

## **Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:01am, on September 12, 2019 at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2303, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Heather Sheskey (OSHP) presided over the meeting.*

*The following Members and guests were present: Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Bill Dean (Hamilton Co. Retired), Jen Duvall (BCI London), Brooke Ehlers (Miami Valley), Angela Farrington (Columbus), Michele Foster (Canton-Stark), Mark Hiatt (Newark), Laura Kimble (Hamilton (Co.)), Karen Kwek (BCI London), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Doug Rohde ((Lake Co.), Jim Smith (BCI London), Anthony Stender (Ohio U.), Tony Tambasco (Mansfield) and Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.). Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal) was represented by proxy. A quorum was present. Fourteen of the nineteen eligible voters were present or represented.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Jim Smith; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Bob Budgake, on behalf of Chad Wissinger, proffered the Treasurer's report. He disclosed the FSIO has a checking account balance of \$22,608, a savings account balance of \$5,001 and a Tong Award's Fund balance of \$36,575. Bob indicated the FSIO was the pass thru account for the August, ANAB Assessor Training Course. Also, Chad issued a \$150 student award check to Connor Berelsman, of Ohio University.*

### *Old Business:*

*President Sheskey stated, Chad Wissinger sent an e-mail message revealing, that for the Ron Smith course entitled, Finding Latent Print Evidence with Chemistry and Light, to go forward, they need a couple more registrants. Michele Foster and Mark Hiatt indicated they recently registered three students. Therefore, it is anticipated that this offering will proceed. Anyone else who is interested, needs to register by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The course takes place October 22-25, 2019, at the Fire Academy. Registration can be completed online at [www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training](http://www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training) . Tuition is \$600.*

*Jeff Lynn informed the group that the Introductory Expert Witness Testimony Training Course, at Ohio BCI Bowling Green, on August 6 & 7, went very well. They had seven students from Columbus and Lake County. Jeff volunteered to continue offering this course as needed.*

*Angela Farrington stated the ANAB ISO/IEC 17025-2017 Assessor Training Course, held August 27-30, 2019, at the Fire Academy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, had twenty-three attendees. The FSIO processed the tuition charges for this course and profited \$1,650*

*for doing so. Angela gave special thanks to Lisa Malloure, from her office, for coordinating this event.*

*President Sheskey, on behalf of Brandon Werry, proposed the second week of May 2020 for a two day Hypergeometric Sampling Workshop. There were no objections to this offering date.*

*Angela Farrington revealed that the AFTE Toolmark Subclass Evaluation Course, on September 17, 2020 has been cancelled. A new ATF Bureau Chief has prohibited the intended instructor to attend. Angela indicated that she will try again to organize this offering in the future.*

*New Business:*

*Bob Budgake presented a concern from Dr. Gilson (Cuyahoga Co.), regarding their inability to collect overtime from ATF for civilian NIBIN data entry. Apparently, sworn staffing can receive such payments. Dr. Gilson inquired if FSIO is willing to pursue this matter with federal congressional representatives. Only a few of the attendees were aware of this issue. The membership seemed open to supporting Cuyahoga County in this endeavor, if they choose to move forward.*

*Karen Kwek proposed that we consider offering a one day course regarding pharmacophores, previously given by Dr. John Sprague, in 2014. Jeff Lynn volunteered to make contact with Dr. Sprague. Several members indicated the 2014 version was an excellent presentation. President Sheskey offered the OSHP Academy, as a central location, to hold this course.*

*The next meeting, which is the Annual Meeting of the FSIO, will be 10 am, Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the **Ohio Fire Academy**, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Jeff Lynn. All Members voted in the affirmative. Bob Budgake relayed that the new administrators of the Coverdell grant would like to attend our December or March meeting.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. Motion, Jim Smith; Second, Tony Tambasco. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*