



# MAAFS NEWSLETTER

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FIRST JOINT MEETING  
OF THE  
NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS  
AND  
MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

DATE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Friday April 15, 1977

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Technical Papers and Exhibits
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Open	Open Bar and Refreshments

Saturday April 16, 1977

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Technical Papers and Exhibits
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon
1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Technical Papers and Exhibits
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
6:30 p.m. - Open	Banquet and Speaker

**LOCATION:** Mount Laurel Hilton  
Rt. 73 between I-295 and Exit 4  
New Jersey Turnpike  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08057

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**  
Single.....\$22.00  
Double .....\$27.00  
REGISTRATION CARDS ARE ENCLOSED

**PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**

Paper and panel discussions will take place covering a variety of subjects that are relevant to the analysis of drugs and trace physical evidence. Saturday's session will be divided into two groups, "Drug Analysis" and "Analysis of Trace Evidence."

Among the Topics to be covered are:

1. Recent developments in Forensic Serology
2. Forensic Geology
3. Detection and Analysis of Explosive Residue
4. Recent advances in Gunshot residue detection on Hands
5. Certification of Forensic Scientists
6. Forensic Identification of various types of Drugs
7. Automated Drug Identification by Mass Spectroscopy
8. A New Technique for glass density determination
9. New Instruments useful for Forensic Analysis
  - a. Mass Spectroscopy
  - b. Flameless Atomic Absorption
  - c. Nitrogen Gas Chromatographic Detector
10. Panel Discussion - The Role of the Expert Witness

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN PRESENTING A PAPER AT THIS MEETING PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE PROGRAM ORGANIZERS.

MINUTES OF 8th (FALL) MEETING

The Business meeting was called to order by the President, Alvin Bober, at 5:17 p.m., November 12th, 1976 at the Sheraton Inn, Reston, Va.

The minutes of the seventh Meeting held at Williamsburg, Va., published in the MAAFS Newsletter, Vol. 4, #2, August 1976, were accepted as read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report, effective Nov. 12, 1976 was read and accepted.

Delbert Agee submitted the proposal for Incorporation of the Association in the State of Virginia, which had been authorized by the Executive Committee June 4, 1976. The Corporation Commission guide lines were followed to form a non-stock Corporation. The Motion for completion of the Incorporation was proposed, seconded and passed.

A special Savings Account, which had been authorized by the Executive, for \$2000.00 has been deposited in the District of Columbia National Bank.

The Chairman of the Budget Committee submitted the 1977 Budget to the President, which was accepted by the Members.

The President reported that, at this date, there are 142 active Members, and then presented the names of the new Members and welcomed them to the Association.

The President's report consisted of his appreciation for the Members of the Association, especially those who had been so active, and presented such excellent Meetings. He commended Mausolf and Cantu for the quality of the 8th Meeting. He recommended that such energetic groups continue, thus assuring the future of the Association.

The qualifications for the new potential Executive were read, and the President spoke about the excellent choices made by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, M. Horvath.

The new Executive for 1977 was elected:

President Elect	Paul Ferrara	1 year
Secretary-Treas.	Jean Endress	2 years
Members at Large	Elmer Miller	1 year
	James Crockett	2 years

The Chairman for the By Laws Revision Committee, Jean Endress, took the podium and reviewed the proposed changes. The following modifications were presented and approved:

Article II Section 2

B. Regular - A Regular Member is a person who by training and experience is actively engaged in promoting the objective of the Association. Regular Members must attend at least one Meeting in a three year period, and pay the current dues, except prior to the adoption of the initial Constitution.

Section 3

B. The applicant must have attended at least one previous Meeting.

Section 4

A. A Member may terminate his Membership upon written request to the Secretary-Treasurer who will so inform ..... the Meeting.

D. No Officer nor Member may make statements on behalf of the Association without the approval of the Executive Committee. The remainder of the paragraph was unchanged.

Article III Section 1

The Officers of the Association shall be President, President Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Immediate Past President, Members at Large and Parliamentarian, the latter to be appointed by the President at the beginning of each Business Meeting.

Section 2

G. Parliamentarian. Shall advise the President and the members on parliamentary procedure and shall read the by-laws at such time as requested by the President.

Article V Section 1

The Association shall hold at least two (2) business meetings in the spring and fall of each year unless otherwise scheduled by the executive committee.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time. The President shall notify the participating members in writing and include an agenda for the meeting.

Article VI Section 3

The fiscal year of the Association shall be Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Expenditure of funds up to \$100.00 may be approved by the President. The remainder of the paragraph remains unchanged.

Article VII Section 1

C. Budget. Appointed in the Spring to formulate a yearly Budget, and presented to the Membership in the Newsletter. This Committee should include the current Secretary-Treasurer, and either the immediate Past, or the Secretary-Treasurer elect. E. Awards. A Committee consisting of five Members shall be appointed to recommend the Award(s) and recipients.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority. Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association to which its rules are applicable, and when they are not inconsistent with the by-laws.

The whole of Article IV is to be revised and submitted at the Spring Meeting, voted for and authorized at the Fall Meeting by the Membership.

The President appointed Rose Lanzetta and Jane Speaker to form the Awards Committee. J. Speaker, speaking for the Chairman recommended that this Committee be expanded to five Members to obtain a broader viewpoint for the Awards. The Present Committee has selected some names of people with outstanding service throughout the years. A report was also made for the types of Awards e.g. Retiring Executive Members, outstanding activities, long standing basis, or outstanding Program.

President Elect Cantu reported that Mr. Stanley Sobel, Director of Special Testing & Research Labs. DEA, is to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1977.

The President reported that Prof. Charles O'Rear is now Chairman of Forensic Sciences Dept. at George Washington University. Jack Rosenstein, Member at Large, was transferred to Dallas, Texas. Joseph J. Gorsky, Charter Member, is now located in Spokane, Wash., and wishes to remain a Member of MAAFS. No objections were raised. An opening for a MS Toxicologist at State of Wisconsin (17,000) was announced.

Liason Members:

J. Gormley for Police Chiefs - made a request for new Members.

Ellen Fabricant for Forensic Foundation has the

FIRST JOINT MEETING OF MAAFS AND NEAFS

REGISTRATION FORM

MOUNT LAUREL HILTON  
Rt. 73 between I-295 & Exit 4  
NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE  
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08057

REGISTRATION FEE:

Member..... \$10.00  
Non-Member..... \$12.00

(Registration fee includes Saturday Luncheon)

Registration after April 1, 1977 requires an additional \$3.00 as a late-registration fee.

MEALS:

Banquet..... \$11.00

\_\_\_\_\_ person(s) will attend the Banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Friday session

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Saturday session

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ MAAFS \_\_\_\_\_ NEAFS

TOTAL COST:

I am enclosing a check (or money order) made out to MAAFS for an amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover both the registration fee and the Banquet cost.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK (OR MONEY ORDER) TO:

Dr. Richard Saferstein  
Box 7068  
N. J. State Police Lab  
West Trenton, NJ  
(609) 882-2000 Ext. 308



Scientific Sleuthing Newsletter, each quarter for \$6.00 or \$10.00 yearly for Institutions. Other publications available are Forensic Serology Newsletter, New & Review of Toxicology and Pathology.

Richard Saferstein reported that the 9th Meeting will be held together with the North East Association of Forensic Society, at Cherry Hill, N.J. at the Mount Laurel Hilton.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Norman C. Law  
 Secretary-Treasurer

**NEW MEMBERS**

At the November business meeting the following new members were announced:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Membership No.</u>
Michael P. McGee Bureau of Forensic Science Box 999 1 North 14th Street Richmond, Va. 23208	177
George J. Suma, Jr. Pa. State Police Crime Laboratory 479 Wyoming Ave. Wyoming, Pa. 18644	178
Dr. Bert F. Morton 732 Charing Cross Road Baltimore, Md. 21229	179
Dr. R. E. Gaensslen P. O. Box 5018 Alexandria, Va. 22305	180
Roger F. Canaff DEA Special Testing & Research Lab 7704 Old Springhouse Rd. McLean, Va. 22101	181
Ted L. Robinson Commonwealth of Va. Bureau of Forensic Science DCLS 920 S. Jefferson St. Roanoke, Va. 24016	182
Dr. Charles G. Tindall, Jr. New Jersey State Police P. O. Box 126 Hammenten, N. J. 08037	183

**POSITION OPEN**

**FIREARMS AND TOOL MARK EXAMINER:** The Commonwealth of Virginia is seeking a qualified Firearms and Tool Mark examiner for a vacancy in the Norfolk, Virginia area.

**SALARY:** Starting salary is dependent upon experience and training. Present salary range is \$11,472 to \$17,900.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Three years of responsible experience in crime laboratory work involving the examination of firearms and tool marks. Experience shall have been gained after graduation from college with a degree in one of the basic sciences. A combination of training and experience may be considered in lieu of a degree.

Send resume to Mr. Warren Johnson, Deputy Director, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Box 999, Richmond, Virginia Zip Code 23208

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:**

Since no letters to the Editor have been forthcoming, I'd like to use this opportunity to congratulate Tony Cantu and Norm Mausolf, on behalf of the membership, for an excellently conceived and executed Fall '76 MAAFS Meeting. The meeting, held November 12-13, 1976 at the Sheraton International Conference Center in Reston, Virginia, was unanimously heralded as one of the best ever. The theme of Court Testimony was one of interest to all members, regardless of their discipline(s) and presentations on this subject were made by representatives of the major branches of Forensic Science.

The upcoming Joint Meeting with NEAFS organized by Dick Saferstein and Jew-ming Chao promises to be unique opportunity for exchange of ideas between these two adjacent regions.

One cannot emphasize too strongly the need for a high degree of representation of MAAFS people at this first-ever joint meeting. Dr. Saferstein, the MAAFS Coordinator for this meeting requests all persons who wish to deliver papers at the joint meeting to get in touch with him. Let's be well represented on the program as well as by attendance.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you have changed your mailing address or we have your address incorrect, please complete the form below and forward it to the Secretary-Treasurer:

Jean Endress  
 Bureau of Forensic Science  
 1 North 14th Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219

In a future issue of the Newsletter, we hope to incorporate a complete, accurate and up-to-date list of all members and their addresses.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name and Home Address:

Phone:

Occupation or Job Title:

Employer:

Business Address:

Phone:

(Check preferred mailing address)

Education and Experience (include all past employment relating to the Forensic Sciences):

Membership in Professional or Scientific Organizations:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Complete application in ink using block letters (or typewriter) and forward to the Secretary Treasurer:

Jean Endress  
Bureau of Forensic Science  
1 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Application fee of \$2.50 (non-refundable) must accompany this application. Yearly dues of \$7.50 are payable January 1st of each year.