

# NEWSLETTER

## NEBRASKA CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION

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### ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Greetings,

Thanks to the members of the Nebraska Chapter of The International Association for Identification, AKA the Cornhusker Division, AKA NEIAI, for electing me President for the 2006-2007 year. I promise to do my best to maintain and promote our organization.

Many people have invested tremendous amounts of their time, energy, and concern in the NEIAI. Kathy Ayers, Bruce Luhr, Steve Burke, Patricia Osier, Don Veys, Kay McCaul, and Dave Kofoed are some of the names of those who were making things happen when I first became involved. If you get a chance, thank them for all they have done.

This past year Don Veys further developed the WEB site. This has been a great advancement for NEIAI. Kathy Ayers continued to help organize the annual training conference and to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Bob McAuley did a lot of work in scheduling the training conference, and William Henningsen did a nice job in getting

NEIAI logo products set up for online purchase. All of the preceding volunteered their time in putting together the conference and carrying on the work of NEIAI. Thank them when you get a chance.

Dave Sobotka has served as President of NEIAI for the past several years. Dave has done a great job in keeping things together and advancing the organization. Thank you Dave.

The coming year offers a great opportunity for us to do things for ourselves. We have some housekeeping to do, a conference to prepare, and otherwise can look for ways to advance what we do as forensic practitioners.

I offer to you several objectives for this year. The first is to revise and vote in the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Officers and Board of Directors will be working on this. If you have comments please forward them to these people. The second is to get the Newsletter up and going on a regular basis. Dr. David Carter, UNL, has accepted the position of

newsletter editor. Please forward to him information worthy for the newsletter. The newsletter is a place to share information that can benefit all of us. The final objective is to explore processes for training and proficiency testing. We exist to promote the practice of forensic identification. This includes educating and training ourselves and those who follow us.

I would like to encourage you to participate in several ongoing activities. One is putting on the annual training conference and business meeting. This takes a lot of work. If you have ideas for speakers, training you would like, funding possibilities, and would like to help carry on the work of the conference, please contact one of the officers of NEIAI. Bill

Henningsen put in a lot of effort to make arrangements with Don Veys to have a link to a vendor for buying NEIAI log products. If you want these items, please take advantage of these products. A portion of all purchases goes to help fund our organization. Lastly, I would like to encourage you to submit articles for publication in the newsletter and as free standing research articles. Don Veys will be able to put them on the WEB site. This is a great opportunity to get published, build the NEIAI, and advance our knowledge through sharing of information.

Have a great year,

Respectfully,

Larry Barksdale

## ***LETTER FROM THE EDITOR***

Dear members,

The beginning of a new administration is always an exciting time. Change can bring about excitement, anticipation, and encouragement. I think this occurs through the sharing of new information, new opportunities, and the cementing of long-standing relationships. As a consequence, the role of the Newsletter is to sustain the sharing of information and relationships that each of us experience during the annual meeting.

This Newsletter also aims to provide new information on the members

and what they have accomplished. New opportunities in education and work will also comprise an important component of these pages. Finally, the Newsletter will act as a means to keep us all in touch with one another. This is arguably the most important aspect of the Newsletter. After all, each of us is a member of the same team and we should feel part of one cohesive community.

Importantly, this Newsletter cannot be produced without contributions from the members. Please submit information that you deem helpful or informative to your fellow members. This might include recent training certification, job announcements or

proposals for President Barksdale to treat all of us to a barbeque with an endless supply of cold drinks. You can expect at least a half dozen of the latter from myself. Remember, the more you send in, the more often a Newsletter can be produced. Given sufficient material, we are happy to provide Newsletters on a regular basis.

I look forward to hearing from each of you at [dcarter2@unl.edu](mailto:dcarter2@unl.edu).

Respectfully,

David O. Carter

## ***2006 NEIAI MEETING REVIEW***

An excellent turnout was again experienced at the 2006 NEIAI Meeting. The conference was attended by 91 individuals. These participants represented 15 law enforcement agencies and six colleges or universities.

The following is the list of officers, board members, and committee heads elected during the April 2006 meeting:

<b>President</b>	Larry Barksdale
<b>Vice-President</b>	Robert McAuley
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	Kathy Ayers
<b>Board Member</b>	William Henningsen
	Marianna Ward
	Erin Sims
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	David Carter
<b>Historian</b>	Katherine McCaul
<b>Web Master</b>	Don Veys
<b>Past President</b>	Dave Sobatka

At your next convenience, please thank each of these officers for the work they are doing for the Chapter. Without the efforts of these people the Chapter would cease to exist.

## ***2007 NEIAI MEETING DATES SET!!!***

The dates for the 2007 NEIAI Conference are Tuesday 10 April and Wednesday 11 April. Again, it will be held at Mahoney State Park.

## ***CONGRATULATIONS***

Kathy Ayers, Nebraska State Patrol, has been awarded the Harold Moon Scholarship. This scholarship is a \$500.00 award to an active NEIAI member, and is to be used for expenses for attendance at the IAI annual conference. Congratulations Kathy.

Bob Citta, Lincoln Police Department, has been chosen as the recipient of the Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. \$550.00 gift certificate for attendance at a Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. training seminar. Bob is going to attend the Ron Smith Advanced Latent Print course. Congratulations Bob.

## ***EDUCATION***

During the April 2006 NEIAI Meeting, an Education and Research Consortium for the Nebraska IAI was formed.

The aim of this consortium is to:

1. Develop an agenda of skill training programs that would be beneficial to students and in-service personnel, such as fingerprint comparison. This could include basic training and an evaluation process. A student would not be a qualified fingerprint examiner, but the student would be able to present credentials of basic and advanced training with credible proficiency and evaluation processes.
2. Explore funding opportunities in which the higher education institutions and NEIAI partnered to sponsor the training.

Following are the names and addresses I have for those who were at the last NEIAI Conference:

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## ***WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, ETC.***

The following are regional workshops that might be of interest to members of the NEIAI:

### **July 2006**

- 7-12** Southern Institute of Forensic Science Course on Basic Forensic Pathology for Law Enforcement and Death Investigators—To be held at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.

*Contact:* Ed Waldrip, Southern Institute of Forensic Science, PO Box 15764, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. (601)-794-6765. [edwaldrip@msn.com](mailto:edwaldrip@msn.com), [www.southernforensics.com](http://www.southernforensics.com).

### **September 2006**

- 4-8** Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

*Contact:* Betty Gatliff, 1026 Leslie Lane, Norman, OK 73069-4501. (405)-321-8706.

- 11-15** Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

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### **October 2006**

- 2-6** Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology, to be held in St. Louis, MO.

*Contact:* Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe, St. Louis University, School of Medicine, 1402 S. Grand Blvd; R152, St. Louis, MO 63104. (314)-977-5970. [mldi@slu.edu](mailto:mldi@slu.edu), <http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/>

- 9-13** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting—To be held at the Hyatt in Indianapolis, IN.

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## **November 2006**

**6-10** The Southwestern and Northwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Joint Conference—to be held in Colorado Springs, CO.

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## **January 2007**

**22-26** Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology, to be held in St. Louis, MO.

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## ***SO, YOU WANT TO BE A CSI STAR?***

This digital image is from an adjudicated case. How many of the following questions can you answer correctly? Please send answers to [dcarter2@unl.edu](mailto:dcarter2@unl.edu). The winner will receive an autographed glossy photograph of Sgt. Larry Barksdale, President of the Nebraska Chapter of the International Association for Identification.

1. Can you name the bloodstain patterns?
2. What is good or bad about the digital image?
3. What story is told by the image?
4. What are the items of evidence portrayed in the image?
5. How would you make this image 1:1?

