Greetings Colleagues,

It is my greatest honor that I author this last Crime Lab Minute as your President. It has been a year full of accomplishments for our organization and one focused on "Excellence through leadership in forensic science management." I'm excited to share with you the 2016-2017 ASCLD Strategic Plan that was developed by the Board of Directors over the course of the past two months and finalized just yesterday in our Board meeting! It is the effort of the Board of Directors and ensures that goals, objectives and action plans are developed to facilitate the accomplishment of the mission. I invite you to review the plan and learn about the road map for ASCLD's future.

Additionally, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors, the members and staff who are all incredible professionals! Through our combined efforts, ASCLD had a year packed with achievements and you all have my sincerest gratitude. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience and I'm so very thankful to have shared it with such an amazing group of people!

As we look to next year, we are very fortunate to have Mr. Jeremy Triplett as our next ASCLD President along with a talented, knowledgeable, and accomplished Board of Directors and staff. The future is very bright!

Kindest regards,
--Jody
Below are the 2016 Board of Directors candidates that will be voted on at the upcoming symposium in Washington. Please click on each name to review their qualifications as well as responses to some insightful questions.

Brooke Arnone, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Christian Westring, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
John Griffin, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Steven O’Dell, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Tim Scanlon, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016

Click here to review a list of New Member Candidates.

3-2-1 Bylaws proposal language:

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.

The membership will vote on this proposed bylaw change at the upcoming symposium in Bellevue, WA.


The journal is looking for submissions from professionals, academics, scholars, and policy makers from science, law, and government. Information for authors can be found by clicking “Submit” at the left of the journal webpage. Questions about the journal can be sent to max@forensicintelligence.us or siegel.jay@gmail.com.

Forensic Training

Professional Orientation School for New Crime Lab Scientists - ONLINE!

John Collins with the Forensic Foundations Group is
New Solicitation: DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
NIJ is seeking proposals for funding for the FY 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) program. This program provides funds to eligible States and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA and/or DNA database samples; and to increase the capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis. The deadline for applications under this funding announcing 3 online Professional Orientation Schools for New Crime Lab Scientists starting May 2, May 10, or July 20. Each school is comprised of 8, 2-hour online sessions over four weeks with a final examination. Maximum 20 students per school. Please visit www.forensicfoundations.com/scheduled-workshops to view the schedule and/or register. Students should first register for free as a "Friend of the Group" to qualify for the discounted $245 registration fee. Please call John at (517) 803-4063 if you have any questions.

Law Enforcement Innovation Center
Expert Witness Online Training
Course Description:
- Factors that influence the selection of an expert
- The importance of investigating an expert's credentials
- How to make an informed decision of an expert's credibility
- Legal standards of admissibility of scientific evidence
- Attorney's ethics in dealing with experts

Click here for additional information and registration.

Ron Smith & Associates Training
National Forensic Quality Manager Training Academy
It is truly amazing that, until now, there has never been a national training academy specifically designed for Quality Managers. Forensic Quality Managers have been expected to learn from "on the job" training that they may receive from a variety of sources, but none of this training has been consistent in the industry. Organizations like the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers have been huge in taking up the mantle of providing various workshops and classes, but it was never intended to take the place of a complete training program. With forensics being under such intense scrutiny these days, agencies who perform forensic analysis must ensure that their work is performed under the guiding principles and standards which are now becoming more clearly defined each day. We, in the forensic industry, have not embraced Quality Management training as aggressively as we should.

Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. is known as one of the premier forensic training companies in the world. Our teams of subject matter experts and support staff have successfully designed and offered hundreds upon hundreds of highly sought after training opportunities all across the United States and abroad.
 opportunity is May 23.

**Research and Evaluation in Support of the Recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing**

NIJ is seeking research proposals to support the recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, this includes research on reducing DNA backlogs. Specifically, NIJ is interested in receiving innovative proposals for research designed to evaluate the efficacy of the protocols that police and investigators can use to triage DNA evidence collected at crime scenes and submitted to forensic laboratories against metrics such as the average turnaround time per case for a forensic analysis; the burden on police investigations with respect to time and effort; how cases are prosecuted; and the number of DNA profiles uploaded into the National DNA Index System (NDIS). The deadline for applications under these funding opportunities is May 17.

**New Solicitation: Visiting Fellows Program**

NIJ is seeking proposals for innovative research, scholarship, and/or knowledge-building projects addressing high-priority criminal justice issues as part of the 2016 NIJ Visiting Fellows Program. Awards made under the NIJ Visiting Fellows Program will bring leading researchers, practitioners, and/or others into residency at NIJ to make important scholarly and policy contributions with practical application to the criminal justice field, and to work with the NIJ Director, staff, and relevant NIJ stakeholders to help shape the direction of NIJ’s research programs. The deadline for applications under this funding opportunity is May 11.

**Ancestry Estimation in Forensic Anthropology: Geometric Morphometric versus Standard and Nonstandard Interlandmark Distances**

Drs. M. Katherine Spradley and Richard L. Jantz, NIJ-supported researchers, have published a new article in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. This study compares the discrimination ability of standard cranial measurements and 3D digitizers for cranial landmark data collection and geometric morphometric (GM) analyses. The nonstandard interlandmark distances generated the highest classification rates for females (90.5%) and males (88.2%). Using nonstandard interlandmark distances over more commonly used measurements leads to better ancestry estimates for our current population structure.

Learn about how to become a paid peer reviewer, and share this opportunity with colleagues.

RS&A is now ready to take on the challenge of building a National Forensic Quality Manager Training Academy which will soon become the cornerstone of forensic training in this very critical area. June 20, 2016 thru July 1, 2016 in Pearl, MS. Academy tuition is $2,500.00 with only 25 seats available.

Click here for complete academy details and to complete an academy application today!

**National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy**

April 24, 2016 – September 23, 2016

RS&A now offers an intense 20 week training program designed to provide agencies with a Latent Print Examiner who is trained to competency. This academy, with 800 hours of formal training, will produce graduates that are capable of performing “supervised case work” and once time requirements are met, be ready to apply for IAI Latent Print Certification. It is scheduled to begin April 24, 2016 in Hattiesburg, MS at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Only 25 academy applicants will be selected to attend so apply today! The total cost for this program including academy tuition, 20 weeks room and board, and 3 meals per day is $27,500.00. Click here for complete details, photos, and the admission application.

**National Footwear & Tire Track Training Academy**

Coming Fall 2016

RS&A now offers a Footwear and Tire Track Training Academy which includes 4 weeks of footwear examination training followed by 2 weeks of tire track examination training. Applicants can elect to complete the entire 6 week footwear and tire track academy or break it up and choose only the 4 weeks of footwear training or the 2 weeks of tire track training. The academy graduates of this 6 week program will learn the skills necessary to complete supervised footwear and tire track casework and will be ready to apply for a IAI Footwear Certification once time requirements have been met. It is scheduled to begin Fall of 2016 in Hattiesburg, MS at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Only 20 academy applicants will be selected to attend. For the entire 6 week footwear and tire track academy the cost is set at $11,250.00. The 4 week footwear only academy is set at $7,500.00 and the 2 week tire track only academy is $3,750.00. Cost includes academy instruction, room and board, and 3 meals per day according to training selection.

Click here for complete details and to apply for admission today.

**APRIL 2016**

Fingerprint and Trace Evidence Detection and Collection on Skin
News Around the Globe

New Crime Lab opens in San Bernardino
Highland Community News (subscription)
Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos and Supervisor Josie Gonzales snip the ribbon with Sheriff John McMahon and Crime Lab Staff ...

W-18 hits street-drug market that is TEN THOUSAND times stronger than morphine
Daily Mail
But with the second major seizure of W-18 within a year in Canada, W-18 is likely to be playing a prominent part in drug fatalities in the near future.

Kuwait to DNA test and tag all tourists
News24
Cape Town – All visitors and tourists to Kuwait will now have to submit to a DNA test and be DNA tagged before they're allowed to enter the Persian ...

DNA Database Helping Solve More Crimes In South Dakota
KDLT News
Forensic Scientist Eddie Aamold says DNA evidence has been extremely beneficial in ... The state crime lab in Pierre matched his DNA to the rape kit.

NWU ending Master of Forensic Science program
Lincoln Journal Star
NWU will pause its Master of Forensic Science program when all of its ... From criminal profiling to DNA analysis, where evidence that is analyzed in ...

Forensic Lab Gets 33 Assistants
The New Indian Express
Naveen lauded the contribution of Odisha Forensic Sciences Laboratory, which has grown into a centre of excellence, in crime investigation.

FDLE labs get raises, equipment to combat backlog
Pensacola News Journal
Gov. Rick Scott ceremonially signed legislation Thursday that will require state crime labs to process sexual assault kits within 120 days of receiving ...

New law for testing authenticity of pot is more
However, enough criminal cases still involve the drug that the Washington ... The state crime lab didn't add staff, but trained existing personnel on ... APD will then enter those results into the FBI's DNA database. Investigators believe adding the extra samples to the database could connect other ...

'Sobering' backlog in testing at LA County coroner's office, according to grand jury report
LA Daily News
LOS ANGELES >> Significant under-staffing in the Los Angeles County coroner's office has led to a "sobering" backlog in toxicology and other testing ...

Austin to use nearly $1.2 million grant to eliminate rape kit backlog
MyStatesman.com
But on Thursday, the Austin City Council got one step closer to changing that by agreeing to pay Salt Lake City-based forensic lab Sorenson Forensics ...

SF police told to submit regular reports on rape-kit backlog
SFGate
... calls for law enforcement agencies to submit forensic evidence to a crime lab within five days of collecting it and for the crime lab to finish processing ...

Oregon State Police eyes Goshen site for new regional headquarters and forensic lab
The Register-Guard
The OSP regional HQ, Eugene area command station and forensic lab could be built as part of a larger commercial development on 2.8 acres at Old ...

SF police told to submit regular reports on rape-kit backlog
SFGate
... calls for law enforcement agencies to submit forensic evidence to a crime lab within five days of collecting it and for the crime lab to finish processing ...

Gov. Rick Scott cites daughter's experience as motivation for signing rape kit law
Tampabay.com
In March, the Florida Legislature passed a budget that will boost funding for the state crime lab to process all crime evidence faster — including DNA ...

Senate committee OKs $125 million to tackle DNA evidence backlog
Chicago Sun-Times
Kirk's announcement follows a national forum held in Chicago over backlogs in the testing of sexual assault

JUNE 2016
Palm Print Comparison Techniques
Location: Daytona Beach, FL
Class Dates: 06-07-2016 thru 06-09-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Albuquerque, NM
Class Dates: 06-13-2016 thru 06-17-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Advanced Sequential Processing - A Hands On Workshop
Location: Boston, MA
Class Dates: 06-14-2016 thru 06-17-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 32

IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Training
Location: Sanford, FL
Class Dates: 06-27-2016 thru 07-01-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

New courses and class locations are added daily so be sure to check the website at: www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training

Forensic Management Academy.
Those interested in improving their individual and organizational knowledge of contemporary business practice as it applies to forensics should apply now, space is limited. Training will occur August 28-September 2, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport
Click here for registration and additional information.

Houston Forensic Science Center
May 2, 2016
IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam Preparation: CCSI and CCSA Levels
May 23, 2016
Intermediate Latent Print Comparison
May 23, 2016
Intermediate Latent Print Comparison
June 15 - 17, 2016
Palm Print Comparison

Law Enforcement Innovation Center
Expert Witness Online Training
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The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence
ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments -
evidence kits in crime labs across the ...

Study: Hair analysis is an unreliable, flawed forensic technique
UPI.com
Since 1989, 74 people have been sentenced to hard time for serious crimes as a result of hair analysis, only to later be exonerated by DNA analysis.

Illinois state crime lab takes a year to test rape kits, Alvarez says
Reboot Illinois
Mecklenburg, who was the legal adviser to former Chicago Police Supt. Phil Cline, spearheaded an effort to have the Illinois State Police crime lab test ...

Santa Monica to Consider Nearly $1 Million Contract for DNA Specialist
The Lookout News
“An increased reliance on the County Crime Lab to process this form of evidence created a backlog of unanalyzed evidence,” the report to the Council ...

Some Oklahomans arrested might have to submit DNA
kfor.com
OKLAHOMA - Oklahomans arrested for felony crimes could soon be required to submit their DNA under a bill that has cleared the Oklahoma senate.

The Cost of Lying: For One Lab Scientist Who Fabricated Evidence, Just Two Years in Prison
Huffington Post
Dookhan was a chemist who worked in a Massachusetts crime lab. Bright and ambitious, Dookhan was the equivalent of a drug testing rockstar.

Over 7800 Prosecutions Questioned After NJ Lab Tech Caught Faking Drug Test Results
Techdirt
A lab technician for the State Police allegedly faked results in a drug case, and has drawn into question 7,827 criminal cases on which he worked, ...

Former Billings police employee charged with evidence theft
The Missoulian
... occurrence of drug evidence theft to affect law enforcement agencies in Yellowstone County, the first coming out of the Montana State Crime Lab.

Technical Discussion
On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)
Click here for registration information.

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

ASCLD Train the Directors Latent Prints Webinar - Archival
ASCLD Train the Directors DNA Discipline Webinar - Archival
ASCLD Train the Directors Controlled Substance Webinar – Archival
ASCLD Train the Directors Digital Multimedia Evidence Webinar – Archival
ASCLD Train the Directors Toxicology Webinar – Archival
ASCLD Train the Directors Firearms Webinar – Archival
False-Positive/Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival
Version
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival
Version
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version
ASCLD Webinar Series:

Learn more about our accreditation programs and learning opportunities by visiting us online. ascll-dlab.org
IntegenX, headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the market leader of Rapid human DNA identification technology. IntegenX technology platforms integrate advanced fluidics, optics, and biochemistry capabilities to produce sample-to-answer products for DNA-based human identity testing for forensics and law enforcement applications.

**Employment Opportunities**

- **DNA Technical Leader**, NMS Labs, Willow Grove, Expires: June 10, 2016
- **Criminalist III**, County of San Diego, San Diego, CA, Expires: May 15, 2016
- **Forensic Scientist Supervisor**, Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division, Pikesville, Maryland, Expires: May 13, 2016
- **Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology**, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 19, 2016
- **Latent Print Examiner**, Durham Police Department, Durham, NC, Expires: July 18, 2016
- **Forensic Scientist DNA Casework Discipline**, Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: May 6, 2016
- **Forensic Scientist II – Drug Chemistry**, Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN, Expires: May 13, 2016
- **Quality and Information Management Manager**, Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Toronto, ON, Expires: April 26, 2016
- **ICITAP Forensics Experts**, Engility Corporation, Mexico City, Expires: July 1, 2016
- **SEROLOGIST III / ASSISTANT TECHNICAL LEADER**, Serological Research Institute, RICHMOND, CA, Expires: July 8, 2016
- **Forensic Analyst – Audio/Video**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016
- **Crime Scene Investigator**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016
- **Manager of Biology**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016

**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 for Forensic Police Agencies**

- June 8-9, 2016, Greenville, SC
- September 15-16, 2016, Alexandria, VA

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

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

- May 17-19, 2016, Milwaukee, WI
- September 12-14, 2016, Alexandria, VA

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

**Uncertainty of Measurement for Forensic Agencies**

- May 20, 2016, Milwaukee, WI

Cost: $500

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.
Shimadzu's triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantification 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 database supports simultaneous high-sensitivity analysis of samples 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)

A2LA's Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

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.

Independent Validation Services are customized to meet your laboratory’s needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.
using GC-MS/MS, eliminating the need to configure complicated analysis conditions.

**Forensic Conferences**

May 5-7, 2016: 2nd Annual Middle East Congress of the International Association of Law and Forensic Sciences (IALFS) – Istanbul, Turkey

May 16-20, 2016: Canadian Society of Forensic Science – Montreal, Canada

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

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


Oct 16-21, 2016: Society of Forensic Toxicologists – Dallas, TX

Oct 2016: Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists – Galveston, TX

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