

Well Chosen Words

In our role as laboratory specialists, crime scene analysts, latent print examiners and other professionals, we may not realize that well chosen words are foundational to the judicial community. Prosecutors rely heavily upon our written reports to substantiate the findings from our laboratory work. A misplaced word could create a misunderstanding or worse, suggest a conclusion that did not take place. Judges and juries listen attentively to the phrases we use during our testimony. They search for answers to the questions that arise when attempting to determine a suspect's involvement in a crime or to exonerate the innocent. At times it is simply a phrase or two that clarifies and provides greater understanding or our words may tend to confuse or distort. It has been said, as humans we tend to speak most often without carefully considering our words. We become enmeshed in the desire to complete our given tasks expeditiously as we move along from case to case. May we all consider anew the words we use as we provide the results of our investigative work. Let us be ever mindful of the importance of choosing our words carefully and ensuring we remain professional in our efforts.



Training and Meeting Dates for 2010

Spring Meeting—March 26th at Carrollton PD

Summer Meeting—June 25th at Forsyth County SO

Fall Conference—October 24th—28th in Savannah, Ga. at the Mulberry Inn

The Fall Conference is going to be joint between GAIAI and SCIAI.





New Officers and Board of Director membership for 2010:

Georgia Division Officers:

President- Sherry Hosey, Carrollton Police Department

1st Vice President- Brenda Hutson, DeKalb County Police Department (retired)

2nd Vice President- Mark Bentley, Georgia State Patrol S.C.R.T.

Secretary-Treasurer- Lisa Maxwell, Thomasville Police Department

Sergeant-at-Arms- Janice Hester, Dawson County Sheriff's Office

Editor- Fred Ewell, NCIS

Historian- Eric Wiernik, Lawrenceville Police Department

Board of Directors

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Chairperson- Carl Cook,
Clayton Police Department

Member- Andy McIntyre, ATF

Member- Karen Parr, Dougherty
County Sheriff's Office

Member- Katrina Murdock, Forsyth
County Sheriff's Office

Member- Pamela Cooper, USACIL

Member- Patricia Gilbert, Regional Representative- DeKalb County Sheriff's Office

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

An interesting proposal...

A recent informational email received from the International Editor, provided an internet site for a Georgia television news service. The reporter indicated a Georgia legislative representative is proposing that a DNA sample be taken from all persons arrested for felony crimes in this state. This would greatly increase the database of DNA samples retained in the state system. As suggested in the article, this may assist in solving numerous open cases that have been "cold" for too long. You will find the article at: <http://tinyurl.com/ydg6xsy>.

Welcome to New Members!

If you are new to the Georgia Division of the International Association for Identification (IAI), we are very glad you are with us. We look forward to being a support for you in your given specialty, and we encourage you to share your ideas and issues in the coming year. As with any organization, we ask that you would consider becoming an active partner in fostering the divisional goals and objectives as set forth in our by-laws. We are only as strong as those who would be willing to give of their time and talents to help us all meet those objectives together. If you have a suggestion or an issue of concern, please feel free to contact one of the Divisional Officers or a member of the Board of Directors.



Schedule of Training Opportunities

Spring Meeting: The location for the Spring Meeting will be at the Carrollton Police Department, Carrollton, Ga. Sherry Hosey will be the coordinator for the training/meeting. The tentative training schedule is as follows:

Topics included:
 An Introduction to Underwater Crime Scene Investigations
 Computer Forensics and Search Warrants
 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis- A case study
 School Shooting - A case study
 Warner Robbins Crime Laboratory

Treasury Report

2009 Expenditures	
postage	\$309.92
office supplies	\$291.84
Conference/misc	\$9,320.39
Total	\$9,921.25

2009 Incoming Funds	
Merchandise sales	\$130.00
Memberships dues	\$4,140.00
Certification dues	\$400.00
Other /conference fees	\$7,738.22
Total	\$12,408.22

The checking account has \$12,308.63 as of 2/5/10. The first quarter treasury report for 2010 will be in the April News Letter.



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Message to Board of Directors:

There has been some interest expressed by private companies to advertise in our newsletter. Please consider this idea and the feasibility of doing so. If the board approves of this concept, I will need to have pricing information and size perspectives for the company representatives to consider. One thing to keep in mind would be the format for the advertisements to be placed on our site online.

An interview with the President.....

Sherry would you please give a short biographical sketch of yourself so that those who may not know you will learn of your background and experience?

Hosey: I am employed with the Carrollton Police Department, and have been so employed for twenty-two (22) years. I have been a member of the IAI since 1989.

As the new Georgia IAI President, what would you say is the number one priority that you wish to accomplish?

Hosey: I would like to see the IAI have more one day training/ meetings. Most of the members have run out of classes to take in Forsyth. I would also desire to have training sites spread out more throughout the state, so that more members have the opportunity to attend.

Sherry, are there any other comments you wish to present to our members?

Hosey: I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you", for electing me to the position of "President" for the 2009-2010 year. I hope that I can perform my duties as well as other past presidents. It is truly an honor for me to serve in this position and to have been elected by my peers. I have always considered it a privilege to be a member of such a great organization as the IAI. If any of you need me, please feel free to contact me. *(Part 1 of 2) Part 2 in next issue*

Savannah Conference 2010

Fall Training Conference: This year our division will be meeting with the South Carolina Division, in Savannah, Georgia. It will be a great opportunity to meet some of our neighbors to the north, and to establish new friendships. I found the meeting we had two years ago with the Florida Division to be an outstanding one, with many training opportunities to participate in. As we move toward October, I will publish some of the tentative class schedules for your consideration. Please consider making a presentation at the conference. There is a lot of talent in our division and many years of experience. Why not share something with other members? Maybe you would consider a case study or presenting a unique processing technique so that others will benefit from your experience.