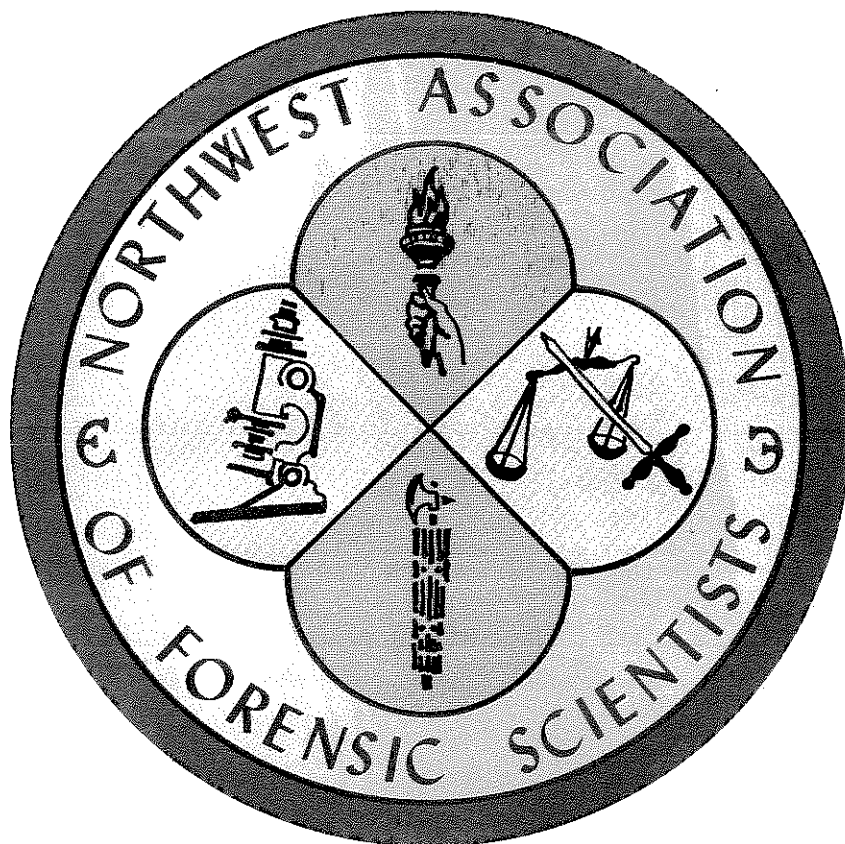


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The gavel was transferred at the IAFS/NWAFS meeting in Vancouver to our new president, Wayne Jeffrey. As one of the organizers of the meeting he was exhausted and left for a well planned and much deserved month long "holiday"! So, this will be the Association's first "Past-President's Message."

The meeting can't be described as a "success", it was overwhelming! With four or five good papers being presented at any one time, it was impossible to take advantage of the entire meeting. About 1200 people representing 54 countries attended the conference and it was interesting to visit and share our common goals and similar problems. Quite a few NWAFS members were able to attend and we added several more members to our roster.

The Executive Committee chose Dr. Ed Suzuki of the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab as the 1987 recipient of the American Academy General Section Award. He has been visible within our organization and elsewhere in forensic science with his outstanding papers and most recent work on DRIFTS. His selection was announced at the banquet and he will receive the \$100 award as the American Academy distributes the funds. Congratulations Ed.

Continuing Education is a constant focus of the Executive Committee. The following objectives were discussed: 1) long range planning for workshops; 2) organization of literature reviews; 3) accumulation of data on laboratory operations; and 4) establishment of a video library.

My year as president is over and it may sound trite, but I thank all of you who participated in the year's activities. This next year's activities are well on their way. Wayne is very enthusiastic with new ideas. Our meetings are scheduled for Missoula in the Spring and Portland in the Fall. I hope to see you at both.

Beth Carpenter
Past-President

**NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS
SPRING 1988 MEETING**

The Spring 1988 meeting of the Northwest Association of Forensic Scientist will be held March 15-18 in Missoula, Montana. Tuesday, the 15th, will be a workshop day, with the workshop to be announced at a later date. The 16th and 17th will feature technical papers, and the Association's business meeting will be held on the morning of the 18th. The site of the meeting will be the Sheraton Inn. Room rates will be \$42 for a single and \$46 for a double occupancy room.

For more information, contact:

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**MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS
FALL 1987 MEETING**

The Fall meeting of the MAAFS will be held on October 14-16, 1987 in Alexandria, Virginia at the Best Western Old Colony Inn. This meeting will mark the 15th Anniversary of the Association. Three workshops will be held on the 14th: 1) Forensic Application of Ion and Gel Permeation Chromatography, 2) Determination of Sex from Forcibly Removed Hairs, and 3) Detection of P-30 by ELISA.

For more information, contact:

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(703) 640-6131, ext. 3899

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINALISTS
FALL 1987 MEETING**

The Fall meeting of the California Association of Criminalists will be held October 22-24 at the Irvine Hilton and Towers, in Irvine, CA. The

meeting is being hosted by the Huntington Beach Police Department Scientific Investigation Unit.

For more information, contact:

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**NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS
FALL 1987 MEETING**

The 13th annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists will be held October 23-24 at the Princeton Hyatt Regency in Princeton, New Jersey.

For more information, contact:

Registration - Kirby Matir (914) 564-4330
Exhibits - Brad Shankles (516) 360-5585
Hotel - George Chin (201) 256-7790
Program - Robert Genna (516) 360-5585

**40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

This meeting will be held at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 15-20, 1988.

For more information, contact:

AAFS
225 So. Academy Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
(303) 596-6006

**10th AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL FORENSIC
SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

The 10th Australian and International Forensic Science Symposium will be held at the Gateway Hotel, Brisbane, Australia from May 23-27, 1988.

The theme for the symposium is "Forensic Evidence in the Age of Technology" and it is anticipated 150 Australian and overseas delegates will attend.

The Symposium will include specialist sessions in most forensic science fields with 10 international keynote speakers being invited to attend. First announcements will be distributed in May 1987.

The Symposium coincides with World Expo 88 which is being held in Brisbane from April to October.

For further information, contact:

Miss Cheryl Mitchell
Symposium Secretariat
GPO Box 495
Brisbane Q 4001
Australia

**MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS
ANNOUNCE SPRING WORKSHOPS**

The Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists have announced the following workshops to be presented in the Spring of 1988:

Microscopy of Explosives, on March 14-18 at the Missouri Western College in St. Joseph, Missouri.

These last three classes will be held May 2-6 at the Sheraton Inn in Madison, Wisconsin:

Identification and Quantitation of Semen;

ATF Accelerant Detection Class;

Archaeology, Anthropology and Odontology of Burial Sites.

For more information, contact:

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**AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
THE FORENSIC ASPECTS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

An International Symposium on the forensic aspects of controlled substances will be held at the Forensic Science Research and Training Center, FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia on March 28-April 1, 1988.

The purpose of the symposium is targeted toward researchers and examiners and will provide a forum for the discussion of techniques and issues relevant to the forensic aspects of controlled substances.

Individuals from police departments, forensic laboratories and academia are encouraged to submit abstracts of original research concerning new developments or applications in the areas of drug detection, identification and examination,

For more information, contact:

Forensic Science Symposium Coordinator
FBI Academy
Quantico, Virginia 22135

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LABORATORY DIRECTOR

The Maryland State Police Crime Laboratory is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Laboratory Director.

The position is a challenging opportunity for a highly motivated individual. This position is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Lab to include direction of work of Forensic Chemists and other professional's engaged in various aspects of forensic disciplines including chemistry, biology, drug analysis, trace evidence, ballistics, photography, personal identification, document examination and crime scene processing involving collection, preservation and interpretation of physical evidence.

The minimum qualifications for the position include:

A Master's Degree in Forensic Science or a related field,

Previous qualification as an expert witness in the area of criminalistics and/or Forensic Chemistry in a Federal or local court of record,

3 years experience as director of an independent laboratory, or

An assistant director of a Federal or Local government satellite lab.

Excellent fringe benefit package. Send a current resume and salary requirements including three letters of recommendation to:

Maryland State Police
Attn: Civilian Pers. Mgr.
Personal Management Division
1201 Reistertown Rd.
Pikesville, MD 21208

MINUTES FROM THE FALL MEETING VANCOUVER, BC AUGUST 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order by NWAFS President Beth Carpenter at approximately 3:30 pm, with twenty four [24] members being present.

Because the minutes of the Spring Reno Meeting were not published in the Newsletter, a summary was presented to the members present and voted upon at that time.

A brief summary is as follows:

Treasurer reported \$6168.20 in both accounts as of April 1987.

Executive committee voted to give members a rebate of \$25.00 for attending the Vancouver, BC meeting if not funded. Along those lines, the Executive Committee also voted to fund the President's room and registration costs at meetings, if the President is not already funded.

The members voted to change bylaws, thereby changing the makeup of the Membership Committee to include a Chairperson and two regular members.

To encourage participation in NWAFS political activities, it was decided to add a third channel for running for office as follows:

A member can now be nominated by two members by submitting his or her name to the Newsletter thirty days prior to the election.

Back to the Future: Fall Meeting 1987

Treasurer's report: Our books were audited and found to be in order, total amount held now in both accounts as of this meeting is \$5945.80.

Executive Committee report: Ed Suzuki is the winner of the AAFS award. Ed is with the Washington State Patrol Lab in Seattle. Congratulations, Ed.

Continuing education committee will be given the responsibility to plan workshops, and the long range goals to obtain data on other lab systems, such as: promotional programs, salary, management guidelines and protocol.

Starting at the next meeting, we will begin to video tape presentations with the consent of the person giving the paper.

Select Committee report: Ann Bradley on urine drug testing reported a short survey called "Pit Falls of Drug Testing" will be published in the Newsletter, with more to follow at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

The 1988 Spring meeting will be held in Missoula, Montana in early April either at the Edgewater or Sheraton Hotel. Soils workshop is probable. Also, Ken Konzak will look into ACS money to pay for the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Site for the Fall 1988 meeting: There were nominations for Portland, OR and Hawaii. Guess who won? Maybe in 1989

Meeting adjourned after 45 minutes of gruelling debate.

Respectfully submitted,
Lionel Tucker
Secretary/Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO ASSOCIATION

The following changes or additions were made in the membership of the Association at the Fall Meeting in Vancouver, BC:

Change of Status:

1. Provisional to Associate

Patty Wakkinen

2. Provisional to Regular [Voting]

Andy Allen	Ken Levine
Minoru Aoki	Stefand Mazzega
Jim Banks	Richard MacAlpine
Lisa Brewer	Vic Reeve
Jeff Callowhill	Donna Sheperdson
Steve Clemens	Ron Schiefke
Barbara Crosby	Randall Stone
Joe Hickey	Steve Vanootegham
Mark Kalchik	Benny Wong
Martha Kerr	

3. Change to Corresponding Member

Ken Anderson
Charlene Smith
Jan Beck

4. Loss of Membership

Billy Dunagan - Resigned
Janis Fulton - Failure to pay dues
Phil Patterson - Failure to pay dues

New Provisional Members Accepted

1. Candidates for Associate Status

Deborah Bewley - WA State Patrol, Kelso
Joan Bryson - WA State Patrol, Everett

2. Candidates for Regular Status

Michael Asselin - RCMP, Vancouver
Alexander Beveridge - RCMP, Vancouver
Edward Formosa - WA State Tox., Seattle
Charles Hall - DEA, San Francisco
Terry Hanson - Washoe Co., Reno NV
Bruce Johnson - OR State Police, Springfield
Ruth Luthi - WA State Tox., Seattle
Peggy Stevenson - DEA, San Francisco
Enrico Togneri - Washoe Co., Reno NV
Brian Wainwright - RCMP, Vancouver
E. Weiss - Univ. of WA, Seattle

New Officers

President: Wayne Jeffrey
President-Elect: Dale Mann
Secretary/Treasurer: Lionel Tucker
Member-At-Large: Tom Moore

Notification of Members Behind in Attendance

The members present voted unanimously to write to all members who have not attended for 6 or more consecutive meetings and tell them they will be put in corresponding member status if they don't attend the Spring 1988 meeting in Missoula, Montana on March 14.

EXPLOSIVE BOOBY TRAP DEVICES FOUND
IN CLANDESTINE DRUG LABS

The following information was passed to the Newsletter editor for the information of individuals involved in the investigation of clandestine drug labs, crime scenes and controlled substance analysis.

"Biker" type individuals in Arizona have begun making "booby trap" type items with the obvious intent to injure police officers. The items are "mini foil bombs", and are intended to appear like drugs wrapped in aluminum foil to entice investigating officers to unwrap them. They are extremely shock sensitive, and will explode when the foil is unwrapped, dropped or otherwise disturbed.

A mixture of red phosphorus, potassium chlorate, and alcohol is made. BB sized shot is used and the mixture is wrapped very tightly in aluminum foil. While wet, it is stable; but when it dries it is highly unstable and extremely sensitive to any form of disturbance, which will cause it to explode. The bombs are packed in cotton for transport, but otherwise planted to appear to be wrapped drugs to lure the curious or unsuspecting police officer.

There have been 5 or 6 incidents involving "biker" types and drug traffic in Arizona where these items have been discovered. There have been three different sizes encountered: marble size, egg size and baseball size. One officer lost the tip of a finger unwrapping a marble size device.

Extreme caution is urged in the moving of aluminum foil wrapped articles found in or around drug labs. Should you feel an item is suspicious, contact a bomb squad.

RED PHOSPHORUS METHAMPHETAMINE LAB
SEIZED IN MONTANA

Early in July a US Forest Service employee spotted what appeared to be chemicals and chemical apparatus hidden under trees. The location was in extreme northwest Montana in Lincoln County, approximately 25 miles south of British Columbia. Further investigation in cooperation with the Lincoln County Sheriff Department strongly indicated chemicals and apparatus from a clandestine red phosphorus methamphetamine laboratory.

Items seized and analyzed in the Montana Crime Lab included the following:

1. 50 pounds of sodium thiosulfate
2. 11 Kg ephedrine hydrochloride
3. 6 - 1 Kg containers of red phosphorus
4. 10 pounds sodium hydroxide
5. 10 gallons of methamphetamine base in freon
6. 6 large reflux condensers
7. 20 liter reaction flask and heating mantle
8. 2 liter filter flasks and 3 liter sep funnel
9. 3 - 10 gallon drums of freon

Further investigation indicated the suspect and his brother were involved in red phosphorus methamphetamine labs in California. Chemicals, apparatus and final product may all have been moved to Montana recently, indicating the synthesis was done in California.

BOOKS FROM ELSEVIER PRESS
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Earlier in the year, Elsevier Press gave to the Association several volumes from its forensic science series for review by the membership.

If you remember, Dale Mann from the WSP-Seattle Crime Lab reviewed "Practical Fire and Arson Investigation" by John J. O'Connor. This review was printed in the last issue of the newsletter.

There are several more volumes available for review. If you are interested in one of the books below, please contact the Newsletter Editor to receive the book. When you have finished with the book, return it to the Editor, along with a couple page summary of your opinion of the book: is it well written; is

the information current and accurate; would you recommend the book for the reference libraries of the members of the Association?

The books currently available for review include:

"Gunshot Wounds. Practical Aspects of Firearms, Ballistics and Forensic Techniques," Vincent J.M. DiMaio

"Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation - 4th Edition," Barry J. Fisher, Arne Svensson and Otto Wendel

"The Sexual Exploitation of Children. A Practical Guide to Assessment, Investigation, and Intervention," Seth L. Goldstein

"Practical Homicide Investigation. Tactics, Procedures and Forensic Techniques," Vernon J. Geberth

These volumes, once reviewed, will be placed in the Continuing Education Committee's materials and will be available for preview by all members.

REFERENCE ABSTRACTS

The following abstracts were obtained from a variety of sources including the newsletters of various forensic associations, agency-sponsored "newsletters" and members of NWAFS. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of an article or paper abstracted in this section or you have a paper that would be of interest to the rest of the membership, please contact Roger Ely.

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"Explosives Field Test Kit"

James B. Crippin

A field test kit to tentatively identify explosives is presented along with a chart of the color reactions expected with the reagents. The kit is simple, and covers a wide range of both organic and inorganic explosives.

"Observations on the Homogeneity of Frozen Urine and Its Analysis for Ethanol for Forensic Purposes"

Michael L. Rehberg

Cases involving the examination of urine for alcohol in areas that experience "true winters" were found to have a discrepancy in the amount of alcohol detected in frozen urine and liquid urine. The author undertook a study to try and determine the cause of the discrepancy.

"Techniques in Forensic Paint Analysis"

Warren L. Tillman

Methods for sample evaluation, preparation and analysis are discussed in broad terms.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The NEWSLETTER of the NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS is published quarterly and is dedicated to the following goals:

1. To encourage the exchange of ideas and information within the field of Forensic Science through improving contacts between persons and laboratories engaged in the Forensic Sciences.
2. To stimulate research and the development of new and/or improved techniques in the area of Forensic Science.
3. To promote the improvement of professional expertise of persons working in the field of Forensic Science.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The NEWSLETTER seeks contributions for publication from its membership in the following areas:

1. Correspondence and inquiries
2. Methodological notes
3. Abstracts of papers presented at NWAFS meetings
4. Short technical papers
5. Case reports

6. Employment announcements
7. News of meetings, schools, workshops,
training announcements
8. Legal news
9. Editorials

Contributions should be titled, including author credits and pertinent references. The contributions may be typed, single spaced on plain white paper or contributions may be prepared by word processor and sent to the editor on 5 1/4 inch floppy disk formatted for the IBM.

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Dawn M. Kangas
Administrative Officer

The Montana Crime Lab is hosting the Spring Meeting of the Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists, March 14 through March 18, 1988, at the Sheraton Inn in Missoula.

To better serve the needs of the membership, we have prepared a survey and ask that you please return it, indicating the workshops which would be of the most interest to you.

	Interested	Not Interested
1) Analytical Instrumentation		
a) GC/MS	_____	_____
b) FTIR/Microscope	_____	_____
c) HPLC	_____	_____
d) Other _____	_____	_____
2) Serology		
a) Hands on Isoelectric Focusing	_____	_____
b) Hands on ELISA workshop	_____	_____
c) Other _____	_____	_____
3) Controlled substances		
a) Analyses of chemicals & determination of synthetic methods used in clandestine labs	_____	_____
b) Safety considerations at clandestine labs	_____	_____
c) Other _____	_____	_____
4) Trace Evidence		
a) Soil comparisons	_____	_____
b) Hair comparisons	_____	_____
c) Fiber comparisons	_____	_____
d) Paint comparisons	_____	_____
e) Glass comparisons	_____	_____
f) Other _____	_____	_____

- | | Interested | Not Interested |
|--|------------|----------------|
| 5) Toxicology | | |
| a) EMIT screening | _____ | _____ |
| b) RIA screening | _____ | _____ |
| c) HPLC screening | _____ | _____ |
| d) TOXILAB TLC screening | _____ | _____ |
| e) Other _____ | | |
| 6) Arson | | |
| a) Purge & trap/Capillary GC accelerant identification | _____ | _____ |
| b) Identification of accelerants by mass chromatogram/
specific ion methods on GC/MS | _____ | _____ |
| c) Other _____ | | |
| 7) DUI | | |
| a) Effects of alcohol | _____ | _____ |
| b) Synerg ^{ic} effects of prescription drugs
and alcohol on driving impairment | | |
| c) Other _____ | | |
| 8) Firearms and Toolmarks | | |
| Suggestions _____ | | |
| | | |
| 9) Court room testimaoeny | | |
| a) How to be a good witness | | |
| b) Mock trial seminar | _____ | _____ |
| 10) Liability concerns in Forensic Laboratories | _____ | _____ |
| 11) How to handle the media seminar | _____ | _____ |
| 12) Effective use of PC in crime lab management
and data acquisition & retrieval | _____ | _____ |
| 13) Retirement planning | _____ | _____ |

Response by November 1, 1987 would be appreciated.
Respond to Arnold Melnikoff, Program Chairman,
NWAFS Spring Meeting, at address on page one.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

OF

FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article I -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists, a nonprofit organization, referred to hereafter as the Association.

Article II -- OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

Section 1: To encourage dissemination of information within the field of forensic sciences and to discuss problems of common interest.

Section 2: To foster friendship and cooperation among forensic scientists.

Section 3: To stimulate research and development of new techniques within the field.

Article III -- ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be limited to persons or organizations of professional competency, integrity and good moral character who are actively engaged in the application of natural sciences to the examination of physical evidence involved in legal problems.

Article IV -- MEETINGS

Semiannual meetings shall be held in the Spring and Fall with locations selected by the voting members. The exact date of the semiannual meeting shall be selected by the Program Chairperson.

Article V -- OFFICERS

Officers of this Association shall consist of President, President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers of this Association shall be elected annually at the Fall Business Meeting except that the office of President shall be automatically assumed by the member elected President-Elect the previous year.

In the event of the death, incapacitation or resignation of the President, the President-Elect shall automatically be elevated to the office of President for the unexpired term. In the event of the death or incapacitation or resignation of both the President and President-Elect, the position will be held by the Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of the term.

Article VI -- AMENDMENTS

Any article of this Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members present at the Fall Business Meeting, provided that copies of each proposed amendment shall have been distributed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken. Any provision of the bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members present at either of the semiannual business meetings.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

OF

FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

B Y - L A W S

CHAPTER I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be four (4) classes of membership in the Association:

(A) PROVISIONAL MEMBER

- (1) Application for provisional membership must be made in writing to the Membership Chairperson with endorsement by at least three (3) Regular members. The final date for submission of application and endorsement forms to the Membership Chairperson is August 1st of the year in which the applicant wishes to be considered for Provisional Membership.
- (2) The Membership Committee presents their recommendation to the voting members at the Fall Business Meeting. The application must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members in attendance.

(B) REGULAR MEMBER

- (1) A Provisional Member is eligible for the class of Regular Member after one year. If such person spends at least fifty percent of their time in the examination of physical evidence for courtroom presentation; or is one who supervises such person.
- (2) Regular Membership is a voting classification of membership. The Membership Committee will review and recommend any elevation to Regular Member status and it must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members attending a regular business meeting.

(C) ASSOCIATE MEMBER

A Provisional Member who does not meet the requirements for Regular Member in (B) above, but is engaged in natural science applications to legal problems is eligible for the class of Associate Member. Associate Member is a nonvoting classification. The Membership Committee must propose elevation to Associate Member status and it must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members attending a regular business meeting.

Any person or organization so interested can apply to the Membership Committee for Corresponding Membership. Corresponding Member is a nonvoting classification and is exempt from the six consecutive meeting rule in Section 3, Sub-Chapter (C) of these Bylaws. The Membership Committee shall review and recommend the granting of Corresponding membership status, and it must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members attending a regular business meeting.

(E) CHARTER DESIGNATION

All persons meeting the membership requirement outlined above and who attended any meeting of this Association prior to the adoption of its Constitution and Bylaws (October 1972) shall have the designation "Charter" added to their classification, as determined above (i.e., Regular Charter Member, Associate Charter Member). This additional distinction does not change their basic membership classification so far as their privileges under this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2: Only Regular Members may vote in Business Meetings. No proxy votes will be accepted.

Section 3: Termination of Membership

- (A) Termination upon request of Member. Any member may terminate their membership in the Association by a written request directed to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee of the Association. The Membership Committee shall inform the members of the Association of such termination at the next regular Business Meeting.
- (B) Termination for failure to pay dues. Membership will be automatically terminated when the Member is delinquent in dues for a period of two (2) years during which time at least a total of two (2) notices were issued in writing by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- (C) The Membership Committee shall record the attendance of each member, and should a member not attend one of six (6) consecutive meetings of the Association, review the status of said member. They will recommend appropriate action, which may include the termination of membership. The Membership Committee will establish and make known to the general members the criteria they will use to recommend appropriate action.
- (D) Termination due to change of employment. Membership will be automatically terminated if the new employment fails to meet eligibility requirements.

- (E) Termination for cause. A member may be expelled from the Association for unethical conduct, conduct detrimental to the profession of forensic sciences or conduct detrimental to the welfare of the Association. A member or members of the Association may initiate proceedings to expel another member for cause by petitioning in writing to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to:

- (1) Investigate all such claims of unprofessional conduct as enumerated.
- (2) Allow the accused and accuser a reasonable opportunity to be heard and confronted.
- (3) Give a report and recommendation to the membership at the next Business Meeting of the Association. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members at any business meeting is required for expulsion of any member.

Section 4: Reclassification of Membership

Members must notify the Secretary/Treasurer in writing within six (6) months of change of employment or duties.

- (A) An Associate member may be reclassified to "Regular Member" status if their new employment meets the necessary requirement. Recommendation by the Membership Committee and approval by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present at the Business Meeting is required.
- (B) A voting member will be reclassified to Associate Member status if their new employment duties fail to meet the requirements for Voting Member. Elected Officers and appointed Committee Members will complete their term of office before reclassification.
- (C) Any member upon their written request to the Membership Committee shall be reclassified as a Corresponding Member. Corresponding Members seeking to regain their old classification after having been so reclassified must:
 - (1) At the time of application to regain their previously held status, meet the requirements for the class of membership sought;
 - (2) Apply to and be recommended by the Membership Committee;
 - (3) The application shall be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present at the regular Business meeting at which the application is considered.

CHAPTER II: GOVERNMENT

- Section 1: The general management of the Association, including levying of dues, shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Any decision made by the Executive Committee is subject to recall by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members present at the next Business Meeting. The members of the Executive Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- Section 2: The President shall preside at the Business meeting and appoint necessary committees. In absence of the President, the President-Elect shall preside. In absence of both, the voting members shall elect a voting member to serve as President of the meeting.
- Section 3: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes of all meetings and receive and care for all business records and papers belonging to the Association, and shall bill, collect, keep account of, and properly safeguard all funds of the Association. In the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President will appoint an Acting Secretary/Treasurer for that business meeting.
- Section 4: All officers elected at the Fall Business Meeting shall assume office at the close of that meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer may, and will be encouraged to serve in that capacity for more than one year.
- Section 5: All classes of members shall be privileged to attend and participate in any of the Association's scientific, social, or business sessions. Only voting members may vote or hold office.
- Section 6: The place of the meeting shall be determined two (2) meetings in advance by a majority of the voting members present at that Business Meeting.
- Section 7: No public statement representing Association policy or opinion shall be made except as follows:
- (A) With approval by three-fourths (3/4) of the Voting Members present at a Business Meeting. Any proposed policy statement or opinion must appear in the published agenda of the meeting.
 - (B) If time constraints require the issuance of such a statement prior to the next Business Meeting, then three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Committee must approve of the statement text before it is made.

CHAPTER III: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The presiding President shall appoint a Program Chairperson from the host area not later than thirty (30) days after the meeting location is decided.

Section 2: The standing committees to be appointed by the presiding President not later than thirty (30) days following election to office are:

- (A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE consisting of the Association President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Past-President and an elected Member-At-Large (Regular Member). In the event one of these cannot serve, the remainder of the Committee shall appoint a Regular Member.
- (B) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE consisting of a Chairperson and two (2) Regular members.
- (C) HISTORICAL COMMITTEE consisting of the Past-Past-President and two (2) appointed members; any of the three may be appointed as Chairperson.
- (D) PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE consisting of the Newsletter Editor and two (2) other members.
- (E) TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE consisting of a Chairperson, appointed by the President, and such members as the Chairperson shall select.
- (F) CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE consisting of a Chairperson, appointed by the President, and such members as the Chairperson shall select.

Section 3: The presiding President shall be Ex-Officio member of all standing committees.

Section 4: Duties of the appointed committees are:

- (A) The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall fulfill all requirements as stated in the Bylaws of this Association. This committee will also be responsible for presenting nominations at the Fall Business Meeting for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Committee Member-At-Large.
- (B) The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall not less than once per fiscal year inspect and/or audit all financial records.
- (C) The HISTORICAL COMMITTEE will maintain all records, files and exhibits relative to the history of the Association.

(D) The PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE shall publish the Newsletter and other official communications approved by the Executive Committee. The Newsletter shall be mailed directly to all members in good standing, to report the business of the organization and establish communication of scientific information and other information deemed worthy by the Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter shall be available to nonmembers at a fee to be established by the Committee.

(E) The TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE shall be responsible for conducting the voluntary Proficiency Testing Program of the Association, and for submitting a report on this program at the semiannual meetings.

Section 5: COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

- (A) The presiding President shall appoint all other necessary and appropriate committees.
- (B) No member of the Executive Committee or any appointed committee shall receive directly or indirectly any salary or compensation for this service.
- (C) At each Business Meeting the Chairperson of each committee shall submit to the Secretary/Treasurer all pertinent records on which action has been completed by the membership of that committee.

Section 6: Any and all expenses chargeable to the Association must be approved through the Executive Committee.

Section 7: The files, books and records of the Association are the property thereof and shall at all times be open to the inspection and examination by any member. Upon vacating office for any reason, the past office holder must turn over all files, books and records to their successor in office.

Section 8: The Newsletter which this Association sponsors shall be the official publication of the Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists, and any announcement appearing in the Newsletter shall be considered an official notification to the members.

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- Updated Association Constitution and Bylaws

- PLUS A LOT MORE

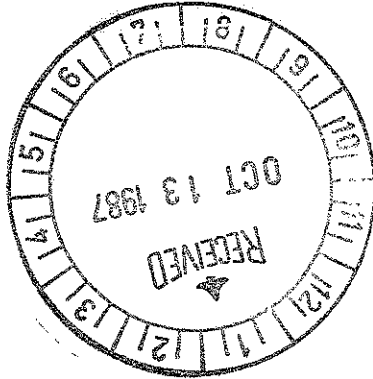
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