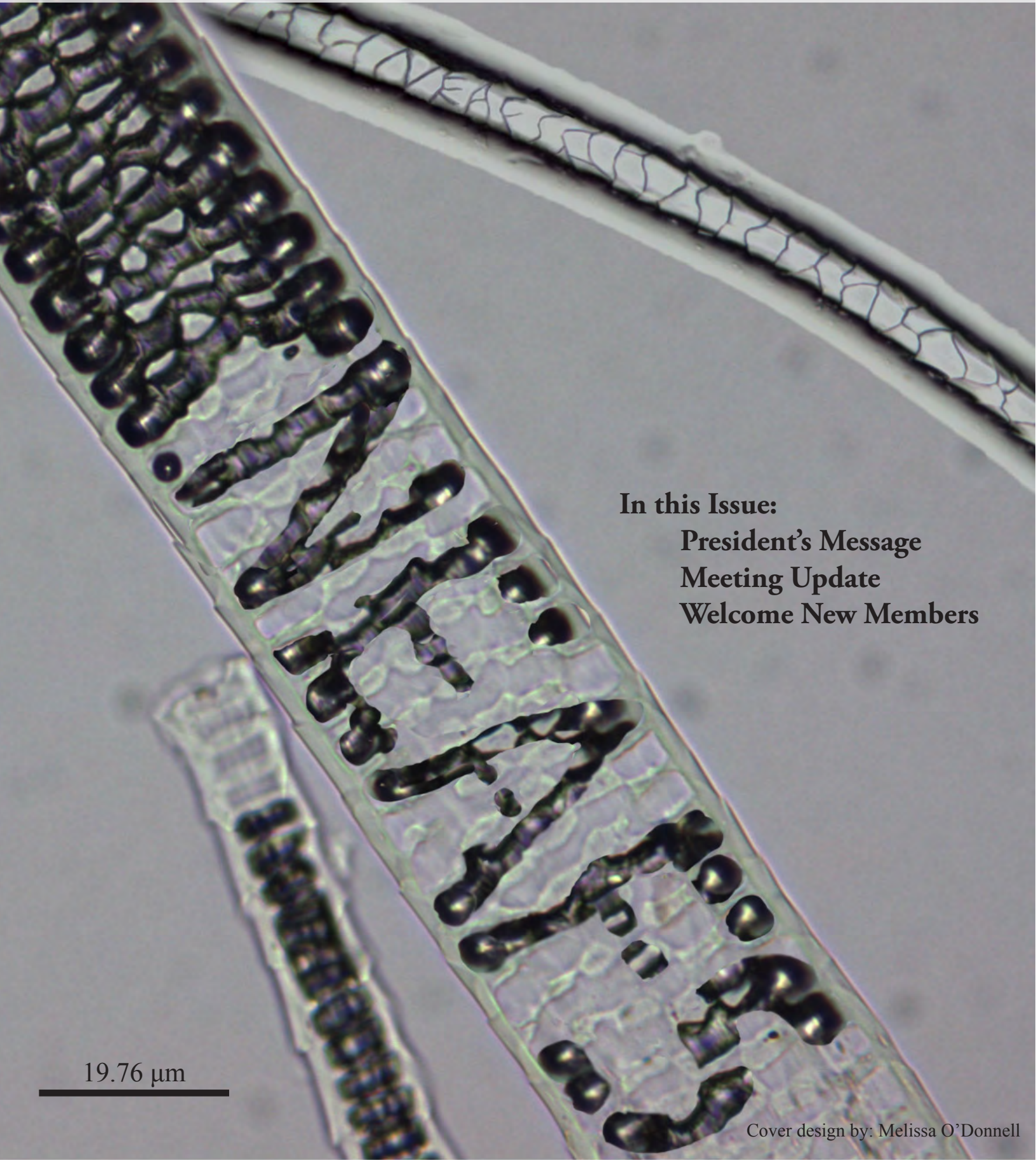


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President's Message

Greetings NEAFS members,

It is truly an honor to be addressing you for the first time as President of this superb organization! During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I've had the privilege of serving with some of the most dedicated and hard-working individuals I've ever known. I'm grateful to draw upon the wisdom and experience of so many Past Presidents that I respect and admire!

As always, we have an exciting year in store! A DNA mixture interpretation workshop will be held in Waterbury, VT on April 16th – 18th. This workshop is **FREE** to NEAFS members!

Also, NEAFS will once again be sponsoring the Green Mountain DNA Conference in Burlington, VT from July 30 – August 1, 2018. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis and will open shortly.

For more information on these training opportunities, please visit our new and improved website at www.neafs.org. Special thanks to Publications Chair Brandi Clark for her hard work in redesigning our website!

The highlight of the year is always the Annual Meeting, and President-Elect Tiffany Ribadeneyra is hard at work planning another excellent meeting! Mark your calendars for October 23 – 27, 2018 and join us at the beautiful Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY. We are pleased to once again offer free registration to members or active applicants who present a technical paper or poster. The preliminary schedule and information on hotel registration can be found on our website.

For those in academia, don't forget that NEAFS has several funding opportunities available for students. The deadline to apply for the George W. Neighbor Jr. memorial scholarship, the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship, and the Carol De Forest Research Grant is **April 30th**. Please visit our website for more information and application materials.

To the Board and Staff: thank you for your continued dedication to NEAFS. I'm looking forward to a great year working with all of you!

To our members: don't forget that this is YOUR organization! If you have ideas or suggestions for training opportunities that might benefit the membership, please feel free to contact me at president@neafs.org. We're always looking for new ideas!

Best Regards,

Melissa Balogh
2018 NEAFS President

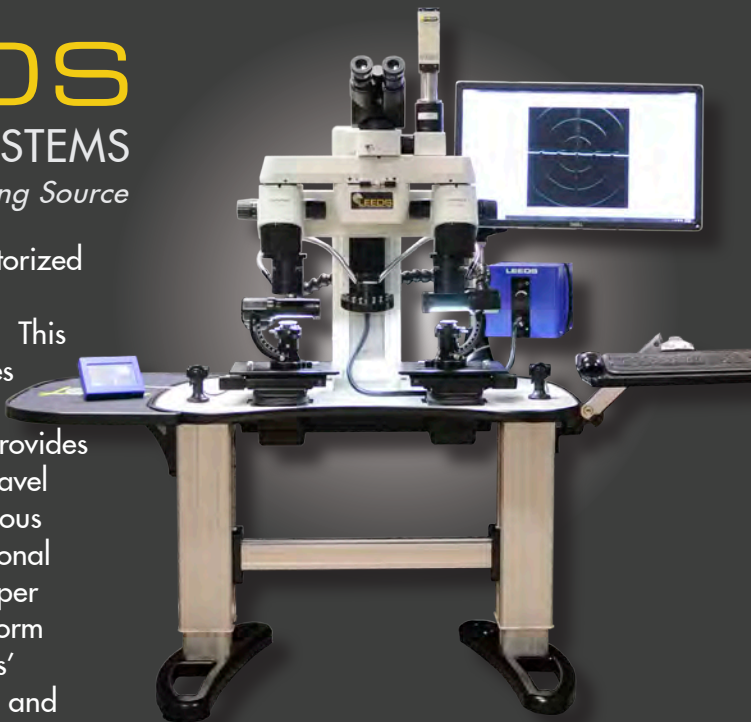


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☐ Poster ☐ Toxicology ☐ Trace/Arson and Explosives

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Program:

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Instructions: Complete this form and email to the Program Chair and appropriate Session Chair. Additionally, 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.

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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.

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Please Note: All presenters must register for the meeting.

ABSTRACT

Please type the abstract below or include in a Word Document upon submission

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It is recommended that abstracts be from 250 to 500 words and must accurately reflect the content of the presentation.

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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.

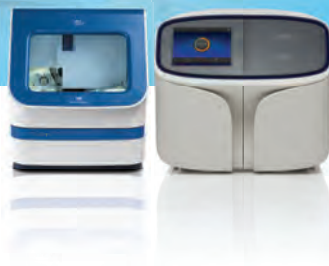
For collaborations, only one student will be eligible to present the work and the award will go to the presenter, not the project. No two students may present the same project, even if in a different format (oral vs poster presentation.) The student presenting the work should have contributed and completed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

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4:00 p.m. Hotel Check-In

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Touring Boat of Lake George

3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m. Board of Directors Dinner

Wednesday, October 24th

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The 2017 Version of ISO/IEC 17025 and the Related ANAB Forensic Accreditation Requirements in a Nutshell – How to Crack that Nut! Workshop

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Characterization of Interfering Products in Fire Debris Analysis Workshop

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Statistical Sampling of Seized Drugs Workshop

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Role of Ethics in Scientific Court Testimony Workshop

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Agilent Technologies: The Latest Techniques in Mass Spectrometry Workshop

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thermo Fischer 2018 Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology Workshop

10:00am – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ABC Examination

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break

6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 Campfire/Smores' Social

Thursday, October 25th

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Exhibits

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Session Drugs/Toxicology

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Session DNA

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Session New Technologies, Trace/Arson & Explosives

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Session Criminalistics/Crime Scene

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Business Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception & Poster Session
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Evening Session & Desserts

Friday, October 26th

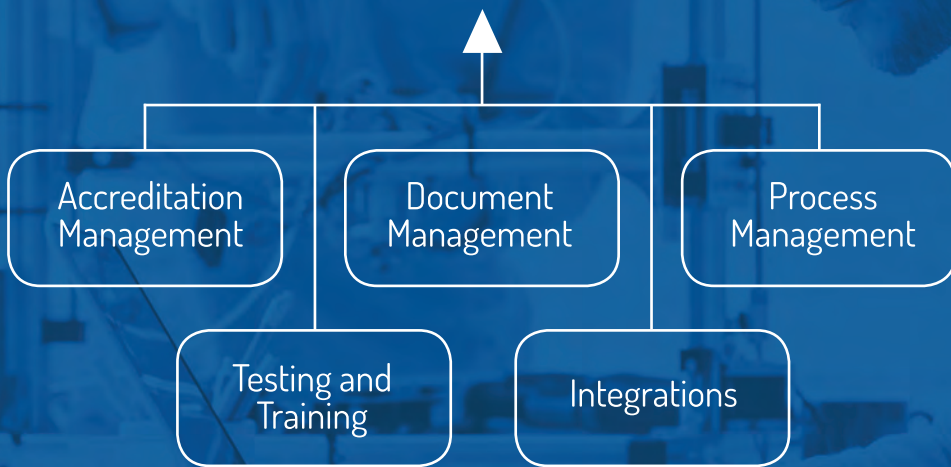
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10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Teardown
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Annual Luncheon
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Break
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. President's Reception

Saturday, October 27th

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Student Forum and George W. Chin Collegiate Cup competition
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Educator's Forum
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break



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NEAFS 2018 WORKSHOPS

The 2017 Version of ISO/IEC 17025 and the Related ANAB Forensic Accreditation Requirements in a Nutshell – How to Crack that Nut!

Instructor: Laurel Farrell, Senior Accreditation Manager
ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board

Both ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and the related ANAB Forensic Accreditation Requirements documents have been updated and have moved to less prescriptive requirements. Mentioned in the Foreword to ISO/IEC 17025, this move is supported by an application of risk-based thinking and a focus on performance-based requirements (a move from “how” to “what”).

This workshop will review the main sections of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and for each section discuss the overarching concept and then focus on the intent of the requirements from both documents. For those requirements that are more open-ended, examples and/or exercises will explore options for conformance. Keeping in mind that the approach to conformance will most likely not be the same, for all forensic service providers! The relationship of Process- Risk- Continuous Improvement will be explored.

Workshop participants will leave with a path forward to accreditation based on these updated accreditation requirements and a new perspective towards this revised approach to accreditation. The glass is half-full – the upside to risk-based thinking is opportunity!

Characterization of Interfering Products in Fire Debris Analysis

Instructor: Mary R. Williams, Coordinator of Research Programs & Services
National Center for Forensic Science, University of Central Florida

This half-day course will provide students an understanding of how materials decompose to create compounds that interfere with the interpretation of ignitable liquid residues in fire debris. Students will learn what chemical reactions are involved during the thermal decomposition process. We will discuss a variety of methods for burning materials to generate the products. Students will discover the types of combustion/pyrolysis compounds identified from the materials. We will survey the scientific literature and databases to determine common compounds with ignitable liquid residues. The survey will also include whether groups of these interfering compounds yield similar chromatographic patterns as ignitable liquids residues. We will explore various tools and methods for interpretation of the gas chromatography mass spectrometry data. These will aid in our determination of the presence of an ignitable liquid residue in the presence of combustion/pyrolysis products from decomposition of materials at the fire scene.

Prerequisites: basic understanding of fire debris analysis.

The Role of Ethics in Scientific Court Testimony

Instructors: Lawrence Quarino, Ph.D., Director of Forensic Science Program,
Cedar Crest College

Robert Biancavilla, J.D., Assistant District Attorney-Homicide Bureau,
Suffolk County (NY) District Attorney's Office

This workshop will begin with a discussion of the concepts of legal and scientific proof and the ethical dilemmas often poised to scientific expert witnesses during courtroom testimony. Examples of ethical dilemmas typically encountered by forensic scientists during court testimony and in interactions with the criminal justice system will be discussed with suggestions for resolution provided. The role that professional codes of ethics play in resolution of ethical dilemmas will be offered.

The workshop will focus on proper pretrial preparation and direct and cross-examination of expert forensic witnesses. Instruction on expert testimony specific for common types of forensic evidence (e.g. DNA, blood alcohol) will be given. The effect of both the Frye and Daubert standards for the scientific admissibility of evidence on testimony dealing with various types of physical evidence will also be discussed. The instructors will provide opportunity for participants to engage in direct and cross examination.

The workshop will review important practical criteria useful in persuasive and effective expert witness testimony during trial. The workshop will review recent studies assessing the effect of pay, frequency of testimony, and expert credentials on the perceptions of expert testimony on juries.

Finally, the workshop will discuss the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in light of US Supreme Court decisions and how it may relate to the testimony of expert witness in areas such as probabilistic DNA mixture interpretation and DNA familial searching.

Thermo Fisher 2018 Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology

Instructors: Various

Thermo Fisher Scientific is proud to support NEAFS in offering a one-day Forensic Workshop. This workshop will explore the new offerings at Thermo Fisher Scientific to support Forensic DNA Technology.

Agilent Technologies: The Latest Techniques in Mass Spectrometry

Instructors: Various

Agilent Technologies is offering a one-day workshop on mass spectrometry. In it, new techniques in mass spectrometry will be discussed to aid in sample analysis.

Statistical Sampling of Seized Drugs

Instructor: Suzanne Bell, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Forensic and Investigative Services, West Virginia University

This workshop will investigate the different statistical methods that can be used in the sampling of seized drugs, as well as the standards that shape them.

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- Attendance at the Annual Meeting for at least exhibit set up and exhibits day
- E-mail correspondence/solicitation to vendors regarding the NEAFS Newsletter Ads and payments
- Helping to search for and solicit new vendors
- Organization of exhibit contracts and payments on our google drive
- Interested in taking on the Corporate Liaison role, should it be offered (those responsibilities are available on Box.com)

Site Chair

Contact: Janine Kishbaugh at sitechair@neafs.org

- Review information from past meetings to help compile a database of details such as booth numbers, size of rooms, meeting attendance, hotel pick up, etc.
- Work in conjunction with the executive secretary looking back through meeting booklets, contacting previous hotels, etc.
- Interested in taking on the role of Site Chair, should it be offered

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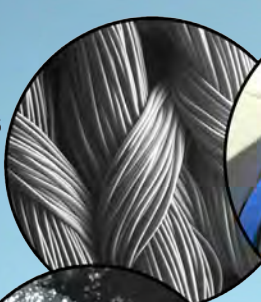
Contact: Betsy Duval at awards@neafs.org

- As a member of the awards committee you will receive and grade applications for the following awards:
 - George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (2 awarded, one undergraduate and one graduate)
 - George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship (1 awarded)
 - Carol De Forest Research Grant (2 awarded)
- All applications eligible for review must be received by April 30th (pdf form). The awards chair will then send them to the committee members for assessment.
- Worksheets for grading, along with instructions, will be provided
- After grading is complete those worksheets will be submitted to the awards chair for review. Once reviewed, the applicants with the highest scores from each category will win their respective award and the committee will be notified prior to the winners.
- If there is a tie or a question as to who the winner is, the committee will go back and reassess the selected applicants. All grading must be completed by August 1st.
- In addition, the awards committee aids in the assessment of the applications for the Meritorious Service Award (given annually) and chooses a winner.
- Interested in taking on the role of awards committee chair, should it be offered

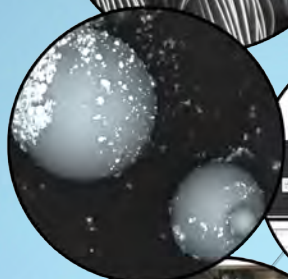
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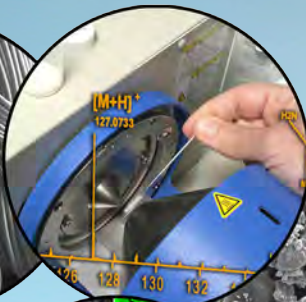
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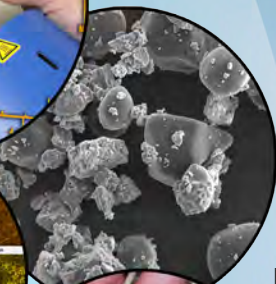
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Accident reconstruction



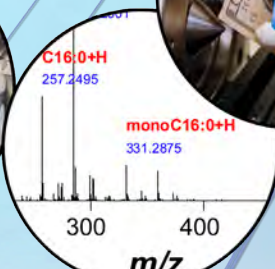
Drugs



Trace evidence



Plant materials



Gunshot residue



Powders, explosives



Preserve the Evidence

High-resolution SEM with large sample chamber

Direct analysis time-of-flight Mass Spectrometer





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 30th. The 2018 Awards recipients will be notified no later than September 1st.

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

Questions or comments? Please email Awards@NEAFS.org

NEAFS needs your HELP to fill in the blanks!

Are you an award winner or know someone who was? If so, please contact Elizabeth Duval at awards@neafs.org with any additional information.

NEAFS Awards Winners

2017

George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Colton Ames, Duquesne University
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Jackie Quito
Carol De Forest Research Grant – Emily Parchuke
George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlin Kruglak
Meritorious Service Award – Andrea Belec-LaJoy

2016

George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Olivia Goodwin
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Courtney Mower
Carol De Forest Research Grant – Chandler Grant and Elena Zavala
Meritorious Service Award – George W. Chin

2015

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Kaitlyn Hess
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Erica Johnson
Carol De Forest Research Grant – Ashton Lesiak
Meritorious Service Award – David San Pietro

2014

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate - Angelica Graver
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Heidi Campbell
Carol De Forest Research Grant - Emily Meyers
Meritorious Service Award – Peter Diaczuk

2013

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate - Emily Fuller
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Ashton Lesiak
Carol De Forest Research Grant - Rachel Bower
Meritorious Service Award – Vincent Desiderio

2012

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Kaitlin Hafer
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Daniel Hall
1st Carol De Forest Research Grant – Joseph Iacona
1st Meritorious Service Award – Ted Schwartz

2011

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Elizabeth Sunderhaus
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Kristen Johnson

2010

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Jennifer Bonetti
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Loretta Kuo

2009

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Michelle Schmidt
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – [REDACTED]

2008

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Stacie Kaufman
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - [REDACTED]

2007

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Christina Mulligan
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - [REDACTED]

2006

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Kathryn O'Brien
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Joel Stepanchick

2005

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Undergraduate – April McNearney
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Graduate - Evan Bernier

2004

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Meghan Miller
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Deborah Lark

2003

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Annette Lopez
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Kelley Corcoran

2002

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – John Kristofic
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Marc LaFrance

2001

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Allison Curran

2000

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Linda Chiu Rourke

1999

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Kimerbely A. Parker
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Vincent J. Desiderio

1998

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Malachowski

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Brandy Blackbum

1997- Awards changed to be called George W. Neighbor, Jr. Scholarship

No awards were given out as all applications received were incomplete.

1989 and 1990 No award given out.

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 30th**. 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

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

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship

Application Form

Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ Ph.D. (1st 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: 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 30th**. The winner will be notified no later than September 1st.

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. (1st 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"/>
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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: 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 30th**.

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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. 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:



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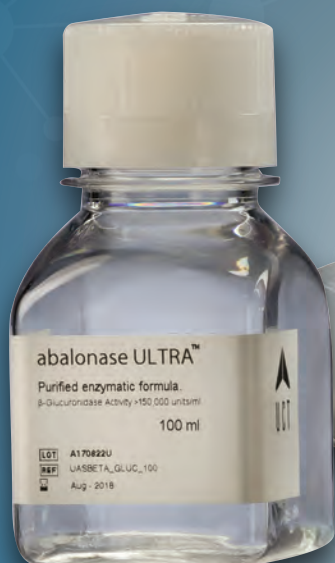
The Green Mountain DNA Conference provides a forum for the promotion of education and research while improving practice and encouraging collaboration in the field of forensic sciences.

The 2018 Green Mountain DNA Conference will be held in Vermont from July 30-August 1, 2018. Registration will open at noon EST on 4/10/18.

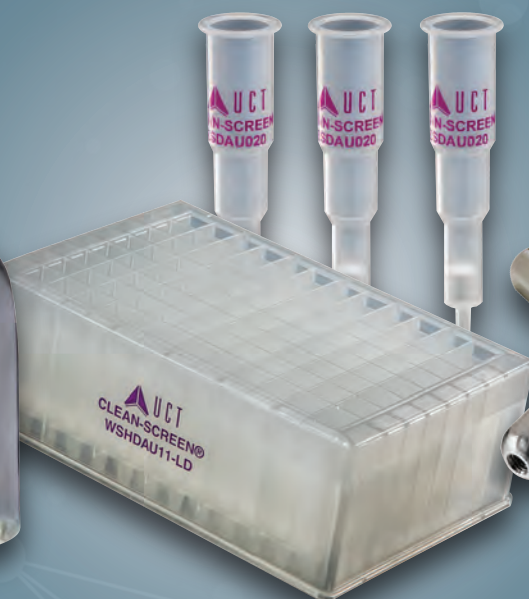
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NEAFS Visiting Scientist Program

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. 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:_____

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2018 Training Scholarship Fund

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) is proud to offer its members a 2018 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, 2018 to December 31st, 2018. 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 2018 Training Scholarship Fund. Please visit the NEAFS [training](#) website to take advantage of this great NEAFS opportunity and to view upcoming training opportunities!

Upcoming Training

January 2018

National Center for Forensic Science Online Courses

Basic Fire Debris Analysis – open enrollment, January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

Cost: \$500

Continuing Education credits offered.

Register any time and pay with a credit card or check. Course access will remain open for 30 days from processed enrollment. Learn more on our website: <https://ncfs.ucf.edu/ncfs-training/physical-evidence/basic-fire-debris-course/>

Advanced Fire Debris Analysis – open enrollment, January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

Cost: \$500

Continuing Education credits offered.

Register any time and pay with a credit card or check. Course access will remain open for 42 days from processed enrollment. Learn more on our website: <https://ncfs.ucf.edu/ncfs-training/physical-evidence/advanced-fire-debris-analysis/>

GC-MS Instrumentation Course – open enrollment, January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

Cost: \$500

Register any time and pay with a credit card or check. Course access will remain open for 30 days from processed enrollment. Learn more on our website: <https://ncfs.ucf.edu/ncfs-training/physical-evidence/gas-chromatography-mass-spectrometry/>

July 2018



Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist



The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will be offering two fire debris training courses for state and local government laboratory analysts. *Introductory Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist* is a four-day course designed for analysts in the early stages of fire debris training or with less than a year experience in conducting fire debris analysis casework. *Advanced Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist* is a course designed for analysts with more than three years of experience in conducting fire debris casework. These tuition-free courses will be offered on alternating years at the ATF Forensic Science Laboratory – Washington in Beltsville, Maryland.

Introductory Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist covers the basic theory and concepts analysts need to understand in order to help them gain initial competency from their agency. Classroom learning will be enhanced with hands-on exercises and small group assignments.

Advanced Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist expands upon the topics covered in the *Introductory* course; provides additional analytical tools and considerations for fire debris analysis; and introduces concepts in fire science.

Course Offerings

July 23-26, 2018: *Introductory Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist*

2019: *Advanced Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist*

Although the classes are tuition-free, travel costs and per diem expenses are the responsibility of the student or student's agency.

Please contact **Raymond Kuk** at **202-648-6140** or Raymond.Kuk@atf.gov with any questions or to apply for the upcoming *Introductory Fire Debris Analysis for the Forensic Chemist* course.





NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS 2018 TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 1st, 2018- DECEMBER 31st, 2018

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.



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.

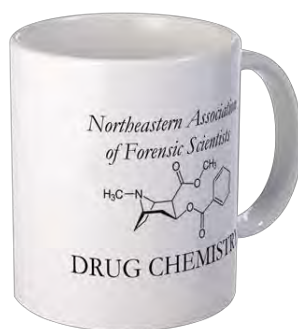
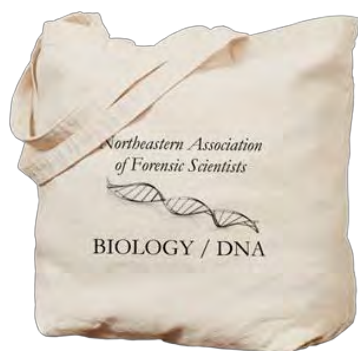
Will you be reimbursed by your agency or any other non-NEAFS related entity for any expenses incurred as a result of attending the above training? Yes No

If "Yes", provide funding agency and amount: _____

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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 29th 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 intitled: “Forensic Microscopy” and “Introduction to the Forensic Applications of Infrared Spectroscopy”.
- A luncheon was held during the 3rd 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 7th 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 10th Annual Meeting, the room rate was \$55 (single or double).
- The 12th 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 11th 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 9th Annual Meeting in 1983.
- The door prizes given out at the 14th 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.

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 2018. There will be an ABC exam offered at the NEAFS Annual meeting. After passing the examination, please fill out the Certification Reimbursement Form (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. 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.

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