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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Danielle Hankinson

Hello ABC Certificants,

The ABC is continuing to pursue ANAB accreditation for ISO/IEC 17024:2012 and we are currently working on our application. This is a major goal that we have been working towards and continue to work towards with our management system and development of new exams. We are excited that the Biological Evidence Screening and Forensic DNA exams are now available and that we are field testing the Foundational Knowledge exam. We have scheduled a lot of private and public sittings as things have opened back up post-Covid shutdowns.

I am proud of the positive direction our organization continues to move and we hope to continue to represent the highest quality of examinations in the disciplines we provide certification and recertification. Certification represents a knowledge and skill set that practicing forensic scientists work hard to maintain and it is highly respected in the community. I hope that our more experienced certificants will continue to mentor newer forensic scientists and encourage them to research the positive aspects of achieving certification in a discipline.

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COVID 19 - Statement

The ABC is monitoring the current situation regarding COVID19. We are aware of the hardships that the current situation will create for our certificants. We will continue to work with candidates and certificants to ensure that they are not penalized as a result of shutdowns, work-stoppages, meeting cancellations, etc. As the situation progresses, the Board will be making decisions on how to proceed with regards to recertification deadlines and application extensions.

If you anticipate sitting for an examination or field test, we encourage you to check our website frequently as the situation continues to evolve. The ABC will strive to offer certification and field testing examinations in a manner that complies with the most currently accepted healthy and safety practices.

If you have further questions, please contact the Registrar's Office via e-mail at abcregistrar@criminalistics.com.

President's Message - Continued

This organization has a lot of moving pieces and I'd like to recognize our Question Database Manager, Dave Stockwell, for all of the work he does for maintenance and security of our FSAT and certification exams. Dave's attention to detail is impeccable and the ABC appreciates his insight and work.

If you are interested in joining the ABC Board of Directors, we will have an At-Large position opening in February 2022. Please see the announcement in the newsletter. We will also be looking for interested certificants to join our new Communications and Marketing Committee- please see the announcement in the newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me and or any of our Board Members if you have any questions. I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the upcoming holiday season.

Respectfully,

Danielle N. Hankinson, MS, ABC-MB

How to Become Involved in the ABC

The ABC exists and is maintained through the Member Organizations and the hard work of it's many volunteers. Being a volunteer in the ABC not only helps to complete the work of the ABC, it is also a great way for a criminalist to give back to our profession and achieve a level of satisfaction not always possible on the job alone.

There are several ways to get involved.

At the end of this newsletter is a listing of all the committees in the ABC and the current chair of each committee. You can learn what each committee does by going to Criminalistics.Com/about-us, click on Bylaws. If you want more information, or are interested in volunteering, you can contact the committee chair or anyone on the Board of Directors.

Members of the Examination Committee are sponsored by the Member Organizations. If you are interested in this committee, advise the leadership of one or all the member organizations to which you belong.

If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, like the Examination Committee, you need to seek sponsorship by a Member Organization.

Finally, there are three At-Large members of the Board of Directors. The ABC makes announcements whenever an At-Large Board position becomes available. An announcement for a current opening is included in this newsletter

Volunteer positions don't often become available. It's important to make your interest known at any time to be considered when a position becomes needs to be filled.

Message from the (outgoing) Editor

Greg Matheson, CAC Representative to the ABC BoD and Newsletter Editor

There are many ways a person can demonstrate they are a professional in their field. In Criminalistics, one of those ways is to become certified. It demonstrates to everyone that you are willing to take the time and effort to publicly demonstrate you meet an industry defined level of competence in the field. Since most criminalists aren't required to be certified or compensated for being certified it also proves you are willing to go above and beyond in your profession.

My journey in certification started not long after I was first hired as a criminalist. I'm embarrassed to say I wasn't initially in favor of certification. I am proud to say, my opinion changed and participating in the certification process has been one of the proud endeavors of my career. I would like to use my position as the Newsletter Editor, and the fact that I will shortly be leaving the ABC Board of Director (BoD) for the last time, as an opportunity to share the path of certification in the profession of Criminalistics.

The Criminalistics Certification Study Committee (CCSC) was created in the late 1970's to investigate and establish a certification program for criminalistics. It was funded by the federal government and its participants were some of the leaders in the field at that time. At some point in their deliberations, it was decided that certification should not be shoved down the throats of the criminalistics community. The national population of criminalists was polled. I had only one to two years in the field and knew nothing yet about the importance of being a professional, so I was one of many that voted no. The committee was eventually dismantled and the goal of criminalistics certification ended.

In the mid 1980's, the BoD of the California Association of Criminalists created a Certification Committee to explore certification in California. I volunteered to be on the committee for two reasons; I wanted to get involved professionally beyond my laboratory and I was still skeptical about the concept of certification. If it was going to happen, I wanted to at least have a say. I'm not sure why, but the BoD asked me to chair the committee. I accepted. Maybe they didn't know they weren't picking an advocate but rather a skeptic to lead the effort.

It didn't take long for me to learn the importance of certification. I was sold on helping to make it happen. But I wanted it to happen in a way that served the profession in the best way possible. We created an Examination sub-committee. They created the first certification examination and it was offered to the community. The development of the examination didn't follow all the same processes required for today's exams, but they did a great job. It was reviewed and approved by professional test making groups. It was of high quality and definitely challenging.

Dr. Walter McCrone was very interested in, once again, trying to take criminalistics certification national. He arranged and financed a meeting in Chicago of the members of the CCSC from the 1970's. In addition, he invited me, as the CAC Certification Chair, and Rick Tontarski as someone trying to get certification started for firearms analysts.

At that meeting it was decided that the time was right to make criminalistics certification national. The concept of the ABC was created. In late 1989 the ABC was incorporated. The Officers of the initial ABC and signers of the incorporation documents were:

Jan Bashinsky, Robert A. Boese, W. Jack Cadman, Theodore R. Elzerman, Don Flynt, Richard

S. Frank, Howard A. Harris, Walter C. McCrone, Thomas Nasser, Joseph L. Petterson, James L. Samll, Kay M. Sweeney, Rick Tontarski and Greg Matheson.

I'm sure you will recognize several of those names as giants in our profession. They recognized a professional need and acted on it. Following its incorporation, most of the original officers stepped back so the ABC could be led by the next generation of professionals. At the organizational meeting Rick Tontarski became the first ABC President and I his Vice President. The remainder of the BoD Directors was composed of representatives of the first five member organizations, the CAC, MAFS, SAFS, NEAFS, and MAAFS. The ABC logo was created with an inverse prism showing the five original members coming together for a common endeavor.

As the ABC formed its infrastructure to create a quality certification system for criminalistics it had several difficult hurdles to overcome.

- Creation of a test – This is a long and arduous process, but the ABC was impatient to get started. To solve this problem, the ABC negotiated with the CAC to utilize its test. After a short overlap of both the ABC and the CAC offering the test, the CAC exam was retired in favor of a national program. This test in the ABC was known as the General Knowledge Exam (GKE).
- Certification was still not universally accepted in the field – The ABC went on a drive to educate the community about its program. I remember events at the AAFS meetings that got quite heated. At that time we were concerned the ABC would fail to attract a sufficient following.
- The GKE was based on the CAC exam and was thought to be too general. It was argued by many detractors that California believed in the generalist concept, unlike the rest of the country which were specialists. Though not entirely accurate. The ABC went on to create several specialist examinations and has worked over the years to refine its projects to meet the needs of all criminalists.
- Grandfathering – Many people who were in the field for numerous years wanted to be grandfathered into the program based solely on their years of experience. Grandfathering was completely off the table for the ABC. To be credible, everyone who was certified must have the minimum experience plus pass the tests. It was also agreed that since all the people already certified by the CAC had passed the GKE, under another name, they were issued certificates by the ABC.
- Ethics – Any professional endeavor requires an established code of ethics. The ABC recognized this and developed its own code. Unfortunately, at the time, the importance of a strong and enforceable ethics code was not a priority for many associations. The CAC used to be criticized for “being too focused on ethics.” Since the current certification program had its roots in California, the concepts of ethics had to be handled lightly with the national community. After much deliberation, the ABC code became known as the “Rules of Professional Conduct.” Seems strange to think about today, but using the word ethics could have made it harder to sell the ABC.
- Buy-in from all the professional associations in the US – As previously mention, only five

of the regional associations joined the ABC. It was good to see that over the years the important work of the ABC was recognized and today there are ten member organizations.

The ABC and criminalist certification has come a long way in the last thirty years. Unfortunately, it has not come as far as it should have. The number of criminalists certified by the ABC is a small percentage of people in the field. Everyone certified today, and over the years, are to be commended for their professionalism. It would be my desire for many more people to become certified because it is the right professional thing to do. Unfortunately, I believe that to make certification grow there needs to be more agencies with financial incentives and/or requirements to be certified.

A few years back, the ABC BoD voted to limit to 10, the number of consecutive years a person could serve on the ABC BoD. We also limited a person's life time service on the BoD to 15 years. New members with new ideas are needed to keep the program fresh and current. The original ABC Directors recognized this when they incorporated the ABC then turned it over to the next generation.

Since the creation of the ABC in 1989 I have had the great honor to have been on the BoD three times. Twice as the Director representing the CAC and once as an At-Large member. I have also had the honor to be the Vice President to ABC Presidents Rick Tontarski, Carl Selavka and Jennifer Mihalovich. This coming February I will reach my 15 years and need to leave the BoD. The timing is right for me, both professionally and personally. My technical knowledge has long since gone stale and almost everyone in the field is more aware of the needs of criminalists and crime labs than me.

Being able to participate in the creation and ongoing practice of the ABC throughout my career has added so much the satisfaction and pride I feel in our profession.

In closing, I want to thank the ABC for all the opportunities I have had to serve its goals and to be exposed to and meet so many good dedicated professionals, many of who have become friends. I also want to thank the hard work and dedication the hundreds of people who have served as BoD members, committee members and all the many other volunteers who have given their time to the ABC. Thank you to everyone who took the effort to become certified and who have kept the ABC going for the last 32 years. I believe there is a bright future for the ABC, certification and professionalism.

A special thank you to Chris Taylor of the US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. He is leaving the ABC BoD with me in February after more than 10 years of dedicated service to the ABC and certification.

At-Large Position Announcement

The American Board of Criminalistics (ABC) is recruiting for an At-Large Director to serve on the Board of Directors (BoD). The candidate is voted in by the BoD for a three year term. This 3 year term will expire at the conclusion of the February 2025 ABC board meeting.

This position would require approximately 4-6 hours a month to execute the responsibilities and tasks listed below. One to two in-person meetings are held each year: one typically in association with the annual AAFS meeting and a second in the summer in a location that is selected by the BOD, if necessary. The meeting logistics typically include travel on Friday or Saturday to meet for full days on Saturday and/or Sunday with return travel Sunday evening or Monday morning depending on flight availability. This is a volunteer, unpaid position. A travel/per diem stipend is offered to cover the cost of travel, lodging, and per diem (at federal government rates).

The At-large member serves the ABC in the best interest of the ABC operations and business of professional certification. The member shall have no conflicts of interest that may influence the individual's decisions or duties of the At-large position and the ABC.

If interested in this position, please send a cover letter, resume (or CV), and a letter of recommendation from a participating ABC Member Organization to the ABC Registrar, at ABCRegistrar@criminalistics.com. The closing date for application is November 16, 2021.

The letter of recommendation from an executive of the nominating Member Organization should acknowledge that the member is in good standing. The Member Organization may supplement the ABC stipend (currently at \$700 per meeting) to reimburse the member for the required annual in-person meeting.

Representative Tasks of the Board of Directors:

- Establish and administer the Certification Program, to include defining eligibility requirements, defining certification and recertification processes, and setting fees for certification.
- Maintain applicable documents including forms, policies and procedures for overall function of the Board and relevant committees as well as the Certification Program.
- Research and develop possible funding sources; receive funds; account for and distribute funds.
- Establish and maintain appeals processes as needed (i.e., ethics violations; examination results; candidate's applications; etc.).

At-Large Position Announcement - Cont.

- Prepare and distribute announcements.

Representative Tasks of a Director:

- Read, comment, and vote on policies and procedures affecting the organization and the certification process.
- Attend semi-annual meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Attend regularly scheduled teleconference meetings.
- Participate in committee-level activities. Chair committees as required.
- When possible, assist with the administration of certification examinations.
- Communicate with Member Organization, where applicable, regarding the work of the ABC.

Benefits to the At-Large Director:

- Have a voice in the national discussion on certification testing for forensic professionals.
- Be involved in determining the discipline tests that are offered.
- Interact with other forensic professionals from around the country.
- Add to your CV; this is a significant leadership position within the forensic community.



Examination Committee Update

Audra Curry Yovanovich, Chair

Happy fall everyone! Since the last newsletter, cut scores were set for the Biological Evidence Screener (BIO) and Forensic DNA (DNA) exams. A cut score is the lowest possible score a test taker can get and still pass the examination.

ABC convened two separate cut score panels, one for each examination, that consisted of 6 or 7 Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who had experience in training analysts in biological evidence screening or Forensic DNA. These cut score panels were conducted via Zoom and were a great success! Conducting these panels via Zoom allowed ABC to determine the cut score in a timely manner and allowed us to finalize the exam and begin releasing pass/fail information to our test takers. I would like to say thank you to all our field test takers for their patience as we worked through this process. Also, all our cut score panelists and their security liaisons deserve a big thank you as well. They dedicated an entire day to participating in this process and each person was engaged and brought their own perspective.

On August 1st, we released the Foundational Knowledge Examination (FKE) for field testing. Amy Duhaime and the Examination Committee worked hard to get this exam ready for field testing and we're excited to see people taking it!

In my previous newsletter article, I discussed how ABC completed the job task analysis and the verification survey. In this newsletter, I'll be discussing Knowledge-Skill (K-S) category alignment to past Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA) as well as the K-S and task assignment to current database questions.

The exams that were released in 2007 (Molecular Biology, Comprehensive Criminalistics, Drug Analysis, Fire Debris, Hair and Fiber, and Paint and Polymer exams) have ten Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) represented on each exam. Forty percent of the questions on the exam are considered general knowledge and are classified in KSAs 1 – 9. The KSAs 1 – 9 are the same across all exams. For example, KSA 5 is safety and all questions that are classified as KSA 5s will be about safety, regardless of the exam they are on. The remaining sixty percent of questions on an exam are considered specialty knowledge for that discipline and are classified as KSA 10. The KSA 10 category is further subdivided into sections relevant to a given discipline. For example, questions categorized as KSA 10F on the Drug Analysis exam are about analysis of botanicals. However, on the Fire Debris examination, all questions categorized as 10F are about sampling – dynamic headspace adsorption. This information about KSAs can be found in the study guides for these examinations.

After we have developed the K-S categories for our new examinations, we then make a comparison of these new K-S categories to our past KSA categories. We determined that many of the KSA categories on the exams developed in 2007 had commonality with the K-S categories for our new exams. For example, for the new FKE exam, K-S 6.1 is Basic Laboratory Safety. For our old exams, KSA 5 is Safety. It was determined that all questions that cover safety content and assigned KSA 5 may be reassigned as a K-S 6.1 for our new exams. Our Database Manager, Dave Stockwell, went through all our KSA categories and aligned them to our K-S categories as appropriate. We discovered through this process that some K-S

Examination Committee Update - Cont.

categories did not have a correlation to existing KSA, and new K-S categories were created.

If you've stuck with me this far, you may be wondering why we went through that step at all and why we didn't just create all new categories. Hang in there, it will all make sense! Each question in the database is given a KSA assignment. A question on safety would be assigned a KSA 5. This allows the exam coordinator to easily choose questions from the appropriate category and to make sure that the correct number of questions per KSA is on the exam. When we aligned KSAs to K-S categories, it gave us a jumpstart on identifying the new K-S assignment for a question. Each question that fell into the KSA categories that were aligned to a new K-S category was evaluated by a member of the Exam Committee. The question was then assigned a K-S and an associated task for that K-S. These tasks come directly from the job description. Go look at the job descriptions and blueprints of our newest exams to see how these documents are interrelated!

For next time, I'll talk about conducting a gap analysis and how we write our questions!

Meet the Examination Committee

Tammy Jergovich – Paint and Polymer Exam Coordinator

Greetings! My journey with the ABC began in 1994 when I became a diplomate of the ABC after passing the General Knowledge Examination (GKE). I then became a fellow in Paints and Polymers in 1996 after passing the Trace Evidence core and paint/polymer specialty exams. Wow-that was the long road to certification! Over the years I participated in the Paint/Polymer management peer group and in 2015 was selected as the SAFS representative to the ABC examination committee. I inherited responsibility for the Paint/Polymer exam and have been the coordinator for that examination since that time. I have over 34 years in the field of Trace Evidence and as an administrator, working for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement from 1987-1994 and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation from 1994-present. I was born and raised in the beautiful state of Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University (Go Green!) I live in Atlanta, Georgia with my partner and hope to one day retire and spend more time traveling. For now, I enjoy contributing whatever I can to the betterment of our field.

Amy Reynolds – Hair and Fiber exam coordinator, Comprehensive Criminalistics coordinator

I have been on the ABC Exam Committee since 2011 as a representative for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. I have worn many hats on this committee, starting with the Paint & Polymer Exam Coordinator, and have now moved to being the Exam Coordinator for the Hair & Fiber exam and the Comprehensive Criminalistics exam. I am currently employed as a Criminalist IV, in charge of the Trace Evidence Section at the Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory. I really enjoy the challenge of preparing the Trace Evidence samples, as well as running the samples on all our instruments. I have enjoyed my time on the Exam Committee, creating new examinations and maintaining the previous exams. I live outside of Boston with my husband, Brent, and my two children, Barrett (9) and Anneliese (7) and I really love to watch my kids excel at their academics and sports.

Accreditation Manager's Update

Gretchen Lajoie - Accreditation Manager

I am pleased to report that the ABC submitted our preliminary application for accreditation to ANAB (ANSI National Accreditation Board) to have our Forensic DNA and Biological Evidence Screening certifications accredited to ISO/IEC 17024. The application was accepted, and we have until August 2022 to submit our final application. Our goal is to submit the final application in the spring of 2022. Preliminary applicants are listed on the ANAB website. As we progress through the program, our progress should also be updated on their website. We have been working hard to get to this point, so we see this first major step as a cause for celebration.

The ABC continues working to improve our recertification process to benefit our certificants and our organization. Last year, during the recertification process, we tested a new form thanks to many of you. We have incorporated many of your suggestions into the new form, and we hope that you will be happy with these changes. Unfortunately, some of the suggested changes could not be made due to limitations with JotForms, the platform we use to create our forms. As they update their product, I hope we can continue to improve the form. Overall, we hope that you have a more positive experience completing your recertification paperwork.

This year all recertification paperwork will be submitted electronically. We will not accept paper copies. Last year we only received a handful of paper forms, so we anticipate that only a few of you will be affected by this change. A couple of things to be aware of with this new form is that you will be able to save your work and come back to it later. Also, you will be uploading supporting documentation as you progress through the form. You will no longer be adding the supporting documentation in one large document at the end of the process. All forms are reviewed by a team of dedicated volunteers. The clearer you make the form and the file names of the attachments, the easier it will be for these volunteers when they review your paperwork. I would recommend that you compile all of your records before you begin and have them named appropriately. I believe it will be much easier as you progress through the process. If you have any problems or questions about completing the form, please reach out to the Registrar's Office (abcregistrar@criminalistics.com) or the Recertification Liaison (recertification@criminalistics.com). They can help you.

This past year there was confusion regarding calculating days/hours of training and webinars. A few years ago, we changed the definition of a full-day and a half-day course because we had many certificants subtracting breaks, lunches, or early releases from their hours of a full-day course. We defined a full day of training as 6 hours or more per day and a half day of training as 3 to <6 hours. This way, certificants could feel confident claiming a full day or a half of a day, even if there was an early release or a lengthy lunch. Our intention was not for certificants to add up the hours of a training course and divide by 6, for example a 5-day/40-hour course is not worth 6.5 days of training. With the proliferation of webinars, the calculation of points got even more fuzzy. We are working to revise the instructions to provide more guidance to our certificants on how to calculate points. Please make sure you review the instructions each year to make sure you are not missing some key piece of information.



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Questions Database Manager Update

Dave Stockwell - Data Base Manager

One of my duties as the Question Database Manager is to collate demographic information of our test candidates. This information is collected from candidates before the examination is taken. Following the examination, the demographic forms are grouped in 6-month intervals and provided to the respective Examination Coordinator. This information is ultimately utilized during review of examination performance to test for potential bias in our examinations.

With the recent release of the 2020 Census information, I thought it might be interesting to group the various examination demographics over the past 5 years (2016 – 2020, inclusive) and give a bird's eye view of our applicants. Here goes –

This first table shows the number of candidates per examination*, with subsequent tables breaking down selected demographic questions and responses.

Examination	Count
Biological Evidence Screening (Field Test)	98
Forensic DNA (Field Test)	105
Comprehensive Criminalistics	77
Drug Analysis	151
Fire Debris	16
Molecular Biology	168
Total	615

*Limited to one demographic form per candidate per examination.

What is the education major of your highest degree?

I decline to Answer	1
Forensic Science	334
Chemistry	89
Physical Science	5
Biological Science	165
Medical Technology	5
Other	16

What is your highest degree?

I decline to Answer	3
Bachelors	244
Masters	342
Doctorate	26

CEMG Survey

With the recent addition of the Biological Evidence Screening (BIO) and Forensic DNA (DNA) certification examinations, field testing of the Foundational Knowledge Exam (FKE), and continuing development of future examinations in our quest for ISO 17024 Accreditation, we are looking to expand the Certification Examination Management Groups (CEMGs) for these and other certification examinations.

Do you think you might be interested in test development and management of certification examinations? Do you have a knack for writing test questions that assess the competency of a forensic scientist? We are seeking scientific experts with the knowledge, skills, and abilities within a given specialty, or other areas that may be related to a specific discipline, to help us develop and maintain certification examinations. As a CEMG member, you will be asked to generate, review, and evaluate test questions on an ongoing basis as needed. If selected, you will work under the guidance of the Examination Coordinator throughout the year. CEMG members should expect to dedicate two (2) hours per month to ABC activities on average.

CEMG members will be chosen to represent broad demographical and geographical areas across the forensic science community. Members of ABC membership organizations and ABC certificate holders are preferred, and the latter will receive one (1) point towards recertification annually.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey and upload your Statement of Qualifications or Curriculum Vitae via this link: [Prospective CEMG Member survey](#)

We look forward to working with you!

Regards,

Danielle Hankinson
President

Audra Curry Yovanovich
Chair, Examination Committee

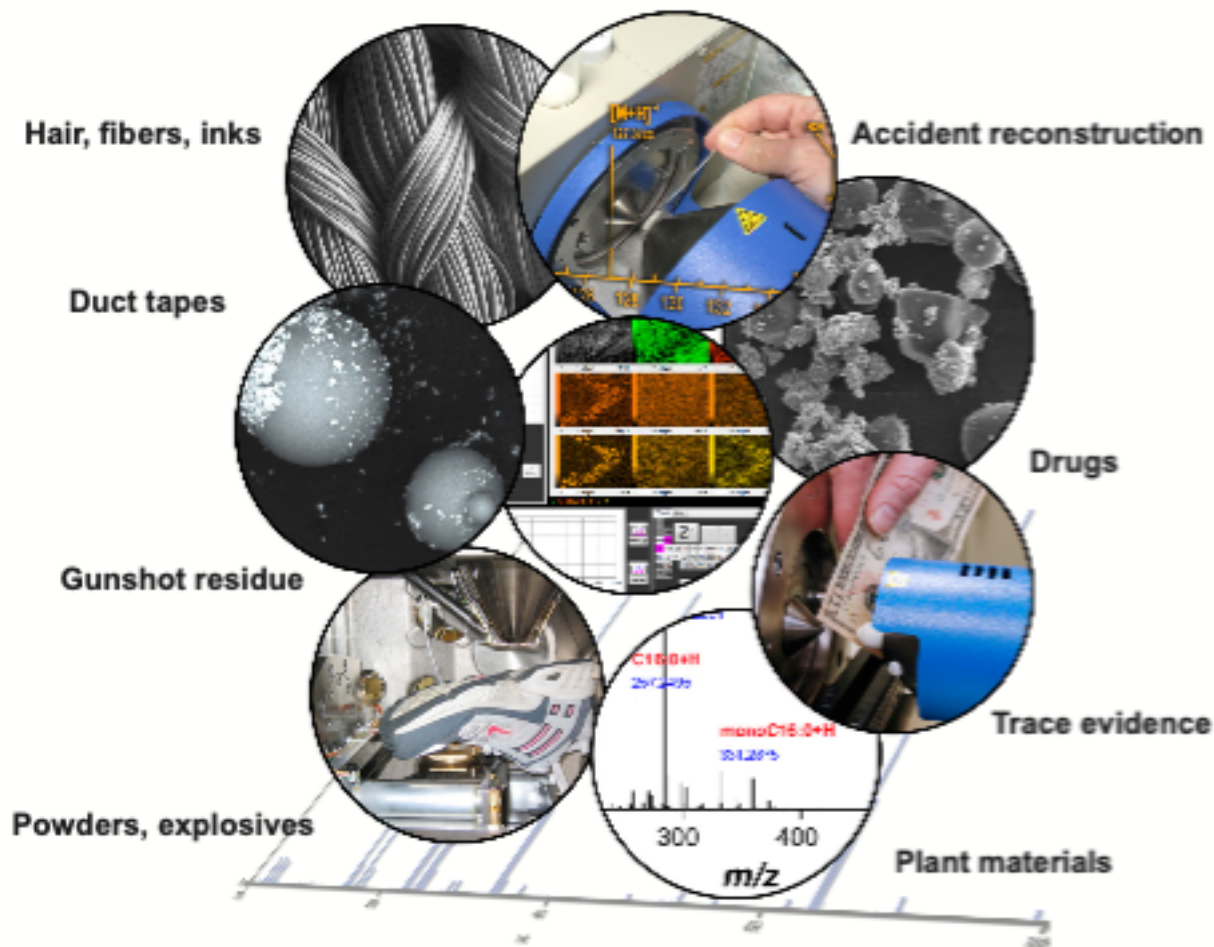


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Message from the ABC Registrar

Mike and Deabbie Healy, ABC Registrars

Our office would like to take this opportunity to remind and/or inform everyone about several important topics.

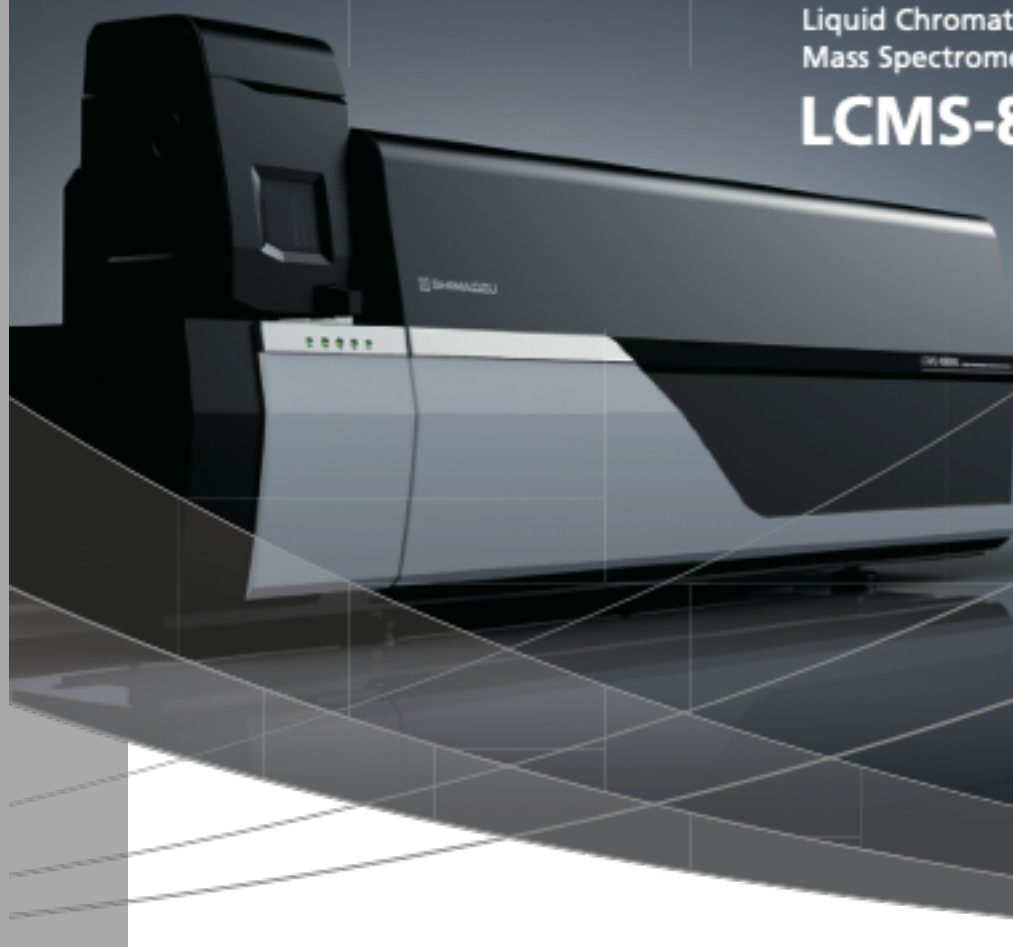
- Update contact information on members side of ABC website when necessary. Current email address assists our office to get important information out to you.
- ABC Registrar's Office has a limited printing budget. If a document cannot or should not be submitted electronically via ABC website, please mail it to our PO Box.
- The 10 additional recertification points awarded by ABC for reporting year 2020 have been posted on each certificant's recertification profile. These points defaulted to the new Section II unless certificant's Declaration Form, 09-0612F, submitted indicated allocation of points to Section I and/or Specialty Section.
- To avoid probation of your certification or Affiliate status, minimally submit Rules of Professional Conduct and applicable fee by March 1, 2022.
- To avoid suspension of your certification or Affiliate status, minimally submit Rules of Professional Conduct and applicable fees by June 1, 2022.
- To avoid revocation of your certification or Affiliate status, submit Rules of Professional Conduct and applicable fees by September 1, 2022.
- Please do not staple any documents. Our office must scan many documents and staples will interfere with operation of scanner.
- Notify our office when you want to resign your certification. If you are retiring from the forensic field, you might be eligible for Emeritus status. Visit ABC website for information regarding this status.
- Certification exam application deadline is 75 days prior to exam date. This means our office must receive your application by application deadline.
- If your agency is interested in hosting a certification exam offering, contact our office. If there are less than 7 exam candidates, there may be additional expenses.

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