Dear Members,

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION -- ASCLD ELECTRONIC VOTE!

Fellow ASCLD Members,

We only have a few hours left in the response period for our first electronic vote. The proposed bylaw changes are mostly about our process for electing the Board of Directors. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive; however, not enough of us have voted to establish a quorum. If you have not voted yet, please take this opportunity to respond before 5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, February 9. We would really like this vote to pass or fail on its merits, not a lack of participation.

The voting link can be found at: http://questionpro.com/t/AGGeDZRuiz

Please contact Jean Stover at asclldirector@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NIST call for papers:

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has officially opened registration and issued a call for papers for the International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management in Washington, DC, July 20-24, 2015. This symposium focuses on error management from a broad range of perspectives including death investigation, human factors, digital evidence, legal factors, quality assurance, laboratory management, and criminalistics. There will be a plenary track, workshops, and poster presentations. For those interested in attending or presenting, please visit the links below.

Orals: http://www.nist.gov/director/orals.cfm

Posters: http://www.nist.gov/director/posters.cfm

Registration: http://www.nist.gov/director/registration.cfm

Brady W. Mills
ASCLD President

Advocacy Corner:
ASCLD is a member of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO). ASCLD partners with other large groups interested in forensic science legislation and policy to communicate our common interests with a stronger and united voice. Other partners in CFSO include AAFS, IAI, NAME, SOFT, ABFT, IAFN, and ASCLD/LAB. ASCLD Board Member Matthew Gamette is the ASCLD representative on CFSO and currently holds the Vice-Chair position on the CFSO Board.

CFSO has been very active representing ASCLD interests in the last few months. CFSO has written position statements on NCFS documents, planned forensic training events, weighed in on several forensic bills, and lobbied for federal funding for laboratories. Even though it was ultimately not included, CFSO wrote a letter to the Attorney General requesting that Coverdell be placed in the FY16 federal budget request for the Department of Justice. Coverdell funding for FY15 came down to the wire and the fight for FY16 will be even harder than FY15.

Because the Justice for All Act was not renewed in the last Congress, there is currently no authorizing bill for Coverdell. We have heard from many of you that this is the life-blood of your equipment purchases and training programs. We encourage you to engage with your elected officials on this issue. We will be providing additional information going forward.


Matthew Gamette
Advocacy Co-Chair

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**News Around the Globe**

Local crime lab seeks national accreditation
WFXL FOX 31
The lab run by both the city and the county will be inspected for the accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD).

Virginia State to collect DNA for more offences
The Next Digit
This will ensure that the forensic lab will have samples of all the offenders who did petty crimes in the past. The list of offences will expand if the new ...

WSP Crime Lab solves crime scene puzzles
KHQ Right Now
The first step when the forensic team is scientists are called out to a crime scene is ...
"It's pretty methodical," explained Forensic Scientist Trevor Allen. ... Firearms, DNA and Microanalysis sections for the scientists to categorize their ...

Please mark your calendars; the 2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.
Vermont Senate bill would expand DNA database
Rutland Herald
MONTPELIER — Top officials with the state attorney general's office and Department of Public Safety called this week for expanding the state's DNA ...

New study has found that fingerprint examiners make extremely few errors
Biometric Update
... that explores the accuracy and reliability of decisions made by latent fingerprint examiners, which found that examiners make extremely few errors.

King Co. moves to ensure convicted criminals submit DNA samples
KING5.com
The DNA of the alleged perpetrator was put into a state and federal ... State Patrol Crime Lab where scientists enter it into the CODIS database.

One cannot be forced to undergo second DNA test: High Court
The Hindu
Court cannot compel a person to undergo a DNA test for the second time, the Madras High Court has said. It made it clear that the first test could not be ...

Libyan justice and investigative experts trained in handling forensic to solve and prosecute missing ...
Libya Herald
Libyan judges, prosecutors and forensic experts attended a workshop in The Hague that focused on improving the use of forensic evidence in the ...

Crime lab needs to be priority
Pacific Daily News
Let's discuss the mounting problems at our crime laboratory and challenge the powers that be to find immediate resolution. Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr.

Commissioner vs. coroner: Is crime lab a 'luxury'?
Cincinnati.com
Commissioner Greg Hartmann called Hamilton County's crime lab “a luxury item” Thursday in ...
a speech attended by most of the county’s top officials.

'Typo' led to wrongful jailing of Denver man
9NEWS.com
DPD says this error doesn’t call into question other DNA cases the crime lab works on or the work of this analyst. "What it shows is that we have checks ..."

DA seeks task team to tackle state lab delays
BDlive
THE government should establish a ministerial task team to address the backlog at the Department of Health's forensic chemistry laboratories, ...

Memphis forensic center gathering data on unexplained deaths
The West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center in Memphis is one of four ... DNA samples and information from death certificates, medical records, ...

OC Crime Lab Goes 3D
FOX 11 Los Angeles
The Orange County Crime lab is going 3D. It’s not movies they are watching, but patterns on bullets - casings and actual bullets from crime scenes in ...

Lorain County to contribute to National Forensic Laboratory Information System
The Morning Journal
Lorain County Crime Lab Director Emmanuel G. de Leon with the lab’s Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer, used to identify unknown substances.

Pitt County Sheriff's Office opens new forensic lab
WCTI12.com
The views expressed are not those of WCTI12.com, WCTI NewsChannel 12 or its affiliated companies. By posting your comments, you agree to accept ...

Deer DNA used for first time in UK to prosecute poacher
BBC News
DNA from a red deer has been used for the first time in the UK to help prosecute a poacher.

Laboratory, Great Bend, Kansas, Expires: February 25, 2015
Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: February 27, 2015
Forensic Scientist III (Tox or Latents), Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: February 22, 2015
Forensic Scientist III, Chandler PD Forensic Services Section, Chandler, AZ, Expires: February 8, 2015
Biology-DNA Section Supervisor, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: February 16, 2015
Quality Specialist, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015
Firearms Examiner, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015
Latent Print Laboratory Director, NYS DCJS, Albany, NY, Expires: February 11, 2015
Director of Biological Science, NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: February 20, 2015
DNA Analyst/Crime Scene Examiner, Lake County Crime Laboratory, Painesville, OH, Expires: March 20, 2015
Forensic Unit Supervisor, Washington County, Washington County, Oregon, Expires: March 15, 2015
James Kennedy, 70, illegally shot and killed and then ...

New legislation in the Ohio Senate would extend the statute of limitations for rape and sexual battery when DNA evidence is found. (Plain Dealer file).

Pitt County Sheriff's Office opens forensic blood lab
WCTI12.com
Chemists in the Forensic Services division at the Pitt County Sheriff's Office ... Sheriff Neil Elks says the lab is significant, because it'll cut the wait for ...

Public Safety Commission Seeks More Employees to Clear up Crime Lab Back Log
TWC News
Two years ago, Austin leaders took steps to clear a growing mound of cases at its DNA crime lab. Just down the hall, staff at the forensic lab--which ...

Tucson remembers 83-year-old crime-solver, Dr. Walter Birkby
KVAT Tucson News
Birkby designed the Forensic Anthropology lab at the Pima County's Forensics Science Center. The center was renamed in dedication to Birkby in ...

NC to get $21M as states, feds settle S&P ratings complaints
WRAL.com
Unlike the teaching program, Cooper's office oversees the state crime lab. North Carolina sometimes takes up to two years to train forensic scientists ...

Property crimes could be cut with 3 more forensic staff, APD says
KXAN.com
AUSTIN (KXAN) – Hiring three more senior latent fingerprint experts could rid the division of a two-year backlog within 24- to 36 months, according to ...

Army 'commits' to open source with net forensic tool

Bode Technology provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's solutions include BodeDirect™ Outsourcing and Same-Day DNA Service™, and the Bode Buccal DNA Collector™, a direct collection system, reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

Bode’s newest offerings include: BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS. BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that
The Army Research Lab recently posted its first application code to the ... the digital forensic and incident response community, said William Glodek, ...

**Forensic Training**

The Baltimore Forensic Institute of Technology and Innovation

**Course Title:**
Shooting Incident Reconstruction

**Instructor:**
Cory Latham & Troy Wilson

**Location:**
Baltimore Police Department Laboratory Section
601 E. Fayette St,
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Dates:**
March 16-20, 2015

**Times:**
8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST (lunch breaks given)

**Registration:**
$650

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**Accreditation Training**

**ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS**
FQS is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. FQS provides accreditation for ISO/IEC 17025 forensic test laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 forensic inspection agencies and a wide variety of training, workshops, and academic programs.

**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.

- **March 23-25, 2015**, Tampa FL
- **September 7-9, 2015**, 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
their origin, marketing strategies, pharmacology, and current legal status in an effort to provide a better understanding of the danger these drugs pose to our communities and the difficulties they pose to the law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and judicial system tasked with protecting the public’s safety. Case studies will be presented demonstrating the typical signs of impairment presented by individuals under the influence of these drugs.

**Outsourcing Property Crime for DNA Analysis: An Eleven Year Perspective**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29 @ 1pm EDT  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Registration Link:** attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/92338232383360129

The presenters will give a brief background on the reasons the analysis of evidence from property crimes is important, a historical perspective of the FBU’s experiences with outsourcing and the current state of the outsourcing program, including the importance of the DNA database (CODIS). Lastly, the presenters will share the results of a recent study that examined data trends that supported a revision to the FBU’s policy on the types of evidentiary samples that may submitted from property crimes for DNA analysis.

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

**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.*

**ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Testing Laboratories**

**ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration**

**ASCLD/LAB-International Internal Auditor Training Course**

  - San Antonio, TX February 3-6, 2015

**ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories**

**ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories**

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The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have created a webinar series designed to investigate the validation, current use, and future implementation of Rapid DNA.

This three-part series will begin on November 6 and conclude on December 9th.

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - Archival Versic  
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - Archival Versic
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

American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)
A2LA’s Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

Title: Fundamentals of Force Calibration and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp
March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA ($500 one-day, $750 two-days)
(This course is held in partnership with Morehouse Instrument Company, Inc.)
Forensic Conferences

February 16-21, 2015: AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL

March 30 - April 2, 2015: 12th Annual Bode Technical Workshop in Coronado, CA

April 19-24, 2015: International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, Rhode Island
May 18-22, 2015: Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist in Chesapeake Bay Cambridge, MD

May 24-29, 2015: The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) in Dallas, TX.

May 26-29, 2015: 14th Annual DNA Technical Workshop - Bode East in Orlando, FL

July 20-24, 2015: NIST to Host International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management in Gaithersburg, MD.

August 2-8, 2015: 100th International Association for Identification (IAI) in Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Toronto, Canada.

August 31- September 5, 2015: The 26th Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics (ISFG) will be held in Krakow, Poland.

September 20 - 25th, 2015: Midwestern Association Forensic Scientist fall meeting will be held in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

October 6-9, 2015: 14th Annual AFQAM Training Conference will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL
October 12-16, 2015: Southern Association Forensic Scientist (SAFS) Annual 2015 Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

October 18-25, 2015: Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) in Atlanta, GA.

October 19 - 23, 2015: Southwestern Association of Forensic Science (SWAFS) in Oklahoma City, OK.

October 2015: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Spokane, WA

April 3-8, 2016: International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Orlando, FL.