



President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

President Wolf has asked me to provide you with some information on what I have been doing as the ASCLD Executive Director. Any of you that have attended an annual symposium in the last few years have seen me handing out voting ballots, scurrying around the ballroom with a microphone in hand, or trying to hide in the symposium office. But, when not at the symposium, what else am I doing?

When one symposium ends, activities on the next one begin so I am busy now working with our meeting planners and the President Elect and Sponsorship Committee planning out the 2016 symposium. I have also visited hotels in two different cities to find a location for the 2019 symposium. While working on symposiums, I am also assisting the board of directors with monthly board meetings by preparing the agenda, gathering board reports and coordinating travel and lodging for the fall in-person board meeting. As the board members cycle through their terms, I try to provide some continuity and history of past decisions.

On a daily basis, I respond to questions that are received via the "Ask ASCLD" emails and emails sent directly to me as well as questions received via telephone. I still assist the Treasurer with some of his/her duties including working with our bank, Wells Fargo, on setting up a new Merchant Services Account for processing credit card payments. As the calendar year draws to an end, I will be working on setting up our financial review for 2015 as well as gathering the necessary documentation to provide to the company that completes our taxes. I will also be working with our Office Administrator to send out the dues notices for 2016 and then monitor the payments.

ASCLD is a very dynamic and active organization and the Board of Directors are all very busy

people. Whenever possible, I am available to provide assistance to them. I am also here to provide assistance to you, the members of the organization. If you have questions or concerns regarding activities or policies in ASCLD, please contact me at asclldirector@gmail.com or by phone at (919) 607-3930.

Jean Stover
Executive Director

Crime laboratories have earned public trust over time by providing reliable, quality results. Keeping public trust includes self-correcting once an issue is discovered. The Federal Bureau of Investigation allele frequency amendments offer an opportunity to demonstrate the capability of forensic science labs to proactively address a challenge to quality.

This presentation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors meeting will assist crime lab management to provide timely assessment, correction, notification, reporting and documentation, enabling crime labs to continue to earn and keep public trust. This webinar will provide a high level overview of the issue including history on the errors, their detection and correction, and the dissemination of information. It will also include legal issues that laboratories may need to consider.

[Watch the webinar here.](#)

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

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.

Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS
Click [here](#) for more information.

[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.



Shimadzu's triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantitation of targeted drugs in the presence of background interferences, is the most powerful choice for your toxicological applications. It enables the analysis of more than 400 compounds in one run, and features automatic method creation, scan/SIM acquisition mode, and an MRM optimization tool.

The Smart Forensic Database includes hundreds of compounds with optimized transitions and collision energies, CAS registry numbers and retention indices (RI).

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; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty

The database supports simultaneous high-sensitivity analysis of samples using GC-MS/MS, eliminating the need to configure complicated analysis conditions.

A promotional graphic for ASCLD/LAB. The background is dark blue with a faint molecular structure pattern. At the top, the words "COMMITTED", "CONNECTED", and "FOCUSED" are stacked vertically in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The letter "O" in "FOCUSED" is replaced by a magnifying glass icon. Below this text is the ASCLD Laboratory Accreditation Board logo, which is a circular seal with "AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS" around the perimeter and "LABORATORY ACCREDITATION BOARD" in the center. Below the logo, the text "Learn more about our accreditation programs and learning opportunities by visiting us online." is written in white. At the bottom, the website "ascl-d-lab.org" is displayed in white.


ASCLD/LAB is a not-for-profit corporation specializing in the accreditation of public and private forensic laboratories. Since 1982, we have been committed to the 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.

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.

Register today: www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com

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more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourses
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Employment Opportunities

[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 III – Latent Prints](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: September 7, 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 15, 2015

[News Around the Globe](#)

[Ohio's AG: About 8400 rape kits tested for DNA matches](#)

WNWO NBC 24

Ohio's AG: About 8,400 rape kits tested for DNA matches ... COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The state's forensic scientists have tested more than 8,400 ... untested sexual assault kits associated with a past crime to a crime lab within a year.

[Justice Department to break ground on new crime lab](#)

Hendersonville Lightning

Cooper, State Crime Laboratory Director John Byrd and Western Regional Crime Laboratory Manager Joe Reavis will host the groundbreaking ...

[San Francisco forensic investigators to undergo cognitive bias training](#)

KRON4.com

SFPD crime lab personnel and crime scene investigators, along with ... seminar "represents the City's investment in our Forensic Services Division ...

[RCPD's forensic lab receives national accreditation](#)

Newscenter1.tv

Back in June, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Director's Laboratory Accreditation Board certified that the Rapid City Police Department ...

[Biden, Lynch to address untested rape kits at NYC event](#)

USA TODAY

At least 70,000 rape test kits collected by more than 1,000 law enforcement agencies have not been sent to crime labs for testing, a USA TODAY ...

[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

[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



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

Bode's newest offerings include:

[Bode's Annual DNA & Investigators Conference](#), November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria,

[Authorities concerned about potential closure of Huntsville Forensics Lab](#)

Scottsboro Daily Sentinel

Officials with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office say the closure of the Huntsville Forensics Lab would have a significant negative impact on their ...

[OSBI Media Academy offers inside look at crime investigation](#)

Grandlakenews

"It's not what you see on 'CSI,'" OSBI Lab Director Andrea Swiech said. ... Pratt said many times forensic art expedites crime investigations and missing ...

[Sorenson Forensics Assists in Testing Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Stockpile in Michigan](#)

Business Wire (press release)

The Sorenson Forensics team consists of individuals internationally recognized for their extensive public and private crime lab experience and for their ...

[Backlogged rape kit finally yields a DNA match for 2008 Utah case](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

Thanks to a rape kit that was finally tested, Provo police now have a DNA ... The results came back in late June with a match for Barton, whose DNA ...

[Placer supes looking at new crime lab, Auburn library landscaping upgrade](#)

Auburn Journal

Placer County is putting funding into Auburn Library landscaping and a feasibility study for a new crime lab. The Board of Supervisors voted in favor of ...

providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[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**.

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to meet your laboratory's needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.

Forensic Conferences

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.

[With drug use surging, Bucks outsources lab tests](#)

Philly.com

Bucks County's \$6.5 million crime lab and morgue opened in 2007. Like several other counties in the state, including those without facilities, Bucks ...

[State officials say rape kit backlog almost cleared](#)

Michigan Radio

Officials say a backlog of more than 11,000 untested rape kits found in an abandoned Detroit crime lab is almost cleared. In some instances, the cases ...

[FBI Agents, Forensic Experts Outperform Computer Algorithms On Facial Recognition Tests](#)

Medical Daily

A new study pitted FBI agents and other forensic professionals against everyday people and computer algorithms to see whose facial recognition ...

[Metropolitan Crime Commission, City Hall clash over need for another N.O. jail building](#)

The New Orleans Advocate

In a report published Wednesday, the Metropolitan Crime Commission warns that ... "We can use it to build a fire station, a police station, the crime lab.

[Riverton woman receives top forensic scientist award](#)

Peoria Public Radio

Kunkler's supervisor says he nominated her for the award because she produces exceptional work and is an outstanding representative of the lab.

[Applied DNA Sciences Achieves ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Accreditation](#)

MarketWatch

Dr. Ila Lansky, Senior Forensic Scientist of Applied DNA Sciences, stated: "This accreditation confirms what we have known all along, Applied DNA ...

October 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) in Spokane, WA

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.

[New DNA database law seeks to prevent, solve crimes](#)

KXXV News Channel 25

There are two ways in which DNA is generally used to solve crimes. In cases where a suspect is identified, a sample of the suspect's DNA can be ...

[Disgraced former OKC police lab forensic chemist dies in Texas](#)

Tulsa World

Gilchrist had been testing forensic evidence for the Oklahoma City Police Department for more than two decades when she was fired in 2001. An FBI ...

[Sterling, Lee County law enforcement have few untested rape kits](#)

SaukValley.com

Also a requirement of the law: Any rape kits taken before 2010, untested for any reason, must be sent to the crime lab. The Ogle and Whiteside County ...

[Innovative Approach to Duct Sealing Turns IAQ Problems Inside Out](#)

Occupational Health and Safety

When a decomposed body is found in Montgomery County, Ohio, it typically winds up at the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab for autopsy. And for ...

[Cops Forced to Give DNA Samples Have No Case](#)

Courthouse News Service

SAN FRANCISCO (CN) - Three Phoenix police officers whose DNA was collected without their consent -but through a search warrant - do not have a ...

[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](#)

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

[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.

[Number of untested sexual assault kits in Kentucky,
recommendations on crime lab backlog to be ...](#)

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Kentucky is about to get a clearer picture of its DNA testing backlog, an issue that has seized the attention of policymakers and law enforcement across ...

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