



## **President's Message**



Greetings Colleagues,

It is with excitement that I can announce we have made a site selection for the 2019 symposium. The historic Union Station Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri will be where we will convene for our 45th ASCLD symposium. "St. Louis Union Station, once the largest and busiest passenger rail terminal in the world, is now one of America's great historic destinations. Union Station first opened in 1894, but ceased operation as an active train terminal in 1978. Union Station reopened in August of 1985 as the largest adaptive re-use project in the United States. Today, this 120 year-old National Historic Landmark of unmatched beauty and elegance is home to the 539-room St. Louis Union Station Hotel – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, luxury offices, dozens of shops and restaurants, a lake and plaza for festivals, concerts and other special events. And, of course, the stunning [Grand Hall](http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/) is a destination in its own rite." <http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/>

As a reminder, the comment period for the 3-2-1 bylaws vote will close on Friday, October 2nd, later this week. Please be sure to submit your comments to [asclddirector@gmail.com](mailto:asclddirector@gmail.com).

Thanks!

--Jody

Next Board Teleconference: October 2, 2015

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NIJ recently released a solicitation for Forensic Science Research & Development in Forensic Science for

Criminal Justice Purposes - <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/nij-2016-4305.pdf>

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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](mailto:asclddirector@gmail.com). We will take the official Electronic Vote sometime shortly after October 1, 2015.



## **Forensic Training**

### **Science Symposium: The Past, Present, and Future of DNA**

October 2, 2015 | 9:30 AM–4:30 PM  
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University

This one-day science symposium will focus on the explosion of knowledge about past and present DNA and will include discussions about possible directions and applications for future research. The event will include experts in ancient DNA, de-extinction, human origins, population genetics, forensic science, ethics, business, future synthetic life, and the personal genome.

Click [here](#) for registration information.

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The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence Presents

ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion  
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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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Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS

Click [here](#) for more information.

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### **[Bode's Annual DNA & Investigators Conference](#)**

November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

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



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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; 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

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[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances, Virginia](#)

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Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: October 16, 2015

[Toxicology Forensic Technical Leader](#), Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa, OK, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner](#), St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, Saint Louis, Missouri, Expires: November 1, 2015

[FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST \(FORENSIC LAB QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER\)](#), OCME, Washington, Expires: October 15, 2015

[Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences](#), Chaminade University of Honolulu, Honolulu, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Accreditation Program Manager](#), ASCLD/LAB, Garner, NC, Expires: September 30, 2015

[Quality Manager](#), ASCLD/LAB, Garner, NC, Expires: September 30, 2015

[Laboratory Director](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 14, 2015

[Criminalist II DNA](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[Criminalist III Toxicology](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[Criminalist II Toxicology](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[Criminalist DNA Analyst \(grant funded\)](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Crime Lab, Charlotte, NC, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Criminalist DNA Analyst](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Crime Lab, Charlotte, NC, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Director, Crime Scene Sciences](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 11, 2015

[Director of Evidence Collection Division \(Crime Scene\)](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Experienced Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: November 30, 2015

## [News Around the Globe](#)

### [Forensic failures at state crime labs may jeopardize cases](#)

WLS-TV

The ABC7 I-Team uncovered a pattern of forensic failures that could put ... The Illinois state crime lab is under fire by a criminal defendant who may ...

### [Authorities Work to Send Completed Rape Kits to State Crime Lab](#)

KARK

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Jajuan Archer is a domestic violence survivor, and now an advocate for sexual assault victims. She believes all completed rape ...

### [Microscopic evidence yields huge success](#)

DVIDS (press release)

Soldiers with 504th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade learn about explosive forensic detection at the mobile forensic lab on Joint ...

### [OSP scandal: Hummel seeks federal investigation](#)

KTVZ

That is what a former OSP forensic analyst is worried about. Ken Meneely, who worked for the Springfield crime lab for 30 years before he retired, said ...

### [St. Cloud Joining Tri-County Crime Lab, Hope to Solve Crimes Faster](#)

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

[Senior DNA Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem, Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Senior Latent Print Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem, Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Supervising Criminalist](#), Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division, Reno, NV, Expires: October 2, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Worcester Police Department, Worcester, Massachusetts, Expires: October 2, 2015

[Latent Print Supervisor](#), Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: October 16, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I – Latent Print Examiner](#), Denver Police Department Crime Laboratory, Denver, Colorado, Expires: September 25, 2015

[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

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

[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

WJON NEWS

The Tri-County Crime Lab essentially does the same work as the Minnesota BCA, but can turn the results around in a more timely manner. He says ...

[State rape kit backlog deters some victims from reporting](#)

WNCN

In 2013-2014, the state crime lab completed 13,010 cases in their DNA database. To reduce the wait time for rape kits, the Attorney General's office ...

[New Law Prompts Rape Kit Review](#)

KNWA

The goal of Act 1168 is to account for all rape kits that have been submitted to Arkansas authorities but not yet reviewed by the State Crime Lab.

[Oregon Lab Analyst Allegedly Stole Prescription Pills from Evidence Locker](#)

Drug Discovery & Development

Source: Shutterstock An Oregon crime lab technician is accused of stealing prescription pills and other drugs, and replacing them with ...

[Court says crime lab scientist's lawsuit properly dismissed](#)

WMTV

MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- A state appeals court says a judge properly dismissed a former state Justice Department crime lab analyst's retaliation lawsuit.

[Prosecutor hopes rape kit count leads to more money for crime lab](#)

Bowling Green Daily News

15, 2015

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

[Forensic Audio/Video Supervisor](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 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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Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cochran, who has stumped for additional funding for the Kentucky State Police crime lab system, ...

[Crime lab in Shreveport in need of emergency funding, facing \\$200k deficit](#)

Bayoubuzz

When the letter asking for assistance came across Bill Altimus' desk, he says the Bossier Parish Police Jury didn't think twice about writing the check.

[Arlington PD Crime Scene Unit earns significant accreditation from ANSI-ASQ National ...](#)

inForney.com

The previous accreditation is maintained under ASCLD-LAB – America Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. With this new accreditation, the ...

[Did 'confirmation bias' play role in espionage case?](#)

Philly.com

It is now a subject of discussion at the National Commission on Forensic Science, and forensic labs and police agencies around the country are ...

[Candidates for attorney general promise action on untested sexual assault kits in Ky.](#)

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... to the failure of law enforcement to submit kits for testing and long delays at the Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratory to analyze the evidence.”.

[Causes in Crime Lab Back Logs](#)

ABC FOX Montana News

Officials at the State Crime Lab in Missoula said forensic evidence taken in generally gets dispersed

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Oct 6-9, 2015: [14<sup>th</sup> Annual AFQAM Conference](#) - Pensacola Beach, FL

Oct 12-16, 2015: [Southern Association Forensic Scientists 2015 Meeting](#) - Atlanta, GA

Oct 18-25, 2015: [Society of Forensic Toxicologists](#) - Atlanta, GA.

Oct 19-23, 2015: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists](#) - Oklahoma City, OK

Oct 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) - Spokane, WA

February 22-27, 2016: [American Academy of Forensic Science](#) - Las Vegas, NV

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

May 17-20, 2016: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAAFS\)](#) - Richmond, VA

May 28-June 3, 2016: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners](#) - New Orleans, LA



to one of five forensic discipline departments.

[Staff crunch hits forensic lab; cop made director](#)

The Shillong Times

SHILLONG: There are more ministerial staff than the technical staff in the city-based office of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) even as a senior ...

[Forensic Science survives budget cuts, area agencies relieved](#)

Times Daily

Officials with area law enforcement agencies breathed a sigh of relief when they learned Friday that state budget cuts would not force the Alabama ...

[DNA policy; funding to speed up state crime lab](#)

Mount Airy News

The samples are processed in a DNA database specific section of the lab ... "In recent years, the state crime lab has lost a number of well-qualified, ...

[Gujarat to help Uganda fight crime with forensic laboratory](#)

Economic Times

The thrust of the MoU is on cooperation in crime detection with a focus on crime scene analysis and cyber digital forensics. "It is perhaps for the first ...

[Former Director says \\$2 Million in equipment at Forensic Lab left to rot](#)

St. Lucia Online News (press release)

Former Director of the Saint Lucia Forensic Science Laboratory, Yannis Charles, has expressed concern about the facility which remains unmanned ...

Aug 7-13, 2016: [International Association for Identification](#) - Cincinnati, OH

Sep 18-23, 2016: [International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) - Auckland, New Zealand

Oct 3-7, 2016: [Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAFS\)](#) - Branson, Missouri

## **Accreditation Training**

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### **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.

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[ASCLD-LAB Training](#)

[Inside the Rhode Island State Crime Lab](#)

Rhode Island Monthly

Police officers drive to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory at the University of Rhode Island with torn clothing, Glocks, paint chips, shell casings, ...

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](#)

[American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

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