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CERTIFICATION DEFEATED

The ballots for certification have been counted and the results are 76 No and 53 Yes votes. The ballots have been tabulated as shown below. One additional point was developed from these ballots; those members of the criminalistics community who analyze only one type of evidence (see section two below) showed a significantly higher, *but not a majority*, percentage of yes votes when compared to those who analyze multiple types of evidence. Presumably this is due to the extra cost of being certified in several areas of evidence analysis as compared to only one area.

Section 1 - Job title of respondents

Management - 17
Supervisor - 25
Case Examiner - 74
Technician - 3
Academic - 5
Research & Method Development - 3
Consultant - 2
Administration in Lab System - 1

Section 2 - Types of evidence examined by the respondents

Controlled Substances - 75 (25 Yes, 51 No votes)
Serology - 35 (13 Yes, 22 No votes)
Firearms - 8 (5 Yes, 3 No votes)

Toolmarks - 14 (6 Yes, 8 No votes)
Toxicology - 20 (12 Yes, 8 No votes)
Arson - 38 (11 Yes, 27 No votes)
Explosives - 34 (9 Yes, 25 No votes)
Hairs - 32 (9 Yes, 23 No votes)
Fibers - 39 (11 Yes, 28 No votes)
Paint - 39 (8 Yes, 31 No votes)
Glass - 29 (8 Yes, 21 No votes)
Soil - 24 (7 Yes, 17 No votes)
Gunshot Residue - 22 (8 Yes, 14 No votes)
Ink and Paper - 2
Magnetic Tape - 1
NONE - 2

Section 3 - If certification were implemented in what area(s) would the respondent apply for certification?

Controlled Substances - 60
Serology - 26
Firearms - 5
Toolmarks - 6
Toxicology - 10
Arson - 24
Explosives - 19
Hairs - 16
Fibers - 15
Paint - 19
Glass - 13
Soil - 10
Gunshot Residue - 11
NONE - 14

Section 4 - Membership in regional forensic associations by respondents.

Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists - 101
American Academy of Forensic Science - 37
North-East Association of Forensic Scientists - 9
ASCLD (Crime Lab Directors Assn) - 5
Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners - 2
California Association of Criminalists - 1
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists - 1
NONE - 17

Section 5 - Geographic distribution of the respondents

Mid-Atlantic region - 114
North-East region - 7
South-East region - 2
Mid-West region - 2

In many of the Sections listed above the total numbers add up to more than the valid 129 votes. This was due to multiple answers, especially in sections 2, 3 and 4. The 129 votes represent a bit more than one-half of the membership of MAAFS'

MAAFS Fourteenth Meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President-Elect, Peter Marone, in the absence of the President, Michael Horvath, on September 28, 1979, at the Kings Quarters Motel, Doswell, Virginia.

The President-Elect appointed Dr. Ed Franzosa Parliamentarian for the meeting.

President-Elect Peter Marone assumed the office of President for the coming year.

The minutes of the 13th meeting, held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 1979, were published in the MAAFS Newsletter, Volume 7, Number 5, September 1979. It was moved and seconded that the minutes as published in the Newsletter be accepted. The motion carried, and the minutes were accepted as published.

It was announced that Jeane Hostetler has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer effective September 1, 1979, and that Mike McGee had been appointed by the Executive Committee to serve out Jeane's term.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mike McGee, and showed a balance of \$6913.84 plus interest, as of September 26, 1979. In response to a question from Tony Cantu, Mike reported that the interest on the Savings Certificate was intended to provide the funds for the Scholarship Award, but the interest had in fact never been transferred to the checking account. This matter was being taken care of, and in the future the interest from the Savings Certificate would be transferred to the checking account. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, and the motion carried.

President Marone called for volunteers to serve on the Standing Committees, as there are several vacancies. The President then called for the Standing Committee reports.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Tim King presented the Awards Committee report. A Scholarship Award of \$300 was presented to Mr. Lowbeer of George Washington University at the Spring 1979 meeting. At the Spring 1980 meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, an award will be made to a student from the University of Pittsburgh.

A plaque has been procured for the Forensic Scientist of the Year Award, and a candidate has been nominated, and should be acted upon by spring.

Tim called for further nominations for the Forensic Scientist of the Year Award.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: President Marone read the list of new members from the last Newsletter, and introduced all that were present.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE: Tony Cantu reported that MAAFS had been notified that there were seven openings at Fort Gordon Army Crime Lab, Georgia, and anyone interested should write to:
Commander

USACIL - CONUS

Fort Gordon, GA 30905

President Marone called attention to the announcement in the last Newsletter of several openings in Florida.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The budget for 1980 was read by Mike McGee. It was moved and seconded that the budget be accepted as read, and the motion carried.

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE: Tony Cantu reported that a significant number of MAAFS members had not completed and/or returned the forms for the Membership Directory. Tony passed out some forms, and urged everyone to return a completed form to him.

President Marone announced that the Spring 1980 meeting of MAAFS would be a joint meeting with MAFS, NEAFS, and SAFS. The meeting is scheduled for May 8, 9, and 10, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky. President Marone suggested that all members able to go should try to attend. Some details were published in the last Newsletter. The Scholarship Award will be presented, by special request of the University of Pittsburgh, at the Spring 1980 meeting rather than the Fall meeting. President Marone called for volunteers to chair the Fall 1980 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Marone called for discussion on switching the Forensic Scientist of the Year Award to the Fall 1980 meeting. Tim King moved that the Forensic Scientist of the Year Award be switched to the Fall 1980 meeting and the Scholarship Award be switched to the Spring 1980 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Marone reported the results of the mail ballot for the election of officers. 122 of 225 ballots were returned. Gerald Richards received 111 votes and is President-Elect. Richard Gervasoni received 68 votes and is Member-at-Large for two years.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael McGee
Secretary-Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for September 27, 1979, is as follows:

Balance in Checking Account
April 25, 1979 \$3973.72

Deposits:

\$360.00 - Dues and Application Fees
\$2283.50 - 13th Meeting, Spring 1979
\$1431.50 - 14th Meeting, Fall 1979

\$4075.00 - Total Receipts \$4075.00
\$8048.72

Expenses:

\$2684.00 - 13th Meeting, Spring 1979
\$50.00 - 14th Meeting, Fall 1979
\$1299.00 - Newsletter and Printing
\$718.45 - Postage
\$300.00 - Scholarship Award
\$82.61 - Miscellaneous Expenses

\$5134.88 - Total Expenses \$5134.88

Balance in Checking Account
September 26, 1979 \$2913.84

Balance in Savings Account
September 26, 1979 \$4000.00
+ interest

Balance in MAAFS Treasury
September 26, 1979 \$6913.84
+ interest

1980 Budget

The following is the proposed budget for MAAFS for 1980:

Approximate Expected Income:

Dues (220 active members
@ \$7.50 each) \$1650.00
Interest from Savings
Account \$ 300.00

Budget continued:

Total Expected Income \$1950.00

Approximate Expected Expenses:

Secretary-Treasurer's
supplies \$ 50.00

Postage (not including the
Newsletter) \$ 100.00

Printing and Postage for
the Newsletter \$1200.00

Meeting Advances \$ 200.00

President's Receptions at
Meetings \$ 300.00

Scholarship Awards \$ 300.00

Total Expected Expenses \$2150.00†

† Expenses exceed income by \$200.00
since meeting advances will be reimbursed
from meeting proceeds.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael McGee
Secretary-Treasurer

New MAAFS members since last meeting

285 Stephen Marsh
Perkin-Elmer Corporation
15 Firstfield Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20760

286 Peter A. Linder
FBI Laboratory, Room 3244
9th & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

287 James H. Mathis
FBI Laboratory
9th & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

288 Robert J. Hurley
Baltimore Police Dept Lab
601 East Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

289 Susan M. Ballou
180 Laurel Way 1B
Herndon, VA 22070

290 Cheryl M. Metzler
Bureau of Forensic Science
920 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016

291 Terry W. Lee
Bureau of Forensic Science
920 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016

292 Kathryn E. Berglund
Bureau of Forensic Science
Box 486
Merrifield, VA 22116

293 Larry F. Stewart
BATF National Laboratory Center
1401 Research Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20850

294 John E. Mertens
FBI Laboratory
9th & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

295 James L. Mudd
FBI Laboratory, Room 3342A
9th & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

296 Palmer G. Tunstall
10550 Warwick Avenue
Suite 3
Fairfax, VA 22030

297 Charles McGinnis, Jr.
FBI Laboratory
9th & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

298 David W. Sockrider
Delaware State Police Headquarters
Post Office Box 430
Dover, DE 19901

299 Phyllis E. Quinn
Bureau of Forensic Science
Post Office Box 999
Richmond, VA 23208

300 Anh Ngoc Huynh
Bureau of Forensic Science
Post Office Box 486
Merrifield, VA 22116

301 Donna L. McGovern
Bureau of Forensic Science
401-A Colley Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23507

302 Carol Bartsch
Delaware State Police Headquarters
Post Office Box 430
Dover, DE 19901

303 Dr. Donald R. Wilkinson
Delaware State Police Headquarters
Post Office Box 430
Dover, DE 19901

304 Danilo F. Meyer
Bureau of Forensic Science
920 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016



C. Barzotti

FBI Lab Director

Bell Herndon to Retire

Bell Herndon, FBI Laboratory Director, will be retiring by the end of February. He has no immediate plans after he retires but hopes to take a ski vacation and afterwards some sunshine in Florida. He hopes to spend more time at his summer home in the Catskills and is also considering consulting or teaching in the DC area.

Bell will have been with the FBI for 28½ years when he retires — 20 of these were with the FBI Laboratory. He started out in polygraph work and soon was Supervisor of the Polygraph Program, a position he held for ten years. In 1973 he became Chief of the Cryptanalysis, Gambling and Translation Division. Then in 1975 he became Head of the Document Section. By May of 1977 he had reached the level of what the FBI calls their Number One Man. In April of 1979 he attained his current position of Assist-

ant Director.

Since the birth of MAAFS in 1972, Bell and his wife, Jean, have been very active in our Association. Besides having an almost perfect record for attending our meetings, he has contributed valuable suggestions and information at business meetings and since 1975, when he was a Member-at-Large, he has been a de facto member of the Executive Committee.

Besides his involvement in MAAFS, Bell has been equally active in ICAP, AAFS and ASCLD. He is also active in several academic circles. He has a MS in Forensic Science from George Washington University.

We are sure that Bell will be missed by the FBI, but we will be seeing much of him in the future. MAAFS offers to Bell Herndon its congratulations and wishes him a future as successful as his past!

COWARDS?

MAAFS members: lend me your ears! You are cowards!?!

Have I got your attention now? Good! I have noticed that many of you have some strongly held opinions (of both good and bad types from my viewpoint) or interesting cases and oddball evidence, etc., to relate in ordinary conversation.

For example with respect to the opinions on a "mild" topic such as certification I heard many good points! I offered to run a special issue of the MAAFS Newsletter at the Fall 1979 meeting that would go out to all members with the certification ballots in which I would print ANY and ALL opinions and views on certification. Thus each and every person would have an opportunity to have his viewpoint published (with or without identification of the author.) At least fifteen people at the meeting promised me a letter and exclaimed how they had been looking for just such an opportunity to express their thoughts. You never saw that issue of the Newsletter because NO ONE EVER SENT IN ANY OPINIONS!

The same goes for the interesting cases and evidence that many persons have spoken of.

Why not write a brief note or letter on this same item for publication in the MAAFS Newsletter? If you want I'll even give you credit for your literary art! I have NEVER received a "letter to the Editor" — are you all scared of me?

I'll buy a drink for each person who dares to write a publishable letter, note or article for the MAAFS Newsletter. Based on past response, I should be able to go to the next MAAFS meeting with one portrait of George Washington and still have change for a coke or two after paying off this challenge!

From The New Yorker - 1977



"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

"And then some!"

EXPERIENCE
is a hard
teacher...
because she gives
the test first...
and the lesson
afterwards

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Print in ink or type application; obtain signatures of two current MAAFS members and then mail this form to Secretary-Treasurer. Application fee is \$2.50 (non-refundable) and must accompany this application form. Yearly dues of \$7.50 are payable on January 1st of each year.

Name:

Occupation/Job Title:

Employer:

Business Address & Phone:

Home Address & Phone:

(Please circle or check your preferred mailing address)

Education and Experience (include all past employment relating to the forensic sciences):

Circle MAAFS Meetings that you have attended:

Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
1976	1976	1977	1977	1978	1978	1979	1979	1980	1980

Membership in Professional or Scientific Organizations:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

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FORENSIC SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

For the Forensic Scientist of the Year Award I hereby nominate:

Name:

Address:

Give a brief summary of the nominee's background and reasons for the nomination:

Submitted by Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Nominations by ten (10) members will be required in support of each nominee for the award. All nominations will be submitted to the Awards Committee for authentication and review by two (2) month before the semi-annual Spring Meeting. The nominations will then be forwarded to the Executive Committee who determines a final choice of one or none before the Spring Meeting.

Submit this form to: Rose Marie Lanzetta
Maryland State Police Headquarters
Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, Maryland 21208



MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS, INC.
"A PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION"

Dear Colleagues:

We will be holding the first combined meeting of MAFS, NEAFS, SAFS and MAAFS in Louisville, Kentucky on May 8, 9 and 10th, 1980. This should be an exciting event and provide the four regional groups the opportunity to meet and discuss our mutual problems.

The meeting format will be divided into Section Meetings — plans call for meetings in Serology, Drugs, Criminalistics and Toxicology at present. If there is additional interest shown in Firearms, Fingerprints, Documents or Crime Scene Investigation we will provide meeting space. Please advise me immediately of your interests so that the necessary arrangements can be made. The papers should be "bench" topics. However, if you have a formal paper, please submit it. If this meeting is going to be a success, we will need YOUR help and input. Please complete the enclosed form (see the backside of this page) for your presentation and send it to me as soon as possible so that I can have a formal Program complete for the March Newsletters.

Tom Easterling has provided a great site for the meeting and has been making local arrangements to insure that this will be a meeting to be remembered!

The tentative schedule is:

- May 7th — Wednesday — Afternoon/Evening — Registration
- May 8th — Thursday — Morning — Registration and Workshops
 - 1:00 PM — Introductions
 - 1:30 - 4:30 PM — General Meeting or Section Meetings
 - 6:30 - 10:00 PM — Belle of Louisville River Trip & Dinner
- May 9th — Friday
 - 9:00 AM - 12 Noon — Section Meetings
 - 12:00 - 1:30 PM — Luncheon
 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM — Section Meetings
 - 4:00 PM — Business Meetings for Regional Associations
- May 10th — Saturday
 - 9:00 AM - 12 Noon — Section Meetings

The profits/losses from this meeting will be divided amongst the Regional Forensic Scientists Associations according to the percentage of members who register for the combined meeting.

Sincerely,
Mike Alfultis
Lorain County Crime Laboratory
1005 North Abbe Road
Elyria, Ohio 44035

ABSTRACT FORM

For those persons wishing to present a paper at the 1980 Combined Meeting of the Northeast, Midatlantic, Mideastern and Southern Associations of Forensic Scientists, please fill out the following form and return it to:

HAROLD ALFULTIS
Lorain County Crime Laboratory
1005 North Abbe Road
Elyria, OH 44035

TITLE OF PAPER/PANEL DISCUSSION _____

ABSTRACT: _____

PRESENTED BY: Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business phone: (area code) _____ (number) _____

TIME REQUIRED FOR PRESENTATION _____

VISUAL AIDS NEEDED _____

JOBS

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Al Bober is running an Employment Clearing House (under MAAFS auspices) for forensic scientists. He keeps resumes of MAAFS members looking for work for 90 days and provides the information to all potential employers who contact him. Al provides this service free of charge. All members interested in employment possibilities are asked to write or call Al at:

Al Bober
Forensic Science Foundation
11400 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 770-2723

If you should hear of a job opening or receive an employment opportunity notice, please call Al or send him a copy of the notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation has an immediate opening for a Forensic Chemist in the trace evidence area specializing in fiber and textile examination. Salary range from \$15,468 to \$22,428 depending on experience.

Application should be made to:

Mr. Ralph M. Keaton
3320 Old Garner Road
Raleigh, NC 27626
(919) 772-9550

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The Illinois Department of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Scientific Services is anticipating an increase in Forensic Scientist positions after July 1, 1980, and is seeking applicants with experience in the following specialties:

TRAINING and APPLICATION forensic laboratory positions in both Chemistry (drug analysis) and Microscopy (soil, glass, etc.)
Title: Forensic Scientist III with salary range \$19,656 to \$29,304. Starting salary negotiable, based on experience.

It's the time of year when most of us are struggling to figure out where all the money the W-2 form says we have made, went. Along with such traumatic experiences we have the spring to look forward to. All signs point to a very exciting few days at the upcoming spring meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The format of specialized scientific sessions should attract many members from all four participating organizations (North-East, Mid-West, Mid-Atlantic and Southern.) The many new members in MAAFS should also add to our group's enthusiasm for the coming year.

This past fall meeting at King's Dominion was an excellent one. My thanks to Mike McGee and Norm Mausolf for making the meeting a success. We saw many new faces take active roles in our organization.

The question of certification has now been formally voted on and the results tabulated. One thing certainly was accomplished by the study. We were given a chance to sit back and reflect upon our various disciplines. Let's not forget the lines of communication that were set up over the past two years. They certainly can be used to help us all keep up to date.

Hope to see you all at the Louisville meeting.

Pete Marone

Qualifications: Requires degree in Forensic Science, Chemistry, Biological Science or related science. Requires ability to educate and supervise supportive programs.

FORENSIC LABORATORY positions in one of the following specialties: Drugs Blood, Trace and Firearms/Toolmarks. Title: Forensic Scientist I to III with salary range \$15,528 to \$29,304 per year. Starting salary negotiable based on experience.

Qualifications: Requires degree in Forensic Science, Chemistry, Biological Science or related science. Requires ability to analyze physical evidence and to testify as an expert witness.

Direct inquiries and/or submit resumes to:

Bruce W. VanderKolk
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Scientific Services
108 Armory Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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The Commonwealth of Virginia is seeking a Serologist, preferably with some experience for its Northern Regional Laboratory (Bureau of Forensic Science) located in Merrifield, Virginia (Fairfax County) near Washington, DC. Requirements: Bachelors degree in a natural science. Experience may be substituted for education on a two for one basis. Salary: Starting salary is dependent on experience and training. Present salary range is \$14,328 to \$19,600 plus benefits:

Contact:

Warren G. Johnson, Director
Bureau of Forensic Science
Post Office Box 999
Richmond, VA 23208
(804) 786-2281

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