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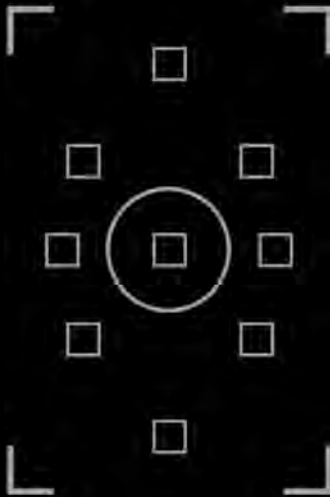
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## **A Message from President Tiffany A. Ribadeneyra**

I am incredibly honored to be serving as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists. I would like to start off by welcoming our new and reinstated members who were voted in at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Additional congratulations are in order for our newly upgraded members. Please remember that you can upgrade your membership from associate to regular or regular to emeritus for FREE simply by completing a membership application by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

While on the topic of membership, I would like to share the following incentive to help boost new applications. The member who sponsors the highest number of new applicants by September 1, 2019 will have their 2020 NEAFS dues waived! The board of directors hopes that this incentive will help increase membership and spread the word about the many benefits of being a NEAFS member. Some advantages of belonging to our organization include a \$400 training scholarship for any member who would like to attend a workshop or training not fully funded by their employer, a visiting scientist program where NEAFS will send a subject matter expert to a lab in need of training, reimbursement for members who have passed their certification examinations such as ABC or IAI and NEAFS sponsored workshops held throughout the year at nominal or no cost. Please visit [www.NEAFS.org](http://www.NEAFS.org) and click on the “Benefits of NEAFS Membership” link for more information.

NEAFS is a proud sponsor of the 2019 Green Mountain DNA Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton® Burlington Hotel in Burlington, Vermont from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis and is expected to open in early April. The abstract submission form and link to the conference website can be found under the “Conferences” tab of the [NEAFS](http://www.NEAFS.org) homepage.

For our academicians and students, the deadline to apply for the George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship (\$1,750), the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) and the Carol De Forest Research Grant (\$2,500) is

April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can find information on these opportunities in this newsletter as well as the Resources>Scholarships and Awards area of the [NEAFS](#) website.

The 2019 NEAFS Annual Meeting will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Lancaster at Penn Square in Lancaster, PA. President Elect, Maria Tsocanos is hard at work planning an excellent meeting! We will be offering FREE REGISTRATION to members or active applicants who present a technical paper or poster. The Call for Papers form and preliminary schedule are forthcoming in this newsletter. Continue to check the “Conferences” area of the [NEAFS](#) websites for periodic updates. Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the 2020 NEAFS Annual Meeting at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT from October 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our next board of directors meeting will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the University of New Haven Orange Campus. Remember that this is your organization! If you have anything you would like us to discuss, please feel free to join us or email me at [President@NEAFS.org](mailto:President@NEAFS.org). I am more than happy to hear your compliments, complaints, training ideas and more.

Thank you to our board of directors and staff for your dedication to this organization. You are truly an amazing bunch and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany Ribadeneyra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany Ribadeneyra  
2019 NEAFS President



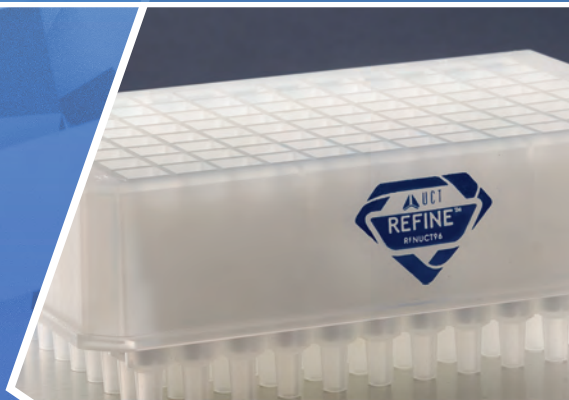
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## 2019 Preliminary Meeting Schedule

### **Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm – 6:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Board of Directors Dinner

### **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am – 3:00pm	Registration
7:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 12:00pm	ABC Exam
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
8:30am – 5:00pm	Workshops
6:00pm – 9:30pm	Exhibits Set-up
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Registration

### **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am – 8:00am	Yoga
7:00am – 5:00pm	Registration
7:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast
7:30am – 8:00pm	Exhibits
9:00am – 5:00pm	Scientific Sessions: Toxicology Criminalistics/CSU & Digital Evidence DNA Chemistry Trace/Arson & Explosives
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Business Lunch
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Welcome Reception & Poster Session

## **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am – 8:00am	Yoga
7:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast
7:30am – 11:00am	Exhibits
9:00am – 12:00pm	Stress Mastery for Forensic Professionals: A Key to Avoiding Burnout! Speaker: Carol L. Rickard, LCSW
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Luncheon
2:30pm – 5:30pm	Afternoon General Session Speaker
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Book signing: Carol L. Rickard
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cocktail Hour
7:30pm – 11:30pm	Roaring 20's President's Reception

## **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast
9:00am – 12:30pm	Student Forum
9:00am – 12:30pm	Educators Forum

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# NEAFS 2019 Workshops

## Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

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### Full-Day Workshops

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#### **Validating your Leadership Methods - A High-Impact Workshop for Forensic Laboratory Professionals**

Instructor: John M. Collins MA, SHRM-SCP  
Senior Leadership Consultants & Executive Coach  
Critical Victories, LLC

All of us want to influence our work environment, our peers, and our employees in a positive way. But are we doing it the right way? We read books about leadership, attend workshops, and watch YouTube videos, but they don't seem to have a lasting impact on our professional effectiveness or our ability to produce sustainable results. That's because the personal transformation that one must undergo to become a true leader requires something much more. Whether you are a manager in a forensic science laboratory or simply want to improve your own leadership skills, this workshop will teach you specific and actionable strategies for improving your "leadership presence" and validating your approach to communicating and working with others. By attending this workshop, you will learn much more than simply how to *act* like a leader. You will learn how to *become* a leader!

#### **Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology**

**ThermoFisher**  
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The 2019 Thermo Fisher Scientific Workshop will focus on Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology. Some of the topics will include: a panel discussion focused on mixture interpretation using a probabilistic genotype software and presentations on Rapid DNA, Y-Screening, and more.













# **Forensic Photography**

Instructor: Keith A. Mancini  
Forensic Photographer  
Westchester County Forensic Lab

Attendees will learn the techniques necessary to document evidence, and crime scenes including fingerprints, impressions, and blood spatter patterns.

Techniques Discussed:

-  Equipment (camera, lenses, and lighting) operation and settings
-  Digital photography terminology
-  Standard operating procedures
-  Basic photographic principals (exposure, metering, shutter speed, aperture, focal length)
-  Evidence documentation
-  Crime Scene photography
-  Fluorescence (alternate light source) photography
-  Impression & Fingerprint photography
-  Bluestar photography
-  Blood Spatter photography

The course will be tailored to the field of interest of the attendees.

# **Effective and Empowering Expert Witness Testimony**

Instructors: Arthur Young, BS, F-ABC  
Guardian Forensic Sciences

Katherine Cross, MS, F-ABC  
Guardian Forensic Sciences

Public speaking is one of the most common fears that people have. This is one of the main inhibitors of providing effective expert testimony; uneasiness can be misread by others as uncertainty or even deceptiveness. The second inhibitor is the tendency to use scientific vocabulary, which can turn off a jury of lay people who probably didn't enjoy science the first time around. An effective expert witness is the one who empowers members of the jury. This workshop will reveal some of the techniques that the speakers have employed in nearly six decades of combined experience, in almost 400 trials. The speakers will discuss what exercises are most effective, employ analogies that a lay jury can easily grasp, learn the methods that will impress your testimony upon the jury, and develop the confidence necessary to speak to audiences of 12 or 1200 people. The speakers will also discuss traps that attorneys have used in trial, speech patterns to avoid during testimony, and even where not to stand when speaking. Engage in this workshop and exit a whole new expert.



## **Scientific Working Group for the Analysis of Seized Drugs (SWGDRUG) Supplemental Document 6 (SD-6) and Statistical Sampling Calculator Tool Workshop**

### Instructors:

Tiffany A. Ribadeneyra, M.S., F-ABC  
Forensic Scientist IV  
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Division of Forensic Services

Sandra Rodriguez-Cruz, Ph.D., F-ABC  
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Forensic laboratories performing seized drug analysis often receive submissions comprised of numerous containers, such as glassine envelopes, Ziploc bags, or plastic vials, each purportedly containing a controlled substance. Laboratories are tasked with determining the presence or absence of controlled substances in a timely fashion, without sacrificing quality of work. This task is often supplemented by various statutory regulations for which a laboratory must meet or exceed a threshold, either by weight or number of units. Carrying out a complete analysis of all seized evidence in a submission with a large number of items becomes very time consuming and laborious. SWGDRUG recognizes that statistical sampling can increase the efficiency of laboratories by decreasing turnaround time and, ultimately, backlogs. SWGDRUG also acknowledges the need for a thorough understanding of and accessible tools for statistical sampling throughout the forensic community. Hence, the development of SD-6 and the Sampling Calculator.

This workshop will focus on the use of statistical sampling for seized drug evidence. Topics will include: background information, legal considerations, weight extrapolations, and various probability based sampling techniques. An in-depth understanding of measurement uncertainty for seized drug extrapolations and qualitative analysis will be presented in conjunction with a hypergeometric sampling plan. Additionally, this training will discuss the development and use of **SWGDRUG's validated, free Sampling Calculator**. Attendees are encouraged to bring information on multi-item exhibits submitted to their laboratories as there will be round-table exercises involving the weight extrapolations, threshold determination and the Sampling Calculator.

Visit [www.swgdrug.org](http://www.swgdrug.org) for SD-6 (Documents>Supplemental) and Sampling Calculator (Resources>Tools).

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## Half-Day Workshops

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### Popular Botanical Drugs

Instructors: Jolene Bierly, MSFS D-ABFT-FT  
Toxicologist I  
NMS Labs

Others TBD

While the use of drugs derived from plants is not a new concept, it has become exceedingly popular in recent years. There are hundreds of legal and illegal drugs readily available today with botanical origins. From the unregulated mitragynine (Kratom) being sold in head shops or online to the schedule I synthetic cannabinoids available on the dark web, these drugs are everywhere. The goal of this workshop is to provide information concerning three of the popular botanical drug trends available today: synthetic cannabinoids, mitragynine, and vaping (nicotine). This workshop will address current trends, nicotine delivery systems, pharmacology and pharmacokinetic information, analytical challenges, and case interpretation.

### Analytical Approaches for Screening and Confirming Herbal and Synthetic Drugs in Multiple Matrices



The number of designer drugs and their availability have exploded in recent years, leading to widespread social impact on communities. Many individuals are looking to alternative medicines and drugs, including Chinese herbal medicines and herbal supplements. Some of these materials have euphoric effects that cause “legal highs”. This workshop will focus on the analytical techniques that are available to screen for and confirm many of these compounds. These techniques include liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (LC-MS), gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS), and high-resolution mass spectrometry. Speakers will discuss analyzing these compounds in both ante-mortem and post-mortem matrices.

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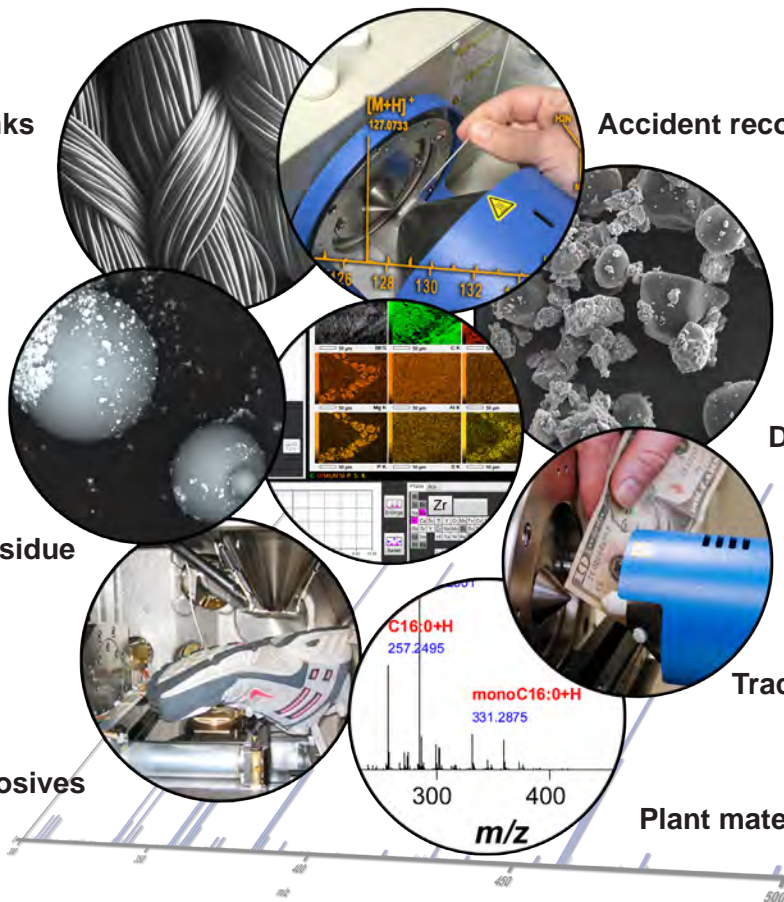
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# NEAFS 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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receives **FREE REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Presentation Title:

Presenting Author:

Author Affiliation:

Phone Number:

Email:

Co-Author(s) and Affiliation, if applicable:

Scientific Session:      Biology/DNA      Drug Chemistry      Toxicology      Criminalistics/CSU & Digital Evidence  
Trace/Arson and Explosives      Educator's Forum      Poster

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I would like my oral or poster presentation to be entered in the Peter R. De Forest Student Competition  
(see rules below)

Yes

No

Name of Program:

Degree Sought:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this form and email to the Program Chair and appropriate Session Chair.

**STUDENTS ONLY:** If this presentation will be entered in the Peter R. De Forest Student Competition, please send a copy of the abstract to the Student Competition Chair.

A laptop and projector will be provided. However, if additional audio-visual equipment is needed, please indicate below.

PowerPoint Version

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**Time needed for presentation:**

10 min

20 min

Other\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Any time requested which is longer than 20 minutes will be approved if the time is available.

**Scientific Session Chairs:** *please check the appropriate individual you will be emailing.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** All presenters must register for the meeting and make full payment.

After the annual meeting, presenters that qualify must submit proper forms for reimbursement of the registration fee. Further details regarding reimbursement will be given by the session chair.



## **ABSTRACT**

Please type abstract in area below

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

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

Students may choose to enter their presentation (oral or poster) in the Peter De Forest Student Competition. To be eligible to compete, a presenter must be enrolled as a full or part time undergraduate or graduate student during the time the research was performed and completed. A graduation date within 6 months of the NEAFS meeting at which the work will be presented is acceptable, provided the work was completed before the graduation date. NEAFS membership is not required.

Presentations should consist of original research or ideas. Literature reviews will not be accepted into the competition.

Students will be judged on both scientific accuracy and presentation skills.

For collaborations, only one student will be eligible to present the work and the award will go to the presenter, not the project. No two students may present the same project, even if in a different format (oral vs poster presentation). The student presenting the work should have contributed and completed the major portion of the work themselves.

A student may present their research in both oral and poster format, however only one format may be entered into the competition.

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## **Stress Mastery for Forensic Professionals: A Key to Avoiding Burnout!**

How would you like to be able to eliminate stress in just 60 seconds? If the answer is yes, then you'll want to keep reading!

Research has shown the level of workplace stress is on the rise, and so too is professional burnout. Do any of the following sound familiar: Are you so stressed out that you can't sleep? Is your stress spilling out on the wrong people or even following you home from work? Or is stress starting to take its toll and you are having health issues? A yes to any of these is a sure sign that stress has taken control of your life. And no matter what you've tried, it doesn't seem to be working.

There's a good chance what you've been doing isn't working because no one ever explained stress to you in a way that was helpful. Maybe you never got to learn the right tools or were taught some old tools that just don't work anymore. But...what if you were able to learn a way that puts you in control of stress and not the other way around? What if you had all the right tools for any given situation at any given time? And what if you could reduce your stress in just 60 seconds? The good news is that's exactly what you'll learn in this presentation!

Here's what this program is NOT: It's NOT the same old stuff you've been hearing for years. This is stress management redefined. It's NOT more theory – you'll learn simple and practical “tools” to use every day at home and work – including 60 second solutions. Lastly, it's NOT going to stress you out even more – this is a fun, interactive program that will have you walk away ready to become a *Stress Master*.

Speaker: Carol L Rickard, LCSW  
America's #1 Stressologist

Carol Rickard, LCSW, has spent over 27 years working in the behavioral health field as a social worker, trainer, and facilitator in hospital-based settings. Carol's expertise is in stress management and wellness. In addition to the 25 books she has published, she has been a featured expert in other publications including Readers Digest, Dr. Oz's The Good Life, Woman's World Magazine, and writes a weekly column for Esperanza Magazine.

She has spoken and conducted trainings for organizations including the NJ State Police, Princeton University, Catholic Charities USA, and US Department of Energy. She is the creator and co-host of a nationally syndicated wellness series called The WELL YOU Show, which is based out of Princeton Community Television. Carol has her Masters in Social Work from Rutgers University and her Bachelors in Science from Kansas State University.

# NEAFS would like to Welcome the following New Members

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## **Alfred State SUNY College of Technology**

Nicole M DiRado

## **Alvernia University**

Ondra M Kielbasa

Joshua E Smith

## **Beekmantown Central School District**

Ronald J Moss

## **Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory**

Xia Yearwood-Garcia

Erin P Forry

## **Boston University School of Medicine**

Courtney K McGowan

## **CSIpix by iSYS Corporation**

John A Guzzwell

## **Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement**

### **Administration**

Michelle M Cerreta

## **Forensic Science Department at the University of New Haven**

Emily R Neverett

## **John Jay College, City University of New York**

Marta Concheiro-Guisan

Niti C Dalal

## **Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory**

Juliana R Hopper

Alyssa E Berthiaume

Erin E Finch

Caroline L Rachalski

Matthew Amann

Kerry A Collins

Jennifer P Cravo

Davis S Gould

Roberta C Westerman

## **Michigan State University Department of Chemistry**

Rebecca L Boyea

## **Monroe County Crime Laboratory**

Eugene Zegocki

## **New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Science**

Christopher M George

Stacey L Myslinski

## **New York City Police Department Police Laboratory**

Adeena M Emery

## **New York State Police Forensic Investigation Unit**

Emily S Klatt

Sara E Donahue

Heather N Lapham

Kevin M Martin

Nathan J Napper

Elizabeth A Walsh

## **Rutgers University**

Emily R Parchuke

## **University at Albany- SUNY**

Megan I Chambers

Allix M Coon

Meghan G Fogerty

Kristen L Fowble

Amy M Osborne

## **University of New Haven**

Rachel Gilmore

Robert H Powers

## **Vermont Forensic Laboratory**

Joseph R Hawthorne

Courtney Ganter

Joy A Mapp

## **Westchester County Forensic Laboratory**

Amanda N Apicella

Jamie LiCausi

Joseph S Phillips

Angelina Pollen

## **Western New England University**

Jonathon P Muza

# Green ountain DNA Conference

The Green Mountain DNA Conference provides a forum for the promotion of education and research while improving practice and encouraging collaboration in the field of forensic sciences. For more information about the Green Mountain DNA Conference, download our [Mission Statement](#).

The 2019 Green Mountain DNA Conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Hotel in Burlington, Vermont.

## **2019 Dates**

- July 31-August 2, 2019

## **Agenda**

- An agenda for the 2019 meeting is not available at this time.

## **Registration - \$300**

- Registration is not open at this time but is expected to go live at noon on April 9th. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the laboratory.





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

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

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

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

### **Nominator**

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Affiliation:

NEAFS Membership Number:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

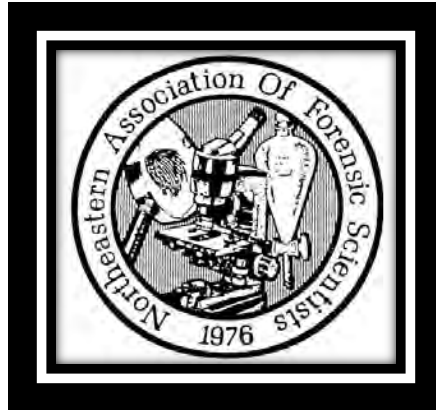
### **Nominee**

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Affiliation:



## ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Are you a current full-time undergraduate student in your junior or senior year, or are you either a part-time or full-time graduate student completing his or her degree in a forensic program at a regionally accredited institution located in the Northeastern U.S. (Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania)?

### **Then you are eligible to apply for:**

George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship (undergraduate) - Award is \$1750

George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship (graduate) - Award is \$1750

George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship – Award is \$2000

Carol De Forest Forensic Science Research Grants - Award is \$2500

**\*Note** – eligibility is for both full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**\*\* Note** – Two Research Grants will be Awarded.

All submission materials for either the scholarships or the research grants must be completed, and electronically submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2019 Awards recipients will be notified no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information and Scholarship/Research Grant forms please go to <http://www.neafs.org/>

Questions or comments? Please email [Awards@NEAFS.org](mailto:Awards@NEAFS.org).

# THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## NEAFS and the Chin Family



On September 22, 2016, NEAFS lost one of the pioneers of the Association. George had a passion for forensic science and as a self-appointed “God of Trace Evidence”, he liked to share his knowledge and mentor the younger generation. George was one of the co-founders of the Student Forum at NEAFS, where he would teach students about the realities of a job in forensic science. In addition to NEAFS, he was also a life member of the New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists (NJAFS), a charter member of the American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners (ASTEE), and a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) and the New Jersey Homicide Investigators Association (NJHIA).

A graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice – City University of New York (CUNY), his professional career spanned 36 years with the New Jersey State Police. When George first started in March of 1980, he was briefly assigned to the Equine Laboratory at the Meadowlands, but quickly transitioned to a position at the North Regional Laboratory, where he was able to grow his love for all things Trace Evidence. George loved his work and helped to educate students about our field. He would routinely take his own time to go and lecture to high schools and attend their career fairs. In addition, George has mentored numerous interns over the course of his career, many of whom have him to thank for their current employment!

George’s graciousness was felt by all who came into contact with him and his passing leaves a huge void in the forensic community and in our hearts.

George’s family has graciously set up this Memorial Scholarship fund in his memory and honor.

# THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility requirements for the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship:

- Currently enrolled in a Forensic Science program
- Full-time undergraduate students in their junior or senior year
- Full or part-time graduate students (limited to first two years for PhD students)
- The student must demonstrate excellence in his/her academic program.

Application requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation (each accompanied with the recommendation form) from Professors involved in the Forensic Science curriculum.
- A letter from the student describing his/her personal aspirations in the Forensics field, achievements and reasons for award consideration. (Minimum of 250 words - maximum of 500 words). This must be provided to the Professors submitting the recommendation letters.
- Applicants should be attending college/university within the area from which the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists draws its members (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania).
- Most current academic transcripts.
- Application requirements must be emailed by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Out of fairness to all potential candidates, no exceptions will be made.

Interested candidates should submit the above requirements electronically in a single PDF titled (GWC\_Last name\_First name\_Grad) OR (GWC\_Last name\_First name\_Undergrad) to [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org)

# THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Are you a current full-time undergraduate student in your junior or senior year, or are you either a part-time or full-time graduate student or in your first two years of your Ph.D. Forensic Science program? Do you attend a college or university within the area from which NEAFS draws its members (CT, NY, NJ, PA, VT, NH, ME, RI, MA)? Do you demonstrate excellence in your academic program?

If Yes, you are eligible to apply for the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship!

The award is \$2000.00 as well as Associate membership for one year in the NEAFS organization. Membership will be granted to a current member or active applicant as well as a non-member (the application fee will also be included).

All submission materials for the Memorial Scholarship must be completed and electronically submitted by April 30. The award recipients will be notified no later than September 1.

For more information and to obtain the application forms, go to <http://www.neafs.org>

If you have any questions please email: [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org)

**Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists**

**George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship**

**Application Form**

Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ Ph.D. (1<sup>st</sup> 2 years) ☐ (select one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Residence \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

College/Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year \_\_\_\_\_

Personal aspirations in the Forensics field, achievements and reasons for award consideration –

Minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words

(Please use the space below and/or attach additional sheets, if necessary)

All applicants must submit the following materials electronically in one pdf file to [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org): 1) Candidate application; 2) Two recommendation forms from Professors in the Forensic Science curriculum and corresponding letters; 3) Most current academic transcripts.

All materials must be submitted and received no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. The winner will be notified no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

NEAFS does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.

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# Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

## George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship

### Recommendation Form

Undergraduate\_\_\_ Graduate\_\_\_ Ph.D. (1<sup>st</sup> 2 years)\_\_\_(select one)

Candidate's Name\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Professor's Name\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_ College/Institution\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation with Candidate\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate code: O=Outstanding E=Excellent G=Good A=Average BA=Below Average NI=No Information

	O	E	G	A	BA	NI
Knowledge of subject matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please feel free to give us any additional comments you feel may be helpful to us. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

I have read the candidate's letter and find it to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

All applicants must submit the following materials electronically in one pdf file to [awards@neafs.org](mailto:awards@neafs.org): 1) Candidate application;  
2) Two recommendation forms from Professors in the Forensic Science curriculum and corresponding letters; 3) Most current academic transcripts.

All materials must be submitted and received no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS



For questions, additional information or to volunteer please contact  
Angela Vialotti at: [secretary@neafs.org](mailto:secretary@neafs.org)

## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING



OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



## **NEAFS Visiting Scientist Program**

**Any private or public forensic science laboratory in the NEAFS geographical area needing technical, scientific, or training assistance may apply to the NEAFS Visiting Scientist Program.**

**Upon request, NEAFS will make a good faith effort to find a qualified individual(s) to come to the laboratory and provide the assistance. The person(s) selected will be agreed upon between NEAFS and the laboratory. Preference may be given to subject matter experts within the NEAFS membership. NEAFS will subsidize up to \$5,000 for the visit which can be up to 5 working days in duration. Travel logistics will be arranged by the laboratory in conjunction with both the visiting scientist and NEAFS.**

**At least one NEAFS member must be in attendance.**

**Interested laboratories shall complete the attached application and email it to the NEAFS Education Chairperson at [education@neafs.org](mailto:education@neafs.org). Applications should be received at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated date(s) of the visit. The contact person can expect to be informed by the Education Chair of the approval or denial of the request within 30-60 days of receiving application.**

**The number of quality hours for those claiming continuing education credit as a result of the training will be determined by the instructor(s).**

## NEAFS Visiting Scientist Request Form

Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Director/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Request (Be Specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a particular individual(s) who you wish to be the visiting scientist?

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate desired date(s) of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individuals attending the training: \_\_\_\_\_

*Visit [neafs.org](http://neafs.org)  
under the  
merchandise  
tab!*



# GET YOUR NEAFS GEAR!

## 2019 Training Scholarship Fund

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The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) is proud to offer its members a 2019 Training Scholarship Fund. Regular members, in good standing, are eligible to receive up to \$400 towards training, workshop or non-NEAFS meeting registration expenses. Detailed instructions and application forms are available on the NEAFS website. Simply click the “Training” link at the top of the screen and scroll down to the “NEAFS Training Scholarship Forms”. The current application period is January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019. Reimbursements will be issued on a first come, first serve basis and funding is limited. If you plan to attend a non-NEAFS meeting workshop, training or course during this application period and will not be funded by your agency or any other non-NEAFS related entity, we highly encourage your swift application for the 2019 Training Scholarship Fund. Please visit the NEAFS [training](#) website to take advantage of this great NEAFS opportunity and to view upcoming training opportunities!

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## NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS 2019 TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019- DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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



# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

## TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### PRE-APPROVAL APPLICATION

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

#### Applicant Information

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

#### Training Information

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

#### Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

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# NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

## TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

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

#### Applicant Information

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

#### Training Information

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

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

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

#### Reimbursement Information

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

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

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

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

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# Certification Reimbursement

The NEAFS Board of Directors has voted to reimburse the American Board of Criminalistics and International Association for Identification exam sitting fees for five NEAFS members (regular or associate) in good standing who pass the ABC or IAI exam. This offer is for any exam completed in 2019. After passing the examination, please fill out the Certification Reimbursement Form ([www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org)) and email the completed form with proof of passing the exam to the NEAFS Certification Chair Peter Diaczuk at [certification@neafs.org](mailto:certification@neafs.org). The reimbursement is based on a first come first served basis. Remember you must pass the ABC or IAI exam to be considered for reimbursement.

There will be an ABC examination sitting at the  
2019 Annual NEAFS Meeting  
on  
Wednesday, November 13th  
from  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following are current examinations that are offered:  
Comprehensive Criminalistics Examination (CCE)  
Drug Analysis (DA)  
Molecular Biology (MB)  
Fire Debris Analysis (FD)  
Hairs and Fibers (HF)  
Paints and Polymers (PP)

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

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

## Historical facts – NEAFS

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

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

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