**Meeting Minutes for the**

**Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:05 am, on September 14, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2303, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio.*

*The following Members were present in person or via Microsoft Teams:*

*Daniel Baker (Franklin Co.), Bob Budgake (Canton/Stark-Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Brooke Ehlers (Miami Valley), Michele Foster (Canton-Stark Co.), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Lynne Strainic (BCI-London), Shaena Taylor (Cuyahoga Co.), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). Mark Hiatt (Central Ohio Regional Crime Lab-Newark) was represented by proxy. A quorum was present. Ten (10) of the eighteen (18) eligible voters were present or represented.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Mike Trimpe; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Treasurer Chad Wissinger proffered the Treasurer’s report. Chad disclosed that the FSIO has a checking, PayPal and savings account balance of $28,859 and a Tong Award’s Fund balance of $35,353. Also, he indicated that it may be possible to increase the amount of scholarship awards in the future. He will evaluate our current income in this account, to determine what if any increase can be sustained.*

*Old Business:*

*Dan Baker stated that the FSIO reimbursed him $393 regarding lunches provided for attendees of RTL Toxicology Expert Testimony Workshop, held at the Franklin County Coroner’s Office, June 29th. The lunches were provided by Freedom La Cart, a non-profit organization. Twenty-two (22) attended this training in person and several attended remotely.*

*Michele Foster (Canton-Stark Co.) revealed that there was nothing new to report regarding organizing a future Ohio firearm examiner’s meeting. She asked if someone could take the lead on this project, due to her near future retirement plans. Mike Trimpe volunteered for his organization to take on this task.*

*Dan Baker had nothing new to report regarding the feasibility of a lab efficiency workshop. Dan plans to reach out to the ASCLD Leadership Academy, to see if they would be willing to instruct such a course in Ohio. There was a general interest from the group regarding this training.*

*New Business:*

*Bob Budgake presented the membership application of Kylie Graham, of BCI- Richfield. Kylie has been in the forensic field for 19 years and was recently appointed the Quality Assurance Supervisor in Richfield. Abby Schwaderer (BCI-London) recommended this applicant. Motion to approve this application, Bob Budgake; Second Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Mike Trimpe announced a free trace evidence workshop entitled, Basic Tapes, to be held April 16-18, 2024, at Hamilton County Coroner’s Lab. This training will be taught by Andria Mehltretter, of the FBI and Will Randal, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory. Mike motioned for the FSIO to provide up to $500 for lunch on one of the workshop days. He is projecting approximately 30 attendees. A Second of this motion, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*David Cogan queried the group about offering a serial number restoration course. He stated that he has an instructor in mind who can provide this training. There was sufficient interest from the membership to research this proposal. David indicated that he would report back with more details.*

*Heather Sheskey queried the group regarding future drug chemistry training. There was sufficient interest from the membership regarding this topic. Heather asked that we make this a future agenda item, to see if we can determine the training needs in this topic area.*

*The next meeting of the FSIO, which will be our Annual Meeting, will be 10 am, Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with the option of attending via Microsoft Teams. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*