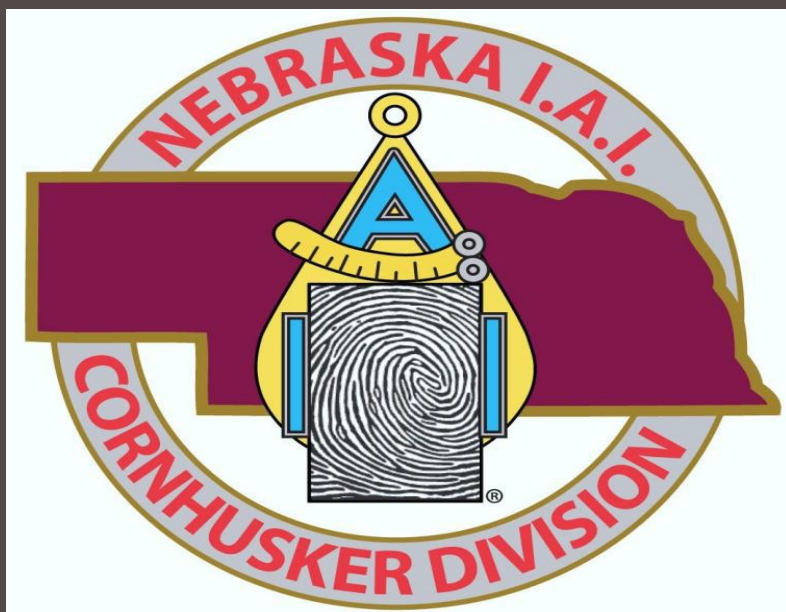


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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NEIAI members,

As we approach the hot and sometimes muggy summer here in Nebraska, the NEIAI board has begun a series of meetings to plan for the Spring 2015 conference. We are hoping to bring you another excellent line-up of speakers, hands-on workshops, and access to vendors with the latest and greatest in forensic tools and supplies.

As we continue to face the hardships of budget cuts, fiscal responsibility is even more in the public's eye. And, because the 2015 IAI Conference (being held in Sacramento, CA) is the 100th anniversary of the IAI, the board has decided to double the Harold Moon Scholarship to \$1000. This will assist the winner in not only paying for the conference registration and workshops, but it will also go towards helping with the other expenses related to attending the conference (travel, hotel, per diem). I would encourage anyone that is interested in attending to put in for this scholarship as this will be the only time we offer double the normal scholarship amount. Forms will be made available shortly on the NEIAI website at [www.neiai.org](http://www.neiai.org).

The NEIAI continues to support local and state law enforcement in their duties. As such, we are beginning talks with other state boards to assist in providing training to members of the law enforcement field to better assist us in our pursuit of justice. More information will be disseminated to the membership as plans get finalized.

Because summer is usually a time of high work load for the majority of those in law enforcement (unfortunately higher temps usually result in hotter attitudes), let's keep in mind the people that make our jobs possible; our families. They support us through long hours, missed birthdays or holidays, and quick bedtime hugs before we go back in to work. If you have children, take the time to let them know how much they mean to you; give them an extra hug before leaving for work. Take your spouse or significant other out on an unexpected date—let them know you care and appreciate their support. Without families, work doesn't matter all that much.

In the words of John C. Maxwell:

Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them - work, family, health, friends and spirit - and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back.

But the other four balls - family, health, friends and spirit - are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They will never be the same.

Stay safe this summer!

Regards,

Josh Connelly  
NEIAI President



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

In honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the NEIAI here is a look back to where it all started.



**Original NEIAI Board Members**

**Back row: Aaron Raszler (OPD), Pam Zilly (LPD), Marvin Morgan (LPD)**

**Front row: Harold Moon (NSP), Jim Pearson (NSP), Greg McGee (Adams Co. Sheriff's Office), Rev. Splitt**

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**Top (Left to Right): CL Retelsdorf, Josh Connelly, Robert Hurley**

**Bottom (Left to Right): Launa Groves, Mariana Ward, Sarah Zarnick, Angela Adle, Bridget Driver**

# 2014 NEIAI CONFERENCE

## DAY 1

### **Welcoming Ceremony:**

Captian Kerry Neumann, OPD

### **Investigations, Critical Evidence and Social Media:**

Eric Jones, NSP; James Baird, LSO; John Donahue, LPD

### **Vendor Presentation, UV/IR Imaging:**

Larry Dow, Foster & Freeman

### **Evidence Packaging:**

Margaret Wiesen, NSP

### **Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence Collection and Documentation:**

Sarah Zarnick and Amy Weber, NSP

### **Addressing Bias in Forensic Science:**

Jeremy Morris, Johnson County Crime Lab

### **Trace Evidence Collection:**

Christine Gabig, DCSO

### **Latent Fingerprints-CrimeCam Imaging System:**

Parker Sneed, Arrowhead

### **Shooting Scene Reconstruction:**

Justin Aumann and Jodi Adams, DCSO

### **President's Reception**



# 2014 NEIAI CONFERENCE

## DAY 2

**Crime Lab Accreditation and Effects on Case Backlog:**

Pam Zilly, NSP

**DNA Evidence Submission:**

Melissa Kreikemeier, NSP

**NIBIN Update:**

Kent Weber, NSP

**Forensic Anthropology:**

Derek C. Benedix, Ph.D, Offutt AFB

**Vendor Presentation: Remote Area Lighting Systems:**

Chris Rathe, Pelican Products

**Vendor Presentation UV/IR Full Spectrum Imaging System:**

Parker Sneed, Arrowhead

**NEIAI Business Meeting**

**Behavioral Analysis:**

Gary Plank, NSP (retired)

**Crime Scene Photography:**

C.L. Retelsdorf, DCSO

**Tenprint/Latent Print Comparison Workshop:**

Launa Groves, LPD





# VENDOR INFORMATION

Arrowhead Forensics  
Doane College  
Forensic Source  
Foster & Freeman, USA  
Foray Technologies

Lynn Peavey Company  
Pelican Products  
MorphoTrak  
Nebraska Wesleyan  
TriTech Forensics



A special Thanks to MorphoTrak for Sponsoring our President's Reception



# HAROLD MOON SCHOLARSHIP DOUBLED

Beginning in 2004, the Nebraska IAI annually offers a \$500 scholarship to one member for attendance to the Annual IAI International Educational Conference. This year only, however the board has decided to double the Scholarship (\$1,000) in honor of the IAI's Centennial Celebration.

This scholarship is named for Harold W. Moon. He was hired by the Nebraska State Patrol June 5, 1958 in Columbus, Nebraska. In 1965, he began training in Question Documents. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1977. In April 1973, Moon was appointed as the first Criminalistics Director of the Nebraska State Patrol. Moon designed, equipped and staffed the State Criminalistics Laboratory using at least five other state labs as research and examples to best serve law enforcement and the citizens of the state. Moon was one of the foremost Document Examiners in the Midwest and was instrumental in formulating the Nebraska Chapter of the IAI. When the Nebraska Chapter of the IAI was chartered on June 14, 1985, he served as the first elected president. Moon was chosen as charter honoree of the NEIAI Hall of Fame, created in 1986 to recognize members who have made outstanding achievements in identification or related forensic areas. In 1986 Lt. Moon retired from the Nebraska State Patrol, however remained active in Question Document examination doing private work. Lt. Harold W. Moon passed away April 14, 1996, but his memory remains with the Harold Moon Scholarship.



The Harold Moon Scholarship is awarded by the Nebraska IAI President to an Active member of the NEIAI. The President takes into consideration: training the individual will be attending and which courses will benefit the most NE IAI members. The requirement of the recipient is to present at the next Nebraska Division of the IAI Annual Educational Conference, passing on the skills and knowledge acquired at the IAI International Educational Conference.

The NEIAI recipient of the 2014 Harold Moon Scholarship was Lacey Reha (Lincoln Police Department).



This year's IAI International Educational Conference (<https://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php>) will be held August 10-16, 2014 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration  
August 2-8, 2015 - Sacramento, California

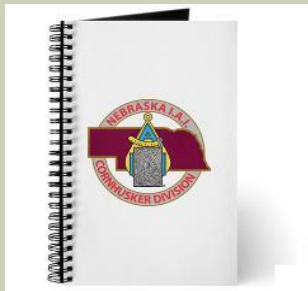


# LAST CHANCE TO SHOP!!!!

[HTTP://WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM/NEIAI](http://www.cafepress.com/NEIAI)

NEIAI Café Press Store will be closing  
12/31/2014.

Don't miss out on your chance to  
purchase some great NEIAI products!



# IAI CERTIFICATIONS & IAI RE-CERTIFICATIONS

We would like to congratulate all of our colleagues that have earned their IAI Certifications and those that Re-Certified. Your dedication and hard work is what helps make Nebraska Law Enforcement what it is today!

## **Bloodstain Pattern Analyst Certification:**

Erin Sims

## **Latent Print Certification:**

Launa Groves  
Josh Connelly  
Amanda Miller  
Angie Olson

## **Crime Scene Investigators:**

Shannon Tysor

## **Senior Crime Scene Analysts:**

Robert Hurley  
Robert Aumann

## **Crime Scene Analysts:**

Christine Gabig  
Todd Petrick  
Clelland Retelsdorf

## **IAI Life Active Status:**

Erin Sims

