

Meeting Minutes for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio

A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:08 am, on June 14, 2018 at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2304, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.) presided over the meeting.

The following Members and guests were present: Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Jason Brown (Toledo), Bob Budgake (Canton-Stark Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Jen Duvall (BCI London), Michele Foster (Canton-Stark), Matthew Juhascik (Miami Valley), Karen Kwek (BCI London), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Adam Pasternak (USFDA), Sonja Rawn (State Fire Marshal), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Anthony Stender (Ohio U.) and Chris Williams (Miami Valley). A quorum was present. Eleven of the nineteen eligible voters were represented. Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal) was represented by proxy.

Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Sonja Rawn offered the Treasurer's report. She disclosed that the FSIO has a checking account balance of \$23,181, a savings account balance of \$5,001 and a Tong Award's Fund balance of \$33,898. Sonja revealed, that in March, the FSIO was reimbursed \$9,150 from the Tong Award's Fund, for multiple years of subsidizing the state science fair awards. President Butt added, that the FSIO voted to donate \$1,000 to the June Midwestern Crime Lab Director's Conference for lunches and miscellaneous expenses, but our actual cost was only \$365. He thanked Ohio BCI and Bowling Green State University, who hosted the meeting, for being good stewards of our money.

Old Business:

Jason Brown and Dave Cogan revealed that they received ANAB accreditation this spring. They only had five minor deficiencies. The membership praised them and their staff for accomplishing this milestone in less than a year.

Michael Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) indicated that they are willing to organize a three day gunshot residue distance determination course. The course will consist of a day each of lecture, firing range work and processing. Mike anticipates to hold this offering in the spring of 2019. The instructor's fee is expected to be \$3,500.

Karen Kwek announced that the June, Midwestern Crime Lab Director's Conference, held at BCI Bowling Green, went very well. Twelve labs were represented by approximately 50 attendees. Next year's meeting will be held in Wisconsin.

Sonja Rawn mentioned that Chad Wissinger will discuss the proposed ISO 17025:2017 transition course at our next meeting.

New Business:

Bob Budgake presented the Membership application of Chris Williams, who is the Director of Operations at the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab. Motion to accept, Bob Budgake; Second, Michele Foster. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Sonja Rawn asked the membership to consider sponsoring 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. The membership indicated that there was sufficient interest for this offering and to have Chad Wissinger put together a proposal if FSIO support is needed.

Mike Trimpe led a lengthy discussion regarding the need of a yearly court testimony course. Jeff Lynn offered to organize such an event and will report back to the membership.

Bob Budgake, on behalf of Angela Farrington (Columbus), reported that Columbus is hosting an Ohio firearms examiner's meeting on August 29, 2018. The morning will be the meeting and the afternoon will comprise of a Hi-Point armorer's course. Angela is anticipating 35 attendees. Bob Budgake motioned to allot \$450 for lunches; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.

*The next meeting of the FSIO is scheduled for 10 am, Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the **Ohio Fire Academy**, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Motion, Sonja Rawn; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:49am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Michele Foster. All Members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO