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2,4,6 trinitrotoluene fused in a thermal mount. Nicknamed "school of fish".

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President's Message

The last few months have been quite a tumultuous time. There have been many changes occurring throughout various aspects of our society, as well as within our professional world.

In the few short months since our last annual meeting we have seen our country elect a new President, a mammoth economic crisis impact our country, as well as the release of the National Academy of Sciences report, "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward". As in most situations you can not help but have each somewhat impact and influence the other.

The recent economic downturn may indeed have very real downstream effects for the laboratories our members come from. Most laboratories recognize the importance of trying to provide for the continuing education of their staff. In many instances this allows laboratories to satisfy accreditation requirements, while also encouraging the individual development and increased knowledge base of their staff. Both aspects contribute to stronger, more efficient, laboratory performance. This appeals to a very basic professional philosophy for all of us; to do the best job possible, with the most integrity.

As the result of recent economic events many laboratories have difficult decisions to make; in the best of instances perhaps scaling back on reagents and consumables, while in the worst, losing actual staff. Unfortunately some of the economic concessions may require the cutting back on training funds. NEAFS recognizes the importance of the recent NAS report. The fundamental points regarding provisions for adequate staffing, testing resources, and thorough procedural validation/implementations, are all valid points that warrant our attention. Recommendations regarding laboratory accreditation and practitioner certifications have merit as well. These too may be affected by diminished fund appropriations, making it difficult for labs to meet continuing education demands.

As an organization our goal remains the same; to help provide our membership with these kinds of training opportunities at reduced rates. Over approximately the last two years NEAFS has been able to expand on this theme by our grant partnership with Cedar Crest College and the NIJ. This has resulted in numerous workshops in various topic areas at reduced rates for NEAFS members. We have been very fortunate to be in this situation to provide this to the membership.

Even in these times of bailouts, it does not preclude the responsibility each of us has in attending to our individual professional development and growth. One way of accomplishing this may be in the form of pursuing individual certification. Another would be to try as best we can to avail ourselves of the training opportunities presented to us, whether in the form of attending the annual meeting and its workshops, or one of the mid-year off-site workshops as well.

As I write this, Laura Tramontin, our President-Elect, is working hard to ensure an absolutely marvelous meeting this November in Long Branch, New Jersey. It promises to be a timely and informative event, with something for all specialties and areas of interest. It also promises to have a great series of workshops. I mention this now because as last years Program Chair, it was amazing how quickly a year went by! It's never too early to start planning ahead. Hopefully that planning may include giving a presentation, or offering your services to Laura to assist in the meeting planning.

NEAFS promises to do its part to help our membership achieve their professional goals. I am confident that the drive and initiative our membership has exhibited for all these years will remain steadfastly intact. This will also help us to persevere and thrive, even in these times of potential insecurity.

I look forward to speaking with you again through out the course of this year, as well as seeing you at this year's annual meeting.

Sincerely,

*David San Pietro
President*



**Northeastern Association
of
Forensic Scientists**

Join us at the 35th Annual NEAFS Meeting



November
4th – 7th, 2009

Ocean Place
Resort and Spa
Long Branch, NJ

www.oceanplaceresort.com



*Preparation for the meeting is underway... If you would like to volunteer to help
or have any questions please contact:*

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NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting

Preliminary Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Trace Evidence
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Fire Debris
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: LC/MS
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: DNA
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: GC/MS
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Educator's Forum
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Exhibitors Setup
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Beach Bonfire (Weather Permitting)

Thursday, November 5, 2009

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

Friday, November 6, 2009

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Exhibitors
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	General Session
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Luncheon
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Plenary Session
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Business Meeting
8:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Presidents Reception

NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting

November 4th – 7th, 2009

CALL FOR PAPERS – ABSTRACT FORM

DEADLINE: September 4, 2009

Title: _____

Presenting Author: _____

Affiliation: _____ Phone Number: _____

Co-Authors and Affiliation: _____

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

Audio-Visual equipment needed: _____

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

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

Please specify the version of PowerPoint used: _____

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

All speakers need to complete and submit the Registration Form.

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NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting

November 4th – 7th, 2009

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NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting

Preliminary Workshops November 4th, 2009

We are working on workshops for the 2009 Meeting. Workshop Titles and Abstracts will be updated soon.

Fire Debris

Instructor: Carl Chasteen

Moderator: Vince Desiderio

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DNA

Instructor: John Butler

Moderator: Dave San Pietro

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Trace Evidence

Instructors: Dr. Peter R. DeForest & Peter Diaczuk

Moderator: Peter Diaczuk

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Multi-Vendor LC/MS

Instructors: Thermo Scientific, Shimadzu, ABI, Agilent

Moderator: Andrea Belec

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GC/MS

Instructor: Agilent Technologies

Moderator: Kim Gorel

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Scholarship Award

**The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists
is looking for candidates for the
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award.**

Eligibility requirements:

- Currently enrolled in a Forensic Science or related science program
- Full-time undergraduate students in their Junior or Senior year
- Full or part-time graduate students
- The student must demonstrate excellence in his/her academic program.

Application requirements:

- A letter of recommendation from a professor involved in a Forensic Science curriculum.
- A letter from the student describing his/her personal goals, achievements and reasons for award consideration.
- An official school transcript, which must include fall 2008 grades.
- Applicants should be attending college 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).

Application requirements must be post marked by May 20, 2009.

Out of fairness to all potential candidates, No exceptions will be made.

Interested candidates should submit the above requirements to:

Margaret LaFond

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**Northeastern Association
of
Forensic Scientists**

2009 Scholarship Application

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

Name: _____

School Residence: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number : _____

College: _____

Current Year : _____

Personal Goals, Achievements, and Other Reasons for award consideration
(Please use the space below, attach sheets if necessary)

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

2009 Scholarship Recommendation Form

Candidate: Please indicate whether or not this letter of reference is confidential or non-confidential by your signature below.

I waive my rights to inspect and review this letter of reference; it **Will** be confidential.

Signature _____

I wish to have the right to inspect and review this letter of reference; it **Will Not** be confidential.

Signature _____

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						
Ability to work with others						
Communication Skills						
Leadership						
Reliability						
Initiative						
Maturity						
Integrity						
Attitude						

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** _____ **NOT APPLICABLE** _____

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

Collegiate Project Competition

NEAFS is proud to announce:

The Dr. Peter DeForest Collegiate Project Competition

Attention Students (Undergraduate and Graduate):

It is time for a little friendly competition between the colleges and universities in the northeast with Forensic Science Programs. The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) is looking for forensic science research projects that display the type of work going on at your schools. We want to see what the next generation of forensic scientists will bring to the field.

The top five projects will be presented during the 2009 Annual NEAFS Meeting, in Long Branch, New Jersey. One of the top five projects will be selected as NEAFS Collegiate Project winner.



Entry Criteria:

1. No more than seven participants per entry.
2. All participants must be listed on the application.
3. Presentation should be 15 minutes or less.
4. Specific details can be found within the abstract form.

Abstracts must be postmarked by September 4, 2009
Late abstracts will not be accepted

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Dr. Peter DeForest Collegiate Project Competition

Abstract Form

Eligibility requirements: Students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities who are not simultaneously employed in a Forensic Science laboratory; and who are in their Junior or Senior year at the time of the application; or are graduate students at the time of application. **Abstract deadline: September 4, 2009. Abstracts must be postmarked by September 4, 2009. Late abstracts will not be accepted.**

Name of Project: _____

Team member(s): Please record each name below. Team members must be listed in order to receive credit for participation in the competition.

Name(s) of team member(s)	Student Status (Undergrad Jr= UJ ; Undergrad Sr= US ; Graduate= Gr)
#1 _____	_____
#2 _____	_____
#3 _____	_____
#4 _____	_____
#5 _____	_____

Professor's Name _____ Signature _____

Title _____ College/Institution _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Please attach your type written abstract to this form.

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NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

10/1/2008 through 12/31/2008

Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2009

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

4th Quarter Income

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Vincent J. Desiderio
NEAFS Treasurer



NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

10/1/2008 through 12/31/2008

Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2009

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

Respectfully Submitted,
 Vincent J. Desiderio
 NEAFS Treasurer

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

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

Members present:

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

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed and accepted.

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

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Director's Reports:

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

Executive Secretary's Report:

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

Membership Report:

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

Ethics Report:

Per President San Pietro: No report.

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

Publications Report:

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

ABC Report:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Awards Report:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Education Report:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Registration Report:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Corporate Sponsorship:

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

Merchandise:

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

Site Chair Report:

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

Meeting Chair 2009:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Old Business:

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

New Business:

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

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

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

A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Diaczuk
Secretary
20-APR-2009

Proposed By-law Changes

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

Article VI, Membership:

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

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

a. Qualifications for Regular Membership Shall Be:

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

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

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

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

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

The Forensic Science Training Institute at Cedar Crest College presents 2009 NIJ Supported Summer Workshops

	NEAFS Members Registration	Full Registration
The ABCs of Microbial Forensics June 12th, 2009	January 19, 2009-March 9, 2009	March 10, 2009-May 29, 2009
Forensic Mass Spectrometry June 24-26, 2009	January 19, 2009-March 9, 2009	March 10, 2009-June 10, 2009
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for the Laboratory Scientist July 8-10, 2009	January 19, 2009-March 9, 2009	March 10, 2009-June 24, 2009
Incorporating Concepts of Quality Assurance and Quality Control into Crime Scene Investigation July 13-15, 2009	January 19, 2009-March 9, 2009	March 10, 2009-June 29, 2009
Courtroom Testimony for the Forensic Scientist July 30-31, 2009	January 19, 2009-March 9, 2009	March 10, 2009-July 16, 2009

[Download the information packet and registration form](#)

May 2009

Crime Scene Processing Techniques
FoCoSS Forensics
May 18-22, 2009

FoCoSS Forensics will be holding a Crime Scene Processing Techniques class the week of May 18-22, 2009 at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH. Through technical lectures, practical exercises and mock crime scenes, the class will provide students a comprehensive overview of documentation, collection and preservation of various types of physical evidence. It will also cover proper handling of a variety of different types of physical evidence including, fingerprints, footwear and tire tracks, shooting scene evidence, toolmarks, bloodstain patterns, gunshot residue, trace evidence, and fracture edge evidence.

For more information call Marc Dupre at 603-568-0713 or visit our website
at: http://www.focossforensics.com/html/crime_scene_processing_techntiq.html

June 2009

PENN State Forensic Science
2009 Summer Programs

June 1–5: The Identification of Synthetic Fibers in the Forensic Laboratory
June 8–9: Documentation, Collection, and Examination of Fabric Impressions
June 8–10: Basic Geometric Optics for Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners
June 10: Forensic Examination for Plastic Garbage Bags
For program descriptions and fees, visit: www.forensics.psu.edu

Spring 2009 Bloodstain Evidence Institute
Corning, New York
June 1-5, 2009

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

BASIC Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course
Elmira College Elmira, New York
June 8-12, 2009

Contact: Paul Erwin Kish, Forensic Consultant & Associates, P.O. Box 814, Corning, NY 14830; 607-962-8092; E-mail: paulkish@stny.rr.com

ADVANCED Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course
Elmira College Elmira, New York
June 15-19, 2009

Instructors: Paul Erwin Kish & Stuart James Contact: Paul Erwin Kish, Forensic Consultant & Associates, P.O. Box 814, Corning, NY 14830; 607-962-8092; E-mail: paulkish@stny.rr.com

July 2009

The Inter/Micro Conference
Sponsored and hosted by McCrone Research Institute
Chicago, IL
July 6-10, 2009

Since its beginning in 1948, Inter/Micro has grown to attract microscopists, both amateur and professional, from all areas of light & electron microscopy, including forensic science. The conference runs this year from 06-10 July 2009, with symposia held the first three days and a workshop the final two days. Visit <http://mcri.org/home/section/101-399/inter-micro-2009-conference-homepage>.

PENN State Forensic Science
2009 Summer Programs
July 27–31

Facial Reconstruction.

For program descriptions and fees, visit: www.forensics.psu.edu

August 2009

PENN State Forensic Science
2009 Summer Programs
August 3–7

Survey of Advanced Facial Identification Technique

For program descriptions and fees, visit: www.forensics.psu.edu

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

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

Site Chair: [Tom Riley](#)

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

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

September 2009

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

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

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

Posting Instructions

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



Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

Employment Opportunities

Osceola County Sheriff's Office

Forensic Fingerprint Analyst

Salary: \$42,999- 66,991

General Responsibilities

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

General Requirements

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

Application

For more information contact:

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

Posted: 04/22/09

Employment Opportunities

Illinois State Police

Division of Forensic Services
Forensic Sciences Command

The Illinois State Police, Division of Forensic Services (DFS), Forensic Sciences Command (FSC), with a staff of almost 500, provides forensic science services to 1200 law enforcement agencies within the State of Illinois. These agencies submit approximately 115,000 cases each year. It has maintained a reputation of innovation and advancement for the forensic sciences profession. Through leadership of the former and present commanders, the FSC achieved a number of notable milestones. The FSC is the third largest forensic science organization in the world. The FSC eight operational laboratories and Research and Development Laboratory were the first laboratories in the world to be accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. The FSC is currently accredited under ISO 17025 standards. The FSC developed the first organized program of dedicated training coordinators for the training and education of new forensic scientists. The FSC developed the first cumulative quality assurance program. Both of these programs are well regarded and have been emulated by a number of forensic science organizations.

The Illinois State Police, Division of Forensic Services seeks a dynamic and forward thinking individual to succeed the present Commander who will be retiring later in 2009. This individual must have the tools and credentials to build on the successes gained by the former commanders and take the FSC forward to face the challenges of the forensic science profession in the 21st century. The skill sets must include: thorough knowledge of and experience in forensic science; knowledge of national trends and developments in the management of forensic services; knowledge of and experience with ISO 17025 standards; proven track record of successful innovative changes; excellent verbal and written communication skills; and strong leadership abilities.

Therefore, the Illinois State Police, Division of Forensic Services announces the following position opening:

Senior Public Service Administrator Option 7 (Commander), Forensic Sciences Command

Location: Springfield, Illinois

Salary range: \$4,295 - \$10,093 per month.

Closing Date: June 30, 2009 Selection: Through an interview process.

For Information on the Command, Qualifications and Summary of Duties: Access the following link:
www.isp.state.il.us/forensics/

Interested individuals need to access the Department of Central Management website for application procedures: <http://work.illinois.gov/>. In addition, the Division of Forensic Services requests a letter stating interest in the position and a copy of a current resume sent to: Ms. Carol Walters, Forensic Sciences Command, 801 South 7th St Suite 900A, PO Box 19461, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2487.

Posted: 04/15/09

Employment Opportunities

Promega - www.promega.com

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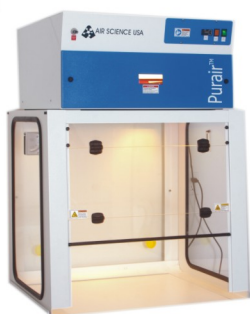


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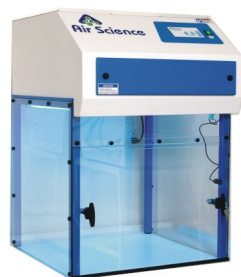
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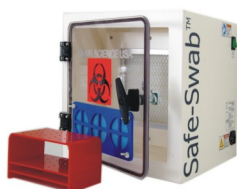
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