

Jody Wolf
Phoenix Police Department
Crime Laboratory



Education:

BS in Biology & Chemistry	Regis University	1993
MS in Chemistry	Arizona State University	1996
MBA	University of Phoenix	2002

Employment Experience:

10/2006 – Present	Assistant Crime Lab Administrator	PPD Crime Lab
02/2005 – 10/2006	Forensic Scientist III, Supervisor	PPD Crime Lab
04/2003 – 02/2005	Criminalist II, Forensic Biology	PPD Crime Lab
09/2000 – 04/2003	Criminalist I, Controlled Substances	PPD Crime Lab

Prior ASCLD experience (previous Board member, committee member, meeting volunteer, etc.):

ASCLD Education and Training Committee Member	2009 – Present
ASCLD Consulting Contractor	2010 – 2011
ASCLD Workshop Presenter	2010
ASCLD Poster Presenter	2009
ASCLD Plenary Session Presenter	2008
ASCLD/LAB Mentor for non-accredited laboratories	2005 – 2006

If elected, I am interested in working on the following ASCLD issues/committees:

I am interested in continuing my efforts on the Education and Training Committee as this is the key working group which delivers educational content to the ASCLD members focusing on the annual symposium and workshops. It is imperative this outreach continue to be strong and provide meaningful training and mentoring opportunities for our members and prospective members.

Additionally, I am interested in working on the membership committee. This committee is the key to ensuring ASCLD continues into the future as a strong and healthy organization providing leadership in the forensic community.

As a member of the Board, you may be asked to represent ASCLD at speaking engagements or develop written statements on behalf of the Board. How would you describe your ability to communicate ideas verbally and in writing?

I would describe my communication skills as professional, energetic, and effective. I have had many opportunities to deliver information in various professional venues to diverse audiences including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences annual meeting – Jurisprudence section, the ASCLD annual symposium, the International Association for Identification annual conference, the Arizona Forensic Science Advisory Board meeting, the Arizona Public Defender's Association annual conference, the Arizona Forensic Science Academy, Great Explorations STEM camp for 5th-8th grade girls, and Executive staff meetings for the Phoenix Police Department. In addition, I have successfully communicated and interacted with members of our department and city management in formal and casual meetings.

I have also had numerous opportunities to demonstrate my written skills as the author and manager of the grant programs for the PPD Crime Laboratory. Over the past six years, the PPD Crime Laboratory has been awarded more than \$2.5 million in competitive and formula funds from state and federal grant programs. Additionally, I authored *the “What every chief of police needs to know about DNA outsourcing” sidebar* in the 2010 publication of It’s More Complex than You Think: A Chief’s Guide to DNA.

How committed are you to serving on the ASCLD board? What skills will you bring to the table?

I have been fortunate to have been involved in ASCLD events, activities, and committees since 2005 where I first participated in the ASCLD/LAB Accreditation workshop as a mentor for non-accredited laboratories preparing or seeking accreditation. Since then I have been a presenter at the ASCLD symposium and workshops, a consultant for ASCLD Consulting, and for the past four years a member of the

Education and Training Committee. I am seeking to continue my involvement with this leading organization as a member of the Board.

One of my professional focuses has been training and education for our stakeholders including forensic scientists, attorneys, judges, law enforcement, and crime lab management. In pursuit of this interest, I currently chair the Arizona Forensic Science Academy which has become a national for the delivery of quality training and education to criminal justice practitioners including prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and forensic scientists. In addition I am a member of the Scottsdale Community College Forensic Science Advisory Board, as well as, the Arizona Forensic Science Advisory Committee. I look forward to bringing these skills to the ASCLD Board to further the mission of the ASCLD.

What role should ASCLD play in developing a strong future for forensic science laboratories?

ASCLD has been a leader in shaping the future of forensic science and crime laboratories since its founding in 1973 and it should continue to be the leader for crime lab management professionals as we continue into the 21st Century. Change in our profession is occurring at a rapid rate from both a research and development perspective to legislative mandates to judicial decisions. ASCLD has been and needs to continue to be at the forefront of this change as it represents the leadership of our nation's crime labs whether they are local, state, federal, or private laboratories.

It is only through this leadership that meaningful change can be achieved. This has been evident in recent years with ASCLD's participation in the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations and their efforts to educate federal legislators on forensic science reform. These activities will ultimately result in profound impacts on the crime labs and forensic professionals for years to come. ASCLD must be a leader and have an active voice in these proceedings to ensure the strong future for forensic laboratories.