

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2016

- Meeting called to order by President Tiffany Warren, established that we had a quorum
- Treasurer Kopp: reported that as of August 31, 2016, ~\$33,000 in main account. ~\$23,000 in meeting accounts and ~\$13,000 in CD that was maturing.
- Membership committee: Diana Williams. Announced 2016 applicants up for vote (see below) All voted into membership
 - Meredith Lisle
 - Joshua T. Haynes
 - Katherine V. Traweek
 - Amanda K. Battin
 - Diamonisha Q. Jackson
 - Marcus Warner
 - Lanie D. Cassidy
 - Elaine Staley
- Nominations Committee: Tiffany Warren. 2016-2017 President is Diana Williams; Asked the floor three times for any additional nominees for the following positions:
 - President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the 4 at large board members
 - No addition nominees given, the following individuals were approved for the positions (1st by Mike Healy and 2nd by Nicole Astor)
 - President-Elect: Desiree Reid
 - Secretary: Kristen Fripp
 - Treasurer: Tanja Kopp
 - Members-at Large: Lynn Black, Danny Kirkpatrick, Mike Healy and Nicole Astor
- Ethics Committee: no report
- Audit Committee: everything good, as reported by Committee Chair Lynn Black
- Historical Committee: still making history, as report by Committee Chair Dale Nute
- Research Committee: Larry Peterson. Working on template for workshops presenters and vendor list; will be made available to members only on website

- Awards Committee: Diana Williams. Diana handed out certificates to committee chairs and SAFS representatives
- ABC Representative process – explained by President Warren; discussed Ed Rhodes Scholarship – annual award given by SAFS to member – covers cost of exam. 2015 recipient: Tiffany Warren; 2016 recipient will be announced at banquet
- By-Law Changes: read by President Warren; motion to accept, 1st by Michelle Shepherd, 2nd by Bob Ollis; approved with all yeas
- Annual Meetings:
 - 2017 meeting: joint meeting with MWAFS in Cincinnati September 16-22, 2017
 - 2018 meeting: Charleston, SC will be a Spring meeting (end of April to 1st week of May); moving to spring will allow less competition with other meetings; will require a by-laws change – will send out via email/online voting
- Member Termination: review of member rolls complete; 142 have been terminated
- New website: Kristen Fripp discussion on benefits of site
- 2016 Meeting attendance certificates will be emails out to everyone by the end of next month
- Michelle Shepherd thanked the meeting planners and Board for their work
- Mike Healy motioned for Bob Ollis to discuss Forendex: Lee (developer of site) doesn't want to lose it; money to establish it was fronted by SAFS and federal agencies to reimburse; Bob offered to get everything squared away and form a committee
- Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm