeting.

d. Increasing the Registration Fee

There was discussion about the need to raise the registration fee an additional \$30.00 for members and nonmembers. The student fee will remain at half the member rate.

Reasons for the necessity of this increase were presented:

- Last year, NEAFS lost \$7000.00 at the 2001 annual meeting.
- This year, 300 rooms were reserved for NEAFS attendees at this meeting. We fell short of the anticipated number of rooms reserved. We had to pay penalties because we did not make the contracted target.
- The \$89.00 room rate gave the organization workshop space and exhibitor space.

In the future, members are urged to book their rooms through NEAFS to help the organization.

There was additional discussion on raising luncheon fees or having members pay separately for it; the types of breaks we offer and why; looking at sites that are more affordable. It was also suggested that we no longer include the meal ticket with student registration.

A motion was made to raise the registration fees as follows:

\$30.00 increase for members

\$30.00 increase for non members

\$30.00 increase for spouse and member

Student rate will remain at one half the member rate, with no meal ticket included.

The motion was seconded and passed.

e. Raymond C. Van Orden asked about selling embroidered merchandise (ie. shirts) at our meetings and

through the website. He has someone that could embroider clothing for us at a reasonable cost. Ray would need upfront money for the logo screen. It was suggested to roll over the start up fee into the cost of the merchandise; as in the past, the mailing will also be included in the price of the items. Ray said he probably could provide storage for the shirts.

Ray will look into this and let the board know potential costs, etc.

f. Education (Edward Bernstein)

Ed wanted the membership to know that the GKE workshop tomorrow is an open discussion on how to prepare for the exam. Ed also mentioned that he frequently gets calls from local high school teachers about joining NEAFS. He proposes giving a workshop for them to let them know about forensic science.

g. There was a motion from the floor to raise dues \$10.00 (for postal costs, newsletter costs etc.) from \$30 to \$40.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion To Adjourn: 9:30 pm

Treasurer's Report January 1, 2003- March 31, 2003

I BALANCES FORWARDED:

\$13,804.82

á Checking:	1,314.29
á Savings:	12,490.53

II RECEIPTS:

2002 Annual Meeting	\$1,060.00
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Registration	\$920.00
Analytical tools workshop	\$80.00
DNA workshop	\$60.00

Membership	\$15,475.00
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Dues	\$15,435.00
Application fees	\$30.00
Late fees	\$10.00

Subscription (JFS)	\$235.00
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á interest:	\$32.45
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á Checking:	\$5.67
á Savings	\$25.78

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$16,802.45

III EXPENSES:

2002 Annual Meeting			\$828.50
	Analytical Tools Workshop	\$65.00	
	Color Workshop	\$25.00	
	Directors (2)	\$317.46	
	Exhibits Chairperson	\$166.06	
	Treasurer	\$254.98	
President-Elect			\$97.20
Treasurer			\$292.17
Directors (2)			\$208.00
Publications			\$1,254.74
	Printing	\$1,023.09	
	Postage	\$159.95	
	Website	\$71.70	
ABC membership			\$500.00
Subscriptions (JFS)			\$10.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$3,092.41	
IV ENDING BALANCES:			\$27,514.86
	á Checking:	14,997.55	
	á Savings:	12,517.31	

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin G McMahon Treasurer

NEAFS MERCHANDISE FOR SALE
T-SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS



Model: George Shelton

>What the fashionöconscious forensic scientist is wearing this summer!!

For information regarding prices and availability, contact:

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NEAFS 29th ANNUAL MEETING
November 5-8, 2003
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Pittsfield, MA

Meeting Highlights

This yearâs meeting is located in the heart of the Berkshires in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The Crowne Plaza is located in downtown Pittsfield and features a solar-domed indoor heated swimming pool, fitness center, sauna, and jacuzzi. The luncheon will be held in the top floor banquet room featuring a panoramic view of the scenic Berkshires. Area attractions include the Norman Rockwell Museum and Hancock

Shaker Village, outlet shopping, and various golf and outdoor activities.

The scientific sessions can only succeed with your participation, so why not share that interesting case or new method with your peers? The meeting will also feature several workshops, two exciting general sessions (described below), and a unique opportunity for QD examiners to tour the Crane & Co facility.

On behalf of all those involved with the planning of the 29th annual meeting, I ask you to join us in the Berkshires·catch up with old colleagues, network with new peers, and expand your knowledge. NEAFS meetings are always the right balance of science and fun!

Clandestine Drug Laboratory Awareness Training

Friday, November 7, morning session

It has become increasingly clear during the last several years that clandestine drug laboratories pose serious safety hazards as well as procedural arrest problems for the law enforcement community as a whole. Different types of clandestine laboratories are known to operate throughout the United States, producing various narcotic substances. Due to the instability and unpredictability of the contents of chemical containers found at these clandestine laboratories, the dangers present are significant. The primary danger after a lab scene is secured, is not that an explosion will occur, but the toxicity of the chemicals to human exposure, either by inhalation or absorption. The Clan Lab Awareness Training will discuss guidelines on detecting items routinely utilized in the clandestine manufacturing of illicit drugs, as well as safety procedures and notification contact points. This will be accomplished utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, videotapes, and discussion of various incidents.

Teleforensics

Friday, November 7, afternoon session

The NYSP, MSP, NASA, NIJ co-sponsored "Teleforensics" program will be featured. In the first set of presentations, the use of NASA's space technologies for remote X-Ray sensing of primer residues, biological fluids and other trace evidence will be described. This technology development application will be followed by a presentation on the use of a truck-mounted telecommunications package to digitally capture, store and move crime-scene, mass casualty, WMD and terrorism-related images and data from remote locations to central command and expert sites. The presentations will be followed by a tour and demonstration of the teleforensics truck and X-ray device. Come see some future forensic tools in their developmental stages!

Attention Document Examiners

Bonnie Michon

In addition to the QD Session, I have arranged for a tour of the Crane and Co. paper company. This tour will take place on Friday, November 7th in the afternoon. Crane and Co. is located just outside Pittsfield and is the contract paper company for the US currency. The tour will include the following topics: papermaking, security features and counterfeit approaches. With changes being made to our US currency, this tour will be of interest to many of us. Due to security issues in giving this tour, the tour is limited to Questioned Document Examiners who work in local, state, and federal law enforcement crime laboratories, as well as, private examiners certified by ABFDE or recognized members of ASQDE. Proof of identification and credentials will be required. If anyone is interested in the tour, please contact me so I can get an idea of how many people will be attending. A tour registration form will accompany the meeting announcement.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA**Wednesday, November 5, 2003**

Crime Scene Workshop ö Shooting Reconstruction
Forensic Educators Workshops
Analytical Chemistry Workshop ö TBA

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Drug Chemistry (am) / Toxicology (pm) Scientific Sessions
Biology (am/pm) Scientific Sessions
Poster Session
Crime Scene Workshop continued (am)
Exhibitors
ABC Exams (pm)
Welcome Reception

Friday, November 7, 2003

General Sessions: Clandestine Laboratory Investigations (am)
 Teleforensics (pm)

Luncheon
Exhibitors
Crane Paper Company Tour (pm)
Business Meeting (pm)
Presidentâs Reception

Saturday, November 8, 2003

Criminalistics Scientific Session
Questioned Documents Scientific Session

APPROXIMATE COSTS

Registration (for entire meeting):

Member	\$110.00
Non-member	\$145.00

Lodging: \$99.00/night

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Analytical Chemistry	TBA	
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IN MEMORIAM

DAVID INNELLA
NYPD LABORATORY

BY

MICHAEL PORTZER
NYSP FORENSIC INVESTIGATION CENTER

I have many great memories of working with David the 16+ years he worked at the Mid-Hudson Lab. He was a true professional who cared deeply about the work he did in forensics.

David Innella RED HOOK - David Innella, 76, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2003 at the Northern Dutchess Hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Innella was employed as a detective, second grade, for the New York City Police Department Crime Laboratory. In addition, he worked over 16 years for the New York State Police Laboratory at Stewart Airport, Newburgh, and as a teacher of forensic science at Marist College and Dutchess Community College.

Mr. Innella often served as an expert witness in the area of forensic serology in Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, and Rockland counties in New York. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Brooklyn College and later returned to Bellevue-Hunter College to become a Registered Nurse.

Mr. Innella was a member of St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church, the Rock City Grange #1012, the Red Hook VFW, the Knights of Columbus, and was a volunteer in the Emergency Room at Northern Dutchess Hospital. He was also a member emeritus of the Detectives Endowment Association and the Northeastern Association of Forensic Science, as well as a member of the Montgomery Post #429 American Legion and the Columbia Association in New York City. He served in the United States Army during World War II.



NEW REGISTRATION POLICIES

The NEAFS Board of Directors would like to make the membership aware of two new registration policies that will go into effect at this year's annual meeting:

1. The Use of Purchase Orders/Claim Forms for Registration

In the past, NEAFS has accepted purchase orders/claim forms from agencies (i.e. state, city, and county labs) and colleges for the registration of several individuals from that organization. Each year, we have a difficult time getting reimbursed from those agencies/schools registering in this manner.

Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided that agencies and colleges who register their members as a group using a purchase order or claim form must submit a check to cover the registration costs by the established deadline. A member will not be considered registered for the meeting if they have not paid by the deadline or at the door.

The Board recommends that people register individually to guarantee that their check arrives in time for the meeting.

2. Cancellation Policy

The Board of Directors is in the process of establishing a formal cancellation policy for pre-registrations. We will be using the AAFS policy as a guideline for our own.

The policy will be published in the Summer newsletter and will be on the website.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

The Fall Bloodstain Evidence Institute will be held September 22 ÷ 26, 2003 in Corning, New York.

Those interested should contact:

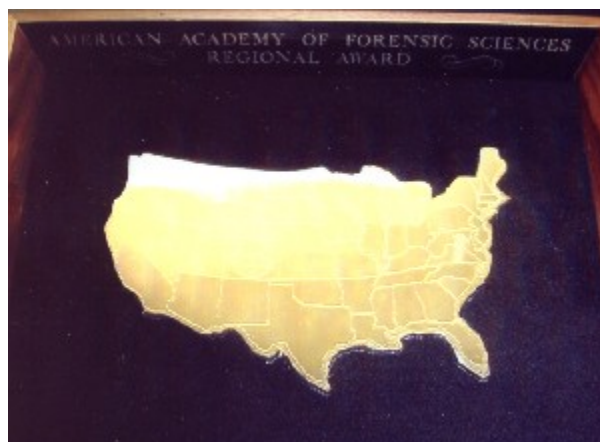
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THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES REGIONAL AWARD



Dan Rothenberg, of the Westchester County Forensic Laboratory, receives the AAFS Regional Award at the 2003 American Academy meeting in Chicago.



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COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

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WANTED:

PICTURES OF YOUR LAB IN ACTION

Send photos of you or your coworkers in action!

Selected photos will be placed on the NEAFS web site.

Actual photographs and/or digital images will be accepted.

If you want your photos returned, enclose a self-addresses stamped envelope.

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