**Meeting Minutes for the**

**Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:09 am, on September 8, 2022, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Mark Hiatt (Central Ohio Regional Crime Lab-Newark) presided over the meeting.*

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

*Daniel Baker (Franklin Co.), Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Bob Budgake (Canton/Stark-Retired), Nasir Butt (Cuyahoga Co.), David Cogan (Toledo), Jennifer Duvall (BCI London), Michele Foster (Canton/Stark), Harmeet Kaur (Cuyahoga Co.), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Doug Rohde (Lake Co –Retired), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) and Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal). A quorum was present. Eleven (11) of the eighteen (18) eligible voters were present.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the September 8, 2022, Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Jennifer Duvall. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Chad Wissinger proffered the Treasurer’s report. He disclosed the FSIO has a checking, PayPal and savings account balance of $29,762.90 and a Tong Award’s Fund balance of $34,837.04. Chad divulged that Brandon Werry (OSHP) paid $344.86 for lunches regarding the October Courtroom Testimony Training Course and was reimbursed by Chad. This expenditure was approved by the Membership at the September meeting. Chad also revealed since the Tong Awards Fund checking account balance exceeds $2,500, we are no longer being charged a $3 monthly fee. Also, the interest produced by this funds’ investment CD is more then enough to cover the annual award expenses.*

*Old Business:*

*Jeff Lynn reported on the BGSU’s $500 thousand funding request as part of the State capital budget. This request was reduced, by the State, to $250 thousand. Jeff thanked the membership for crafting a letter of support for this project. These funds are being used to increase their DNA lab footprint. Also, Jeff stated that the learning center portion of this funding is still evolving.*

*Heather Sheskey indicated that overall, the October Courtroom Testimony course went well. Heather acknowledged that class size needed to be smaller, in order to allow sufficient time for the afternoon mock trial testimony portion of this training. Heather enthusiastically supported offering this course again depending on future demand.*

*Mike Trimpe queried the membership if he needed to offer the Ethics course again before year’s end. No one indicated that this was necessary. Several Members stated they would like Mike to offer this course on an annual basis. Mike graciously agreed to do so, suggesting another offering in approximately six months.*

*New Business:*

*Bob Budgake reported that there were no new membership applications.*

*President Hiatt presented the following slate of officers for year 2023:* *President-Elect – LeAnne Suchanek (Lake Co.), will become President in 2024; Secretary – Bob Budgake; Treasurer – Chad Wissinger. Motion to close the nominations and approve the presented slate of candidates, Mark Hiatt; Seconds, Chad Wissinger re: President, Mike Trimpe re: Secretary & Treasurer, All Members voted in the affirmative. Jennifer Duvall will become President on January 1, 2023. Current President Mark Hiatt will remain on the Board and serve as the Advisor.*

*Chad Wissinger indicated that he will send out the 2023 dues notices soon. He also indicated that he still had several individuals that have yet to pay their 2022 dues. Chad will try to resolve these issues by our next meeting.*

*Mark Hiatt advised that he is organizing a drug chemist’s meeting for 2023. He reached out to Angela Farrington (Columbus) to see if we can retain the CPD academy for this purpose. Also, he plans to contact Erin Reed (Ohio Narcotics Intel Ctr.) to help plan this meeting. Mark envisioned having outside speakers and also have some of the attendees prepare a presentation, to facilitate discussion. Mark believes he will have an offering date by our next meeting.*

*Bob Budgake notified the membership that a financial audit is needed next year on the 2022 records. Jennifer Duvall and Michele Foster excitedly volunteered for this assignment. They agreed to complete this task prior to our next meeting.*

*Michele Foster queried the group regarding a future firearms examiner’s meeting. Sufficient interest was expressed to move forward. Michele emphatically agreed to organize such an endeavor.*

*The next Meeting of the FSIO, will be 10 am, Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with the option of attending via Microsoft Teams. Motion, Mark Hiatt; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Heather Sheskey. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*