



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Greetings Colleagues,

At the end of this week, Past President Brady Mills and I will be traveling to Prague, Czech Republic to attend the 7th European Academy of Forensic Sciences annual meeting to represent ASCLD's membership. In addition to representing ASCLD at this conference, we will also be representing the International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) as ASCLD holds the current Presidency for IFSA. The themes for this meeting include management of forensic science laboratories, future development in crime scene investigation, trends in traditional and novel forensic casework approaches, electronic data evidence, and interpretation of forensic evidence. As a part of our visit, we will be participating in opening remarks for the conference and meeting with our colleagues throughout the week on issues important to ASCLD. I look forward to sharing our experiences with all of you upon our return.

Have a great week!

Regards,

Jody

Next BOD Teleconference: October 5, 2015

We have another opportunity to use our newly minted electronic voting procedure to consider a Bylaws change that creates eligibility requirements for to serve on the Board of Directors. For those of you who

attended our last Symposium in Washington DC, this proposal was presented under the moniker of 3-2-1. It essential requires that candidates for the BoD have: a) been ASCLD Members for 3 years, b) attended 2 Symposia, and c) served on 1 subcommittee.

The proposed language is contained here:

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY & COMPOSITION

Eligibility for nomination and election to the Board of Directors includes the following three requirements:

- ASCLD Regular Membership for 3 years
- Attendance at two ASCLD Symposia as a Regular Member
- Volunteer service on one committee or at one event.

The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) regular Directors, elected from the regular members of the Corporation. In addition, there shall be, two (2) non-voting ex-officio Directors, one (1) who shall be the Executive Director of the Corporation and one (1) who shall be the immediate past President of the Corporation. If the immediate past President of the Corporation has not completed their full four year term of service on the board at the completion of their term as President, they shall retain their voting rights for their full four year term. No two regular Directors of the Board of Directors shall be from the same business, corporation or agency.

This proposed Bylaw change will be posted for 30 days. Please provide any comments for consideration to our Executive Director, Jean Stover, at asclddirector@gmail.com. We will take the official Electronic Vote sometime shortly after October 1, 2015.



Forensic Training

MAFS is announcing a Forensic Anthropology Workshop hosted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory in Olathe, Kansas on September 1st - September 3rd.

Click [here](#) for additional details.

The Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, at West Virginia University, is offering many onsite forensic science courses and workshops through September 30, 2015, as part of an award from the National Institute of Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.



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The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Academy curriculum is composed of the fundamentals of firearms & toolmark examinations and serves as a basis for the trainee, under supervision, to develop into a qualified firearm and toolmark examiner. The application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is anticipated that the class will start in October 2015 however the training schedule is dependent on the receipt of funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional information and the application form can be found at:

<http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002>

Questions can be directed to either:


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Firearms and Toolmark Examiner

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The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

[False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case](#)

[ComparisonsASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival](#)

[VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD Webinar Series:](#)



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources;

ongoing accreditation, support, education and oversight of forensic organizations striving for excellence in forensic analysis. Visit our website to learn more about our accreditation programs, the assessment process and training opportunities.

Employment Opportunities

[Laboratory Manager I – Forensic Chemistry Unit](#), Delaware Division of Forensic Science, Wilmington, DE, Expires: February 27, 2016

[State CODIS Administrator](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: September 25, 2015

[State CODIS Administrator](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: September 25, 2015

[Health and Safety Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston Forensic Science Center, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III – Latent Prints](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: September 7, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Blood Alcohol](#), Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 6, 2015

[Assistant Director](#), Iowa State University, Ames, IA, Expires: September 2, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: October 14, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: October 14, 2015

[Technical Writer – II \(NIBIN\) Opening](#), NLT Management Services, Beltsville, MD, Expires: November 18, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: September 4,

improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

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[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 3, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager, Crime Scene Unit](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

[Manager, Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

[Faculty Position in Forensic Chemical Science](#), Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Expires: October 15, 2015

[Forensic Latent Print Analyst](#), United States Postal Service, Dulles, VA, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2015

[Methods and Validation Analyst](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Forensic Audio/Video Supervisor](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Firearm / Tool Mark examiner](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: November 5, 2015

[Director \(OCME Toxicological Laboratory\)](#), NYC CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, New York, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Toxicologist Site Manager](#), NMS Labs, Jacksonville, FL, Expires: October 30, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: October 1, 2015

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[News Around the Globe](#)

[North metro crime lab zeroes in on quality-of-life offenses](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune

A year after the Tri County Regional lab in Andover earned its international accreditation in biology, scientists are testing DNA found at burglaries, car ...

[Lack of state funds, staffing to blame for failure to test thousands of rape kits from Oregon victims](#)

The Register-Guard

In Oregon, rape kits sent for testing ultimately go to the Oregon State Police crime lab in Salem. In Lane County, the kits are first tested at the state ...

[SURVEY SHOWS WHERE CHICAGO CRIMINALS GET THEIR GUNS The answers may](#)

Sky Valley Chronicle

According to a new study by the University of Chicago Crime Lab of almost 100 detainees in the Cook County Jail, few of the inmates said they get ...

[Traverse City native goes from 'CSI' fan to forensic scientist](#)

Traverse City Record Eagle

In reality most work takes place in a regular lab, using instruments like a gas chromatograph that detects drugs and drug metabolites in forensic ...

[Editorial: State Crime Lab: Legislature needs to end the backlog](#)

Winston-Salem Journal

Much of the problem has to do with state crime lab

[Firearms and Tool Marks Examiner](#), St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, St. Louis, MO, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Criminalist II – DNA Section](#), Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Boston, Massachusetts, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Forensic Lab Technician \(Biology/DNA\)](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Atlanta, GA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specilaist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Walnut Creek, CA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Trace](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: August 31, 2015



[Bode Cellmark](#) Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's newest offerings include:

[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#)

streamlines processes to eliminate backlogs of untested sexual assault kits.

[Bode Buccal 2™](#) is uniquely designed to improve DNA databanking collecting and automate processing. The Bode Buccal 2 is a **DIRECT COLLECTION SYSTEM** that requires minimal training. There is **NO Transfer Step Required**.

policy aimed at easing backlog. It sets limits on the amount of evidence that law-enforcement ...

[States with more guns have more police fatalities](#)

Ars Technica

Using a regression statistical analysis, the authors found that occupational homicide for law enforcement was correlated with higher rates of firearm ...

[Sheriff's new fingerprint machine continues to get results](#)

CapeCod.com News

... to earlier AFIS platforms is its ability to narrow the number of on-file prints to be checked against latent prints (those left behind at a crime scene).

[New Forensic Science Course Offered at Fairmont State](#)

WBOY-TV

The Fairmont State Forensic Science program is all about hands on experience. In a new elective course, students are learning about topics like blood ...

[Washburn University construction nears completion](#)

WIBW

"That is actually the only forensic lab in the country that is located on a college campus. A portion of that new building will also be home to our new ...

[Kentucky State Police apply for \\$1.8 million grant for untested rape kits](#)

WDRB

There are more than 860 untested rape kits at the state crime lab In ... Megan Dillery Duff, one of 14 KSP forensic biologists at the state crime lab in ...

[King Co. lawmaker pushes for \\$ to test rape kits](#)

KING5.com

Police typically take custody of the rape kits, then

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2015 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Forensic Conferences](#)

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

send them to the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab for DNA analysis. Yet, nearly 400 of the rape ...

[New Law Expected to Boost Sex Assault Prosecutions](#)

Connecticut Law Tribune

"Back when there was a backlog at the crime lab, police were being told not to bring things there, but now the crime lab can turn cases around quickly," ...

[Victims advocates: \\$ for rape kit testing is long overdue](#)

KING5.com

... to review the 395 untested kits and take steps toward getting them tested, either at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab or at private labs.

[DNA Backlog Creating Issues for Criminal Investigations](#)

WFMY News 2

Once crime lab workers get a sample, they'll extract the DNA from the cell, then they'll make copies of it to amplify the sample. Finally, they'll run it ...

[Lubbock Crime Lab Honored by Texas DPS](#)

EverythingLubbock.com

On Thursday, the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory DNA ... Along with the Lubbock crime lab, various DPS officers were also honored ...

[Put crime lab backlog under microscope](#)

Salisbury Post

Crime lab representatives have made the case that they're dealing with a rising tide of demand. They've said that they have inadequate staff and ...

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

September 18-23, 2016: [23rd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.

Accreditation Training

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB)

ANAB is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. ANAB 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 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

[October 29-30, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$600, non-ASQ member \$650

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

[October 26-28, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB 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](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories](#)

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