

Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 11:05 am, on December 13, 2018 at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2305, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.) presided over the meeting.

The following Members and guests were present: Tammy Bonner (OSHP), Jason Brown (Toledo), Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Jennifer Duvall (BCI London), Angela Farrington (Columbus), Laurel Hart (OSHP), Mark Hiatt (Newark), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Doug Rohde (Lake County), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Jim Smith (BCI London), Anthony Stender (Ohio U.), Meredith Sweeney (Columbus) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). Anthony Tambasco (Mansfield) was represented by proxy. A quorum was present. Eleven of the eighteen eligible voters were present or represented.

Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Angela Farrington. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Chad Wissinger offered the Treasurer's report. He disclosed that the FSIO has a checking account balance of \$22,349, a savings account balance of \$5,001 and a Tong Award's Fund balance of \$34,095. Chad revealed that Member David Cogan's home experienced substantial damage due to a fire. There were no family members injured, but he lost several pets. Chad presented David with a check for \$850, which was donated by the membership.

Old Business:

Bob Budgake, on behalf of Michael Trimpe (Hamilton Co.), stated that there was a lack of interest in having a gunshot residue distance determination course. Bob revealed many labs have ceased or suspended doing this analysis, because of accreditation standards requiring an uncertainty of measurement calculation for this procedure. The membership agreed to table this proposal.

Chad Wissinger discussed a four day Ron Smith course entitled, Finding Latent Print Evidence with Chemistry and Light. The Fire Marshal's Office is willing to host this event. The unsubsidized tuition per student will be \$600, with a minimum fifteen attendees needed. Chad volunteered to move forward with this offering, targeting the later part of 2019.

Jeff Lynn revealed that the Introductory Expert Witness Testimony Training course held at Ohio BCI, located on the Bowling Green State University campus, November 7-8, 2018, went very well. Thirteen students from five agencies attended. This course consisted of one day of lecture and one day of testimony. He thought that a class size of

eight to ten students would be more ideal. Jeff agreed to organize another session in the summer of 2019.

Bob Budgake, on behalf of Michael Trimpe (Hamilton Co.), stated that an Ohio drug chemist meeting is planned for the spring of 2019. He plans to have a roundtable discussion for the morning session and a presentation by Donna Lula, Cayman Chemicals, in the afternoon. Mike will get back to the membership with a projected cost for the speaker's travel expenses and lunch for the attendees. Doug Rohde queried if Jeff Lynn would consider hosting future such events and provide lunch. Jeff indicated this would be a possibility.

Nasir Butt advised of the progress of the Ohio Attorney General's Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Advisory Committee. The legislation authorizing the tracking system has passed the Ohio Senate and House. They have sought bids and received three vendor quotes. At our last FSIO meeting, Tony Tambasco requested that the minutes to these Advisory Committee meetings be distributed. Hence, Jennifer Duvall brought the minutes of the August 26th meeting. Bob Budgake stated that he will email these to the membership. Additionally, the membership thanked Nasir for dutifully representing the FSIO on this Advisory Committee.

New Business:

Jeff Lynn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for year 2019: President-Elect – Jennifer Duvall (will become President in 2020), Secretary – Bob Budgake and Treasurer – Chad Wissinger. Motion to close the nominations and approve the presented slate of candidates, Jeff Lynn; Second, Jim Smith. All Members voted in the affirmative. Heather Sheskey will become President on January 1, 2019. Current President Nasir Butt will remain on the Board and serve as Advisor.

Bob Budgake presented the Membership applications of Mark Hiatt, Jacqueline Smith (OSHP) and Meredith Sweeney. Motion to accept, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative. Doug Rohde expressed his enthusiasm for these younger professionals becoming active in our organization.

Chad Wissinger asked the membership to consider opening a PayPal account, so that dues, course fees and other charges, could be paid online via credit card or bank account transfer. Chad stated the fee is 2.2% plus \$0.30 per transaction. Therefore, a \$25 membership dues payment would cost the FSIO \$0.85. Motion to authorize Chad to set up such an account, Bob Budgake; Second, Anthony Stender. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Angela Farrington plans on hosting an ANAB ISO/IEC 17025-2017 Assessor Training Course in the late summer or the fall of 2019. The anticipated tuition is \$1,000 per student, but this will reduce as student enrollment increases. Angela stated that they already have 12 committed to attend, with the class maximum set at 24 students.

Jennifer Duvall announced that their BCI Bowling Green Lab is hosting two training events:

- April 8-11, 2019 ANAB Internal Auditor Training. A maximum of Twenty (20) non-BCI attendees slots are available, at a tuition cost of \$750/student.*
- June 10-14, 2019 Ron Smith & Associates presents, Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions. A maximum of Twenty (20) non-BCI attendees slots are available, at a tuition cost of \$600/student.*

Jennifer directed that if anyone is interested in attending, please contact:

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Doug Rohde announced that the Midwest Association for Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT) annual meeting will be held April 4-5, 2019 in Cleveland. Doug indicated that the MATT website can be monitored for additional information.

*The next meeting of the FSIO will be 10 am, Thursday, March 14, 2019, on the **Bowling Green State University campus**. More information will follow. Motion, Jeff Lynn; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO