

Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio

A meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:08 am, on March 14, 2019 at Ohio BCI, in the Ron Dye Conference Room, 750 North College Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio. President Heather Sheskey (OSHP) presided over the meeting.

The following Members and guests were present: Casey Agosti (BCI BG), Erik Blaine (Miami Valley), Jason Brown (Toledo), Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), Tracy Cheany-Plummer (Columbus), David Cogan (Toledo), Brooke Ehlers (Miami Valley), Angela Farrington (Columbus), Michele Foster (Canton-Stark), Mark Hiatt (Newark), Laura Kimble (Hamilton Co.), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Larry Rentz (BCI BG Retired), Jim Smith (BCI London), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.) was represented by proxy. A quorum was present. Twelve of the nineteen eligible voters were present or represented.

Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Annual Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Jeff Lynn. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Chad Wissinger offered the Treasurer's report. He disclosed that the FSIO has a checking account balance of \$23,033, a savings account balance of \$5,001 and a Tong Award's Fund balance of \$35,021.

Old Business:

Chad Wissinger revealed the Ron Smith course entitled, Finding Latent Print Evidence with Chemistry and Light, will take place October 22-25, 2019, at the Fire Academy. Those interested can register online at www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training. Tuition is \$600.

Jeff Lynn queried the group regarding interest in another Introductory Expert Witness Testimony Training course at Ohio BCI, Bowling Green. The members present expressed that they could easily fill a class. Jeff agreed to organize another session targeting the first week of August, 2019.

Michael Trimpe and Laura Kimble (Hamilton Co.) stated the Ohio drug chemist meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019, at the OSHP Academy, 740 East 17th Ave., Columbus, from 9am to 4pm. The meeting will consist of a roundtable discussion; a presentation from Erin Reed, Ohio Board of Pharmacy, regarding medical marijuana; several presenters from Cayman Chemical, discussing fentanyl analogs, U compounds and designer benzodiazepines. Mike motioned to provide travel expenses for the Cayman speakers, not to exceed \$500; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative. President Sheskey indicated that Brandon Werry (OSHP) expected 80 attendees and will be contacting them shortly by email.

Nasir Butt was not present to provide an update regarding the Ohio Attorney General's Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Advisory Committee.

Treasurer Wissinger reported that he established a PayPal account, so that dues, course fees and other charges, could be paid online via credit card or bank account transfers. Chad indicated that he has already tested it and it is working as advertised. Additionally, he has purchased a bluetooth credit card reader, which can link with a cell phone, allowing transactions to be completed in person.

Angela Farrington stated an ANAB ISO/IEC 17025-2017 Assessor Training Course is scheduled for August 27-30, 2019, at the Fire Academy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Tuition is \$1,000 per student, with a maximum class size of 24 students. The school runs 8am – 5pm, Tuesday thru Thursday and 8 am – 10:30am on Friday. Angela plans on reserving a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn, Reynoldsburg. She also advised, that an eight hour online session must be completed, prior to attending this class.

New Business:

Nasir Butt was not present to report on an ethics commission ruling prohibiting ANAB from directly reimbursing Cuyahoga County employees for travel expenses, regarding offsite inspections of another forensic facility. Chad Wissinger indicated that Cuyahoga County now has the employee go through the normal travel approval process. Hence, the County will pay the employee's travel expenses and seek reimbursement from ANAB. This way the employee is not directly reimbursed by ANAB.

Angela Farrington and Bob Budgake advised the membership that Board action was taken in late January, to allow the FSIO Treasurer to set up a pass thru account to receive tuition payments regarding the before mentioned ANAB Assessor Training course and pay ANAB for their services. The Board was asked by Angela to approve this prior to our regular March meeting, so that she could reserve the August time slot.

Mike Trimpe expressed a concern regarding an upcoming ANAB assessment. Mike indicated that some of their disciplines i.e. explosive residue, soil and wood identification, may not be able to receive accreditation, because they are not doing enough cases. One solution might be having assigned Ohio labs perform all the cases for a low volume discipline. Therefore maintaining accreditation and the body of knowledge in our state.

*The next meeting of the FSIO will be 10 am, Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the **Ohio Fire Academy**, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Jeff Lynn. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

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The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO