**Meeting Minutes for the**

**Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:05 am, on June 8, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2303, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President Jennifer Duvall (BCI-London) presided over the meeting.*

*The following Members and guests were present in person or via Microsoft Teams:*

*Daniel Baker (Franklin Co.), Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Bob Budgake (Canton/Stark-Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Mark Hiatt (Central Ohio Regional Crime Lab-Newark), Sonja Rawn (State Fire Marshal), Doug Rohde (Lake Co. –Retired), James Smith (OSHP), Lynne Strainic (BCI-London), LeAnne Suchanek (Lake Co.), Meredith Sweeney (Columbus), Shaena Taylor (Cuyahoga Co.), Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) and Brandon Werry (OSHP). A quorum was present. Twelve (12) of the eighteen (18) eligible voters were present.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the March 2, 2023, Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Mike Trimpe; Second, Jim Smith. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Sonja Rawn, on behalf of Treasurer Chad Wissinger, proffered the Treasurer’s report. Sonja disclosed that the FSIO has a checking, PayPal and savings account balance of $29,304 and a Tong Award’s Fund balance of $34,990. She mentioned that the check issued to Ohio U. Freshman, Sidney Gross, regarding the Tong Award’s Fund, hasn’t been cashed yet. Rebecca Barlag indicated that she will follow up with this student.*

*Old Business:*

*Mike Trimpe (Hamilton Co.) confirmed that he presented a Forensic Ethics Course, May 11th, via Microsoft Teams. He indicated that approximately 30 individuals attended. Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal’s Lab) recorded this presentation, which will be available upon request.*

*Bob Budgake advised the membership that the Board met virtually, on March 31st, and approved a request from Mark Hiatt, to provide funding for lunches, regarding the April Ohio drug chemist meeting, held at the OSHP Academy. This Board action was necessary since this drug meeting occurred prior to our June FSIO Meeting. The Board approved an expenditure of up to $1,200. The actual cost came in at $1,089.10.*

*Mark Hiatt notified the group that the Ohio drug chemist’s meeting, held April 12, went very well. Approximately seventy (70) individuals attended. He is currently working on providing certificates of attendance for the attendees.*

*Bob Budgake, on behalf of Michele Foster (Canton-Stark Co.), revealed that there was nothing new to report regarding organizing a future Ohio firearm examiner’s meeting.*

*A group discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of a lab efficiency workshop. This idea was floated by Dan Baker at our December 2022 meeting. He was exposed to this training at the ASCLD Leadership Academy. Dan thought that all our labs could benefit from such training. Dan volunteered to reach out to the ASCLD to inquire if they would be willing to produce a road show for Ohio. Dan promised to report back to the FSIO, regarding his findings, at our next meeting. Mark Hiatt interjected that LeanOhio, Dept. of Administrative Services, offers free training to government agencies, regarding the Six Sigma and Lean methodologies. Mark stated that they went through this process training at the OSHP and found it valuable.*

*New Business:*

*Bob Budgake reported that there were no new membership applications to present.*

*Dan Baker asked the membership to approve a lunch expenditure for attendees of RTL Toxicology Expert Testimony Workshop, to be held at the Franklin County Coroner’s Office, June 29th. He plans to acquire the lunches via Freedom La Cart, a non-profit organization. Mike Trimpe motioned that we allot $400 for this request. Second, Shaena Taylor. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Mike Trimpe announced a free trace evidence workshop entitled “Basic Tapes”to be held in the Spring of 2024, at Hamilton County Coroner’s Lab. This training will be taught by Andria Mehltretter, of the FBI.*

*The next Meeting of the FSIO, will be 10 am, Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with the option of attending via Microsoft Teams. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Mike Trimpe. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Sonja Rawn. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*