

Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio

A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order on March 10, 2016, at 10:00 am, at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2305, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Brandon Werry (OSHP) presided over the meeting.

The following Members and guests were present: Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), Joan Burke (Hamilton Co.), Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.), David Cogan (Toledo), Tom Gilson (Cuyahoga Co.), Karen Kwek (BCI London), Kevin Lattyak (Hamilton Co.), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Jason MacDonald (Ohio Board of Pharmacy), Brian Scowden (Hamilton Co.), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Jay Spencer (Canton-Stark), Jami StClair (Columbus), Steve Schierholt (Ohio Board of Pharmacy), Jim Smith (BCI London) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). A quorum was achieved. Nine of the sixteen eligible voters were present.

Steve Schierholt and Jason MacDonald demonstrated a software program utilizing the NFLIS data that the Ohio's labs submit. Overall, the membership was impressed with the product developed since our last meeting. The membership suggested that once the Board of Pharmacy goes on line with this software and the labs are able to query it, we will be better able to offer suggestions for improvement.

Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Jami StClair; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Chad Wissinger presented the Treasurer's report. His report disclosed that the FSIO has a checking account balance of \$20,327 and the Tong Award's Fund has a balance of \$38,943.

Old Business:

Jeff Lynn updated the membership regarding the FSIO website www.bgsu.edu/FSIO. Jeff revealed that some Members indicated that the site was too BGSU focused. Jeff addressed this concern with the University with no avail. Other suggestions given were to allow labs to post internship opportunities and that Ohio U. delete the old FSIO website from their server. Jeff asked that the membership continue to view this site and proffer any suggestions for improvement.

Jeff Lynn stated that a web based training module for Hyper Geometrics Sampling will be available soon. Their intent is to offer this web based course for free. Jeff indicated that to be able to access this module, the user must provide an outbound IP address for their agency. This request is a necessary security measure.

Karen Kwek investigated the food expenditures, which were in excess of \$500, for a meeting of Ohio's latent print examiners, held November 5, 2015, at the Columbus Police Training Academy. She stated that excess food was ordered because registrations were double the actual attendees. A national Cogent User's meeting was being held concurrently, which undoubtedly contributed to this lower than expected turnout. Since the food order was placed in advance, there was nothing that could be done to avoid this overage. Karen assured the membership that nothing inappropriate took place. It is expected that the examiners will return to their normal girths in a few weeks.

President Werry, on behalf of Lynne Strainic (OSHP), advised that they were in contact with Jason Nawyn, US Army Criminal Investigation Lab, regarding instructing a one day Mass Spectral Interpretation Course. Mr. Nawyn advised that he will only charge for travel expenses, estimated not to surpass \$1,000. The membership suggested a course offering date of July 28, 2016. A \$200 tuition charge was established at our December meeting. After a lengthy discussion, led by Jami StClair, the membership suggested the tuition be revised to \$25 and that FSIO pick up lunch, not to exceed \$500. Motion to amend the tuition charge and provide lunch, Jami StClair; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Jeff Lynn reported that the Ron Smith and Associates course entitled: Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand, will be held May 16-20, 2016, at BCI Bowling Green. Jeff has secured a room rate of \$85 a night plus tax at the Hampton Inn. Michele Triplett will be the instructor. Jeff reminded member agencies that a \$200 FSIO scholarship per attendee is available. Therefore, the subsidized attendee will be required to pay \$400 for tuition vs. \$600. To date 14 individuals have signed up.

New Business:

Bob Budgake instructed that the current Board of Trustees for Tong Awards Fund consists of himself, Peter Harrington, Sonja Rawn, Larry Rentz and Chad Wissinger. Bob suggested that Dr. Harrington be replaced on this board by Dr. Rebecca Barlag. This request was made to conform with the establishing donor's (Dr. Tong) directive to have the Director of the OU Forensic Chemistry program on this board. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative. Bob also recommended that this board should meet soon to review the investment portfolio.

*The next meeting of the FSIO is scheduled for 10 am, Thursday, June 9, 2016, at the **Cuyahoga Co. Regional Forensic Science Lab**, 11001 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106. Motion, Tom Gilson; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. Motion, Jami StClair; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO