

April 7, 2014



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

Bylaw Changes

The Board of Directors has two topics to bring before the membership for your consideration:

- Electronic Voting – In order to take advantage of technology and be more responsive in our decision-making process, the Board of Directors would like to amend the bylaws to allow voting by electronic means. Currently, business that requires a membership vote can only be done once per year at the annual business meeting or through the regular mail. This change will allow the board to conduct business that requires a membership vote through a secure electronic process.
- ASCLD/LAB Ex-Officio – In May of 2013, the ASCLD board voted to remove the ASCLD/LAB Ex-Officio position from the board. In January 2014, the new board, after having surveyed the membership, revisited the topic. The Board's feelings remained unchanged and the membership appeared to be approximately evenly split, at least according to our survey data. Thus, we seek your input in the form of a vote to help decide the issue.

We will vote on these two proposed topics at the ASCLD Business meeting on Thursday May 8th, 2014. You can find the issues proposed changes here: <http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ASCLD-Bylaws-2013-drafted-for-vote-at-May-2014-symposium-2.pdf>



Registration for the 2014 ASCLD Symposium is open at www.asclد.org. The theme of this years meeting is 'The Efficiency of Quality'. The scheduled workshops and talks offer something for individuals at every level of crime lab management. You can pay registration fees online via Paypal after using the new online form or print out a registration form to send in to the ASCLD office with credit card information. **Submit your registration and payments before April 8, 2014 to avoid increased registration fees.**

Speaking of the meeting

The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting's plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you're interested, please contact President Elect Mills at brady.mills@dps.texas.gov.

ASCLD Board Candidates

There are three vacancies to be filled on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The ASCLD nominating committee is pleased to present six candidates. As part of the application process, candidates were asked to provide their views and opinions in response to a given set of questions. A list of the candidates and their responses have been provided for your review on the

ASCLD/LAB Board Candidates

There are four vacancies to be filled on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The ASCLD/LAB nominating committee is pleased to present seven candidates for the three Regular Member positions and two candidates for the Criminal Justice Member position.

As part of the application process, candidates were asked to provide their views and opinions in response to a given set of questions. A list of the candidates and their responses have been provided for your review on the ASCLD/LAB website at <http://www.asclcd-lab.org/2014-board-of-directors-candidates/>.

ASCLD 2014 Guidebook is now ready for download –

To get the app either...

- Open up your device's web browser and visit guidebook.com/getit
- Search for 'Guidebook' in the Apple, Google, or Amazon app stores
- In the 'Guidebook' App, search for ASCLD. We'll be there!

The feedback from last year's symposium was very positive and from all indications this App will be how we continue to distribute schedule updates, plenary session handouts and solicit feedback throughout the conference. I would encourage all members to download the App and participate.

Hotel reservations for ASCLD!

The hotel block is at **92% of target** and we haven't identified an overflow hotel so please make sure to get your reservations within the week!! President-elect Mills and Executive Director Stover were very successful in acquiring a fantastic rate of just \$88! It's such a great deal that it should compel you want to make a reservation even if you weren't attending the meeting ;)

The symposium schedule, workshop descriptions,

ASCLD website <http://www.asclcd.org/asclcd-board-candidates/>

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registration form and hotel accommodations can be found on the ASCLD website at: www.asclld.org
We all look forward to seeing you in a month!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: **82**

This measure is simply the number of Cases completed for each full-time equivalent (FTE) employee (the work input of a full-time employee working for one full year) retained by the laboratory in the investigative area of **DNA**. It gives an indication of the level of productivity within the average laboratory by investigative area. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

News Around the Globe

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New **crime lab** robot to help clear violent cases in Fort Worth

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Wis. college creates body farm for **forensic** research USA TODAY

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Columbus police to review 3000 DNA test results DInnews

Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs announces Wednesday, March 26, 2014, in Columbus, Ohio, the review of 3,000 DNA test results because certain ...

Diane Dimond: Pets Helping Solve Crimes, Thanks to Veterinarian Forensic Lab at UC Davis

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But the work product that comes out of the Veterinarian Forensic Lab at UC Davis is important, and it has changed the way crimes are investigated and ...

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Registration is now open for the 2014 Forensic Management Academy, a unique one-week management program geared specifically to current and aspiring forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement professionals and other forensic service providers. Instructors include forensic practitioners and college professors experienced in the field of forensics. The program will be offered September 14 – 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV on the WVU campus. Please visit our website at <http://www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fma> for more information and to register.



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Training

ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

Webinar #1: [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction](#)

Webinar #2: [The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing More](#)

Webinar #3: [Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

Webinar #4: [Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

Webinar #5: [Efficiency Improvements](#)

Webinar #6: [Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget](#)

Webinar #7: [Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#) Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics. Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled "*Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer's Perspective*". This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney's Association and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose

www.forensicmag.com

Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist-Firearms/Tool Mark](#), City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: April 18, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III – Chemistry](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: April 14, 2014

[Forensic Laboratory Manager](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory, Lincoln, NE, Expires: April 30, 2014

[Forensic Scientist or Trainee – Firearms & Toolmarks](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: April 18, 2014

[Forensic Lab Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Or, Expires: May 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Columbus Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 9, 2014

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: June 20, 2014

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist \(Firearms and Toolmark\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: June 17, 2014

[Forensic Biostatistician](#), Office of Chief

before attempting this course.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
- Name the two types of scientific analyses
- Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
- Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
- List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory

If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fdf2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d>. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to forensic test agencies. All of the elements will be reviewed. The standard's applicability, origin, purpose and marketplace will be discussed. Some of the more important concepts will be reviewed such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement and method witnessing.

[April 21-23, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[September 22-24, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies. Individual elements of the standard will be reviewed; the standard's applicability to forensic police agencies, origin, purpose and marketplace will also be discussed. Some of the more important concepts, such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement, and method witnessing will be reviewed.

[April 24-25, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[May 19-20, 2014](#), Milwaukee, WI

[September 25-26, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

Medical Examiner, New York,
NY, Expires: April 30, 2014

[DNA Analyst](#), Indian River Crime Laboratory,
Fort Pierce, Florida, Expires: June 12, 2014

[Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science](#),
UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: May 2, 2014

[Section Supervisor Regional Laboratories \(DNA\), Corpus Christi](#), Texas Department of
Public Safety, Corpus Christi,
Texas, Expires: April 25, 2014

[Forensic Advisor/Instructor](#), Engility
Corporation, Algiers, Algeria, Expires: April 7,
2014

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia
Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke,
VA, Expires: May 27, 2014

[Forensic Manager Biology/DNA](#), LVMPD, Las
Vegas, NV, Expires: April 10, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#),
Virginia Department of Forensic Science,
Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 5, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange
County Sheriff's Office, Orlando,
Florida, Expires: May 2, 2014

For more information about these workshops, contact FQS at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

Conferences

April 6 -14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See <http://www.iactonline.org/> for more information.

April 14-17, 2014: [11th Annual DNA Technical Workshop – Bode West](#) in San Diego, CA.

May 4-8, 2014: ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclد.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

May 11-16, 2014: Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.afte.org/TrainingSeminar/AFTE2014/announcements/afte2014.htm> for more information.

May 19-22, 2014: [13th Annual DNA Technical Workshop – Bode East](#) in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

May 19-23, 2014 Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists in State College, PA. See <http://www.maafs.org/#!annual-meeting> for more information.

Conferences

May 21-23, 2014 European Conference on Child Abuse (EUCCAN) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. See <http://www.euccan.eu/en/> for more information.

August 10-16, 2014: International Association for Identification in Minneapolis, MN. See <http://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php> for more information.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.

October 4-10, 2014: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists in St. Paul, MN. See <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2014> for more information.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afgam.org/wp12/annual-training-conference/> for more information.

October 19-24, 2014: Society of Forensic Toxicologists in Grand Rapids, MI. See <http://www.soft-tox.org> for more information.

October 20-24, 2014: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Rohnert Park, CA. See <http://www.nwafs.org/meetings.htm> for more information.

November 3-6, 2014: [Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic](#) in Crystal City, VA