

Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio

A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order on June 9, 2016, at 10:07 am, in the first floor conference room, Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Lab, 11001 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. President Brandon Werry (OSHP) presided over the meeting.

The following Members and guests were present: Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.), Melissa Darby (OCJS), Linda Erdei (Lake Co.), Michele Foster (Canton-Stark Co.), Tom Gilson (Cuyahoga Co.), Steve Greene (BCI Retired), Harmeet Kaur (Cuyahoga Co.), Kevin Lattyak (Hamilton Co.), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Denise Rankin (Miami Valley), Doug Rohde (Lake Co.), Dawn Schilens (Cuyahoga Co.), Jim Smith (BCI London), Jami StClair (Columbus), Lynne Strainic (OSHP), Tony Tambasco (Mansfield), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.), Alan Wedd (OCJS) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). A quorum was achieved. Eleven of the sixteen eligible voters were present.

Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting. The minutes were reviewed, admired and approved. Motion, Denise Rankin; Second, Jami StClair. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Chad Wissinger presented the Treasurer's report. He disclosed that the FSIO has a checking/savings account balance of \$19,902 and the Tong Award's Fund has a balance of \$40,913. Chad advised that the switch to a business account has taken place and that the application for bonding, due every three years, has been filed. Additionally Chad requested the Tong Awards Fund Trustees meet a half hour before our next meeting to discuss future investment options. Bob Budgake stated that he will advise the Trustees of this request.

Old Business:

Bob Budgake, on behalf of Steve Schierholt (Board of Pharmacy), queried the membership regarding their critique of the software program utilizing the NFLIS data that the Ohio's labs submit. Overall, the membership was impressed with the product and proffered no suggestions for improvement.

Jeff Lynn reported that the FSIO website www.bgsu.edu/FSIO is continually being updated and encouraged the membership to offer suggestions for improvement.

Jeff Lynn revealed that the web based training module for Hyper Geometrics Sampling is not complete, but hoped it would be available by our next meeting. Their intent is to offer this web based course for free.

Lynne Strainic advised that they received 25 applications for the one day Mass Spectral Interpretation Course, to be conducted by Jason Nawyn, US Army Criminal Investigation Lab. This course will be offered on July 28, 2016 at the Fire Academy. There is a \$25

tuition charge and a class limit of 45 attendees. President Werry surveyed the group to ascertain if they can open the enrollment to forensic students. No objections were expressed by the membership.

Jeff Lynn reported that the Ron Smith and Associates course entitled: Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand, was held May 16-20, 2016, at BCI Bowling Green. Jeff reminded the FSIO member agencies, that a \$200 FSIO scholarship per attendee is available. He stated that two agencies qualified for this scholarship.

New Business:

Doug Rohde announced that the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) are planning an Ohio workshop regarding alcohol and drug analysis in biological fluids. This offering is planned for August 29-30, 2016, at the University of Dayton. Doug revealed an impressive list of Ohio toxicologists that are planning to teach a portion of this workshop. He was unsure of the tuition fee, since this course has not been formally approved, but thought it will be in the neighborhood of \$100. He encouraged interested individuals to monitor the SOFT website www.soft-tox.org for a formal announcement and registration information.

President Werry suggested that we pick a date at our next meeting, to establish a meeting of the Ohio drug analysts, for the main purpose of discussing the forensic implications of the recently passed Ohio medical marijuana legislation. Jeff Lynn offered their Bowling Green facility as a possible meeting location. Brandon summarized the legislation stating that smoking marijuana will not be permissible, but vaping products, patches and edibles will be the intended method of delivery. He further stated that the Board of Pharmacy will oversee the dispensaries and the Department of Commerce will oversee the growing and distribution.

*The next meeting of the FSIO is scheduled for 10 am, Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the **Ohio Fire Academy**, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am. Motion, Tony Tambasco; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO