**Meeting Minutes for the**

**Forensic Science Institute of Ohio**

*A Meeting of the FSIO was called to order at 10:02 am, on September 12, 2024, at the Ohio Fire Academy, Room 2303, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. President LeAnne Suchanek (Lake Co.) presided over the meeting remotely, with Treasurer Chad Wissinger (State Fire Marshal) being the onsite coordinator.*

*The following Members were also present in person or via Microsoft Teams: Rebecca Barlag (Ohio U.), Cody Braley (Canton-Stark Co.), Bob Budgake (Canton/Stark-Retired), David Cogan (Toledo), Brooke Ehlers (Miami Valley), Angela Farrington (Columbus), Jeff Lynn (BGSU), Brian Scowden (Hamilton Co.), Heather Sheskey (OSHP), Brandon Werry (OSHP) and Jennifer Yoak (Miami Valley). A quorum was present. Eleven (11) of the seventeen (17) eligible voters attended.*

*Secretary Budgake presented the minutes of the June 13, 2024, Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion, Bob Budgake; Second, Angela Farrington. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Chad Wissinger proffered the Treasurer’s report. Chad disclosed that the FSIO has a checking, PayPal and savings account balance of $28,772 and a Tong Award’s Fund balance of $37,607.*

*Old Business:*

*Previously, Dan Baker and Brooke Ehlers offered to organize a free virtual 30-minute workshop regarding lab efficiency. Brooke Ehlers had no update regarding this offering.*

*Heather Sheskey* *affirmed that OSHP is still sponsoring a free drug chemistry training program at 8am, on November 7, 2024, at the OSHP academy, 740 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH. OSHP will provide a free lunch for all the attendees. The tentative agenda is as follows:*

* *K9 demo*
* *OSHP conversion to hydrogen as an instrument carrier gas*
* *OSHP new LC procedures*
* *OSHP toxicology section update*
* *Field agent perspective of clandestine labs*
* *Officer perspective regarding drug use recognition*
* *Nitazene compounds*

*Previously, the FSIO approved paying Dr. Lula’s (Cayman Chemical) travel expenses, not to exceed $1,000, regarding the Nitazene presentation. Dr. Lula is not able to attend, due to a schedule conflict. Heather motioned to amend this previously approved expenditure, for the substitute speaker from Cayman Chemical, Danielle St. Germaine, for travel expenses, not to exceed $1,000; Second, Chad Wissinger. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Brooke Ehlers reported that the workshop entitled, “Evidence-Based Education: How to Improve Your Teaching Based on the Science of Learning”, was held August 5th, in Dayton. The target audience for this workshop was for training instructors. Brooke received good feedback from her employees who attended. Also, one of her employees created a training manual based on the information conveyed. The membership notified Brooke that no one has yet received an invoice for this training. Brooke indicated that she would look into this. The FSIO previously approved paying the $50 registration fee for up to two attendees per FSIO member organization. Four attendees took advantage of this offer. Their invoices will be sent directly to FSIO Treasurer Wissinger. Brooke indicated that this course may be a possible offering at next year’s MAFS meeting in Columbus.*

*New Business:*

*The next meeting of the FSIO, which is our Annual Meeting, will be 10 am, Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with the option of attending via Microsoft Teams. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Bob Budgake advised that at our December meeting we will need to vote for next years FSIO officers. Namely President-Elect (takes office in 2026), Secretary and Treasurer. Bob indicated that Jen Duvall (BCI), who is the Past-President, is responsible for developing a slate of candidates. Anyone interested in serving should contact Jen* [*jennifer.duvall@ohioago.gov*](mailto:jennifer.duvall@ohioago.gov) *or Bob* [*rbudgake@neo.rr.com*](mailto:rbudgake@neo.rr.com) *.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am. Motion, Chad Wissinger; Second, Bob Budgake. All Members voted in the affirmative.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert E. Budgake, Secretary, FSIO*