

Ray Wickenheiser
New York State Police Crime Lab System



Education:

MBA, B.Sc, Hons.

Employment Experience:

Director of New York State Police Crime Lab System, Albany, New York, 2013 to present

Lead DNA Auditor and ISO Auditor, 2000 - present

Director of Montgomery County Police Crime Lab, Gaithersburg, MD, 2008-2013

Adjunct Professor teaching forensic science courses, Montgomery College, MD 2011-2012

Forensic Consultant, Dallas, TX, 2006-2008

Director of Operations, Orchid Cellmark, Dallas, TX, 2006

Director of Acadiana Crime Lab, New Iberia, LA, 2000-2005

Forensic Scientist and Reporting Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Forensic Lab Regina, SK, Canada, 1983-2000, Hair, Fiber and Trace Evidence, Serology, DNA and Crime Scene attendance.

Prior ASCLD experience (previous Board member, committee member, meeting volunteer, etc.): Prior ASCLD experience includes presenting various papers/presentations to ASCLD and sitting on panel discussions regarding use of CODIS and sample review requirements. Presentations include the following:

The Forensic Fire-Station; Accurately Forecasting Demand for Forensics, American Society of Crime Lab Directors 38th Annual Workshop and Symposium, Baltimore, MD, September 14-15, 2010.

The Cost Benefit of Process Optimization, American Society of Crime Lab Directors 36th Annual Workshop and Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT, September 16-18, 2008.

Using the Business Case to Sell Forensic Science, Presented at the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) 32nd Annual Workshop and Symposium, San Diego, California, November 9-11, 2004.

If elected, I am interested in working on the following ASCLD

issues/committees: I am interesting in all aspects of ASCLD and will serve on any

committee where I am needed. My most immediate interest is in the increasing efficiency of labs, eliminating backlogs and attaining sufficient resources and funding.

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? With my experience in giving numerous presentations, court testimony, training and lecturing, I have developed a high ability to communicate ideas both verbally and in writing. I have also authored numerous articles, including most recently a chapter in the Encyclopedia of Forensic Science on Crime Lab Efficiency (2013).

How committed are you to serving on the ASCLD board? What skills will you bring to the table? I am fully committed to serving on the ASCLD board and have been interested in some time, however due to family and work conflicts have been unable to make the necessary commitment. I am now in a position to apply the necessary time and energy needed to fully serve the demands of the position.

I bring a broad experience of a multi-discipline forensic scientist, with expertise in Serology and DNA; Hair, Fiber and Trace Evidence and Crime Scene. As an ISO Auditor and Lead DNA Auditor with 14 years of auditing experience I bring a wealth of hands on capability. As lab director of several labs, two of which I also was Quality Manager, I know well the challenges and opportunities of small and lab crime labs alike.

I feel my balance of practical experience in multiple forensic disciplines, QA management and different jurisdictions in both small and large labs would bring a wide perspective to assist ASCLD and its membership.

What role should ASCLD play in developing a strong future for forensic science laboratories? ASCLD must be a leader and focal point to represent the views of its member forensic laboratories and their leadership to government, elected representatives, educators and policy makers to ensure forensic science is protected and developed. We represent the voice of objective evidence supporting victims and the wrongfully accused. That voice must be heard.