**Meeting Minutes for the**

**Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:05 am, on March 2, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2303, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Jennifer Duvall (BCI-London) presided over the meeting.*

*The following Members and guests were present in person or via Microsoft Teams:*

*Daniel Baker (Franklin Co.), Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Bob Budgake (Canton/Stark-Retired), Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.), David Cogan (Toledo), Michele Foster (Canton/Stark), Mark Hiatt (Central Ohio Regional Crime Lab-Newark), Harmeet Kaur (Cuyahoga Co.), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), James Smith (OSHP), Jami St. Clair (Columbus-Retired), Lynne Strainic (BCI-London), Meredith Sweeney (Columbus) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). A quorum was present. Twelve (12) of the eighteen (18) eligible voters were present.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Annual Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Michele Foster. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Chad Wissinger proffered the Treasurer’s report. He disclosed the FSIO has a checking, PayPal and savings account balance of $30,369.72 and a Tong Award’s Fund balance of $35,316.09. Also, the interest produced by this award’s fund investment CD is more than enough to cover the annual award expenses for college students. This CD reaches full maturity on 2/22/2028. Additionally, he advised that 25 Members have already paid their 2023 dues. Chad indicated that he would send out reminders for those who haven’t paid yet.*

*Old Business:*

*Heather Sheskey asked that offering another Courtroom Testimony Course be tabled until sufficient demand for this training develops.*

*Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) was not present to discuss repeating the Forensic Ethics Course in 2023.*

*Mark Hiatt advised that he is putting the finishing touches on organizing the Ohio drug chemist’s meeting, to be held April 12, 2023, at the OSHP Academy auditorium. He gave special thanks to Sam Fortener (BCI-Bowling Green),* *Erin Reed (Ohio Narcotics Intel Ctr.), Jessica Toms (BCI-London) and Brandon Werry (OSHP) for helping organize this event. Mark shared that he has yet to explore the cost of providing lunches for possibly as many as 75 attendees. Since this event is before the next FSIO meeting, Mark will have to address the Board for approval of this lunch expenditure.*

*Jennifer Duvall stated that along with Michele Foster, they completed an audit of the FSIO financial records for 2022. This audit encompassed the FSIO savings, checking and Tong Award’s Fund accounts. They found everything to be in order, with no discrepancies discovered.*

*Michele Foster revealed that she was still in the planning stages for organizing an Ohio firearm examiner’s meeting.*

*New Business:*

*Bob Budgake presented the membership application of Shaena Taylor, of the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Lab. Shaena has been with Cuyahoga County for 15 years and was recently promoted to drug chemistry supervisor. Dr. Gilson recommended this applicant. Motion to approve this application, Bob Budgake; Second Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*A group discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of a lab efficiency workshop. This idea was floated by Dan Baker at our December 2022 meeting. He was exposed to this training at the ASCLD Leadership Academy. Dan thought that all our labs could benefit from such training. He announced that he is making a short abstract presentation, at the April annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT), regarding the benefits of implementing these efficiency recommendations. He promised to share this abstract with FSIO, to see if this spurs the interest of the membership. If so, he indicated that Jeremy Triplett, of the ASCLD Leadership Academy, would be the one to reach out to for advice regarding organizing this type of training.*

*The next Meeting of the FSIO, will be 10 am, Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with the option of attending via Microsoft Teams. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*