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NEIAI 34th Annual Educational Conference Recap

The 34th Annual Educational Conference for the Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification was held on April 3-4, 2018 at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, Nebraska. One hundred thirty-five attendees ranging from forensic scientists, crime scene responders, evidence technicians, law enforcement officers, AFIS operators, and educators from Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri were in attendance. Robert DeWitt, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Omaha Field Office of the FBI, provided the welcoming ceremony. This years conference encompassed a broad range of lectures and workshop topics and we were honored and grateful to be able to bring in John Black and Dwane Hilderbrand, two highly respected and well known experts in the fields of Latent Prints and Footwear and Tire Track, to present and conduct workshops at the conference. The following lectures and workshops were provided during the two-day conference:

- *Kelsey Miller Homicide Case Study* (Presented by Jon Sundermeier – Retired Captain & Ben Miller – Lincoln Police Department)
- *Fentanyl Update* (Presented by Meggan Macomber – Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab)
- *Leica 3D Crime Scene Mapping/Imaging System Workshop* (Presented by William Henningsen – Omaha Police Department)
- *Understanding ACE-V Workshop* (Presented by Dwane Hilderbrand – Forensic ITC)
- *Questioned Documents linking 5 Homicides Case Study* (Presented by Gary Licht – Iowa DCI Crime Lab)
- *Documentation, Collection and Preservation of Footwear and Tire Track Evidence Workshop* (Presented by Dwane Hilderbrand – Forensic ITC)
- *Mental Health: Risks of Working in Law Enforcement and Effects on Family* (Presented by Arthur Ortiz – Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, Omaha, NE)
- *Police Service Dogs/Drug Dogs* (Presented by Lt. Gordon Downing – Nebraska State Patrol)
- *Basic Courtroom Testimony: What does the Defense Really Want?* (Presented by Dwane Hilderbrand – Forensic ITC)
- *Examination of Simultaneous Impressions Workshop* (Presented by John Black – Black & White Forensics)
- *Basic Crime Scene Photography using ALS and IR Workshop* (Presented by Inv. Stacie Lundgren – Nebraska State Patrol)
- *Serial Killer: John Joubert Case Study* (Presented by John Kucer – Retired Captain, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office)



Clever transportation of the grill for the President's Reception



Stacie Lundgren demonstrating equipment during her photography workshop



John Kucer lecturing during the John Joubert case study



Instructors of the Leica 3D Crime Scene Mapping/Imaging Workshop



Lt. Gordon Downing & Historian Nina Anderson-Trumble (right) Drug dog & handler waiting to do a demonstration (left)



Meggan Macomber lecturing during the Fentanyl update



Attendees listening to Gary Licht's questioned documents case study



Retired Captain Jon Sundermeier lecturing during the Kelsey Miller homicide case study

Workshop's sponsored by Arrowhead Forensics

The NEIAI Board would like to recognize **Arrowhead Forensics** and express our sincere gratitude for supplying the materials needed for the following workshops at this year's conference:

- *Examination of Simultaneous Impressions*
- *Documentation, Collection and Preservation of Footwear and Tire Track Evidence*

These workshops would not have been as successful without the supplies that were donated. Thank you

Arrowhead Forensics



John Black lecturing during the Examination of Simultaneous Impressions Workshop



Example of a NON-Simultaneous impression that workshop attendees created to demonstrate the difference between simultaneous and non-simultaneous impressions



Practical during the Simultaneous Impressions workshop



Dwane Hilderbrand (left) providing guidance to Documentation, Collection and Preservation of Footwear/Tire Track Evidence Workshop attendees



Attendees applying concepts/techniques learned



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Conference Highlights

During the opening ceremony, NEIAI President Bob Hurley on behalf of the NEIAI Board and membership, awarded Chuck Thomas of IDEMIA Public Security, a lifesaving award. Chuck's quick thinking and administration of the Heimlich maneuver during the 2017 NEIAI Conference saved a member who was choking. We are truly grateful for Chuck's actions!



During the NEIAI Business Meeting held on April 4, 2018, five board members were elected and the Harold Moon Scholarship recipient was named. There was also a nomination and membership approval to increase the cost of attending the conference/ yearly membership fee to \$50 instead of \$35. The cost increase was suggested in order to help the NEIAI Division sustain the increasing cost of providing the annual educational conference, bringing in exceptional speakers, and offering beneficial workshops. The five positions on the NEIAI Board of Directors that were up for election/re-election included: President, Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member at Large, Historian, and Webmaster. Eligible members running for each position were asked to provide a brief speech regarding their intentions and qualifications for the elected position. Membership attendees present during the 2018 NEIAI Business Meeting elected/re-elected the following individuals to the Board of Directors

- **Bob Hurley (LPD) was re-elected to the post of President**
- **Mariana Ward (NSP) was re-elected to the post of Secretary/Treasurer**
- **LaVone Tienken (FBI) was re-elected to the post of Board Member at Large**
- **Nina Anderson-Trumble (NSP) was re-elected to the post of Historian**
- **Josh Connelly (DCSO) was re-elected to the post of Webmaster**

There will be **three positions** on the NEIAI Board of Directors open for election/re-election during the 2019 conference which will be held on April 2-3. These positions include: **Vice President, Board Member at Large, and Newsletter Editor**. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the current NEIAI Board of Directors President, Robert Hurley at lpd882@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov or visit our website at www.neiai.org to obtain more details regarding the Board of Directors position duties. We are always looking for new members to join the Board of Directors!

Harold Moon Scholarship & 2018 Recipient

The Harold Moon Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship that is awarded to one active member of the NEIAI each year. This scholarship is to be used by the recipient to attend the International Association for Identification's (IAI) Annual Educational Conference. This year, the IAI's Annual Educational Conference is being held in **San Antonio, TX on July 29 – August 4, 2018**. The NEIAI started awarding the Harold Moon Scholarship in 2004. This scholarship is named after Harold W. Moon who was one of the foremost document examiners in the Midwest and was instrumental in forming the Nebraska Chapter of the IAI (NEIAI). Mr. Moon served as the first elected president when the NEIAI was chartered in 1985.



- ***The 2018 recipient of the Harold Moon Scholarship was Christie VanAndel (NSP – Criminal Identification Division)***

Congratulations Christie! We look forward to hearing about the conference and your experience!

Qualifying for the 2019 Harold Moon Scholarship:

- Plan on attending the 2019 International Association for Identification Annual Educational Conference in **Reno, NV on August 11-17, 2019** (<http://www.theiai.org/conference>);
- Be an Active member of the NEIAI in good standing;
- Be a forensic practitioner (i.e. Crime Scene Technician, Forensic Scientist, Officer, etc.);
- Complete the application form (***located on the website under the Harold Moon Scholarship link***) and essay stating your personal or departmental training needs;
- Upon your return from the IAI conference, provide a written synopsis to the NEIAI Board of Directors regarding the training you received, overall conference experience, etc.

If you would like to be considered for the 2019 Harold Moon Scholarship to attend the 2019 IAI Educational Conference, please submit your completed application and essay by **March 1, 2019** to:

Nebraska IAI

Attn: Harold Moon Scholarship

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Photo Contest

Each year, all NEIAI members have the opportunity to enter their photos in the annual photo contest. Entered photos are on display during the NEIAI conference and conference attendees are asked to vote for their favorite photos (one per each category). The owner of the winning photo(s) receives a \$25 gift card and will have their winning photo(s) featured in the NEIAI newsletter! The number of categories in the contest can vary (between three or four) and depends upon the number of photos received. **The 2018 Photo Contest set the record of having the most submissions; with 63 photos being entered!** Due to the large number of photos received, the 2018 Photo Contest was divided into the four categories: **Forensics/ Crime Scene/ Law Enforcement, Nature/Scenery, People, and Animals.**

Thank you to all who took the time to enter their photos in this year's contest, it was great to see how talented our membership is!



Calling All Photographers!!

If you are interested in submitting your photos for the 2019 NEIAI Educational Conference which will be held on April 2-3, please consider the following rules/guidelines:

- All submissions must be at least 8 x 10 inches in size
- Photographs may be either in black & white or color
- Photographs may be either vertical or horizontal
- Each entrant may submit up to **5 photographs per category** (all photos must include a title)
- A completed Photo Contest Entry Form must accompany each entrant's photographs
- Contest entries must be received by mail or in person no later than the date specified on the current NEIAI conference year registration form
- Photographs containing images of children must be accompanied by a signed parental release

Please consider submitting your photos for the 2019 Contest!

We would love to see them!!



2018 NELA Photo Contest Winners



Forensics/Crime Scene/Law Enforcement

"Got Water"

David Sobotka Jr.

Omaha Fire Department



Animals

"Game Over"

Stacie Lundgren

Nebraska State Patrol

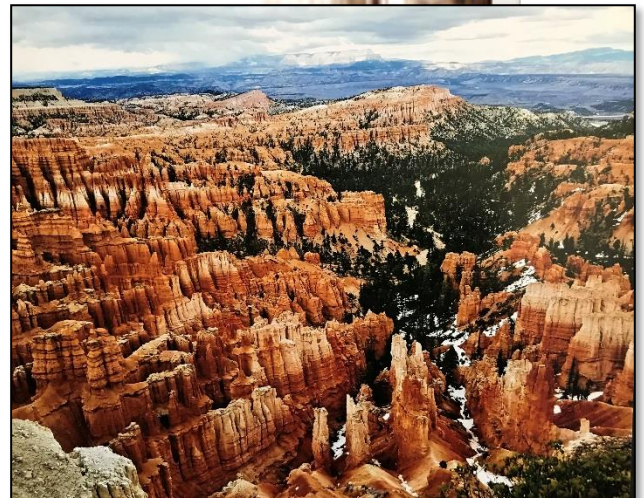


People

"My Happy Place"

Mariana Ward

Nebraska State Patrol



Nature/Scenery

"Inspiration Point"

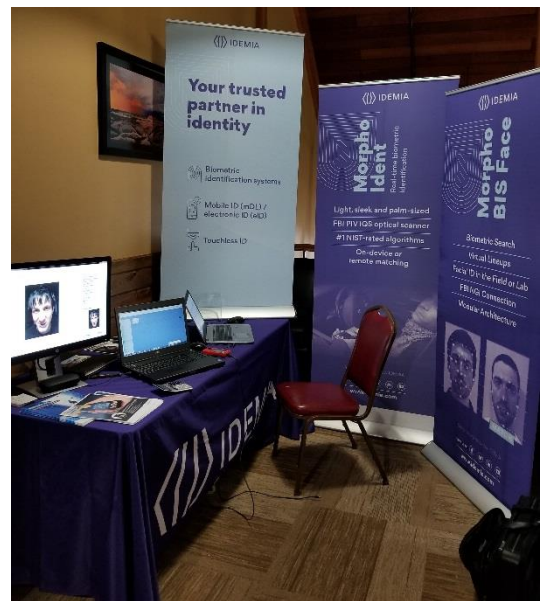
Amy Moore

Douglas County Sheriff's Office

Vendor Appreciation

This year's conference would not have been a success without the amazing support and generosity of our vendors. The NEIAI Board of Directors and the membership would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following vendors who contributed to the 2018 conference:

- IDEMIA Public Security
- Foster & Freeman, USA
- FARO Technologies
- Arrowhead Forensics
- Collision Forensic Solutions
- Foray Technologies



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The Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification (NEIAI) is a non-profit organization for those professionals engaged in forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence. In support of this goal, and in collaboration with our parent organization the International Association for Identification (IAI) the NEIAI has these goals:

- To associate persons who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, forensic investigation, forensic education, and the scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body within the State of Nebraska, so that the profession in all of its branches may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced.
- To encourage the advancement and improvement of the science of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in crime scene detection.
- To encourage research work in scientific crime detection.
- To raise the standards of all personnel engaged in scientific crime detection.
- To employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To provide training, education and publication in forensic science disciplines represented by the Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification.
- To work closely with the International Association for Identification, in furthering the profession of identification generally.

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