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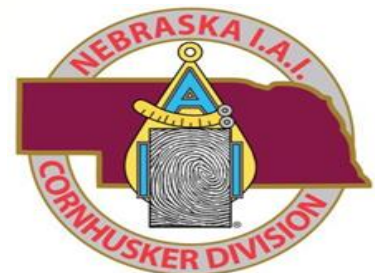
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# NEIAI 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Recap!



The 2022 NEIAI Conference is officially in the books! With a slight venue change, and a hard working and dedicated board, the 38<sup>th</sup> annual NEIAI Conference was held on April 19-20, at the Riverview Lodge, located inside Mahoney State Park in Ashland, Nebraska. Based on the feedback provided, most of the attendees felt that this new location met the mark! One hundred ninety-one (191) attendees ranging from forensic scientists, crime scene responders, evidence technicians, law enforcement officers, AFIS operators, attorneys, students and educators were in attendance. This year's conference line-up was scaled back; featuring three different agency case studies. This was done as a result of the 2022 IAI annual conference being held in Omaha, Nebraska on July 31 - August 6, 2022. Even with a tapered schedule, the conference was a success! We were honored and extremely grateful to have the local presenters that we did, as well as bringing in JoDon Edwards from the Rhode Island Crime Lab, to conduct a latent print processing workshop. The following lectures and workshops were provided during the two-day conference:

- **Welcoming Address** - Presented by Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis
- **Fentanyl/Drug Update** - Multi-agency lecture presented by Dr. Erin Linde, Forensic Pathology Specialist; and Investigators CJ Alberico & John Lukesh of the Nebraska State Patrol
- **Examining Evidence With Various Light Sources** - workshop presented by Jason Cole of Foster & Freeman, USA
- **Dr. Anthony Garcia - A Doctor's Twisted Revenge Killing Spree: Hunter, Sherman & Brumback Homicides** - case study presented by Amanda Miller, Dan Bredow, Officer Derek Mois, Sgt. Scott Warner & Investigator Nick Herfordt, all with the Omaha Police Department
- **Processing for Latent Impressions on Various Surfaces** - workshop presented by JoDon Edwards of the Rhode Island Crime Lab
- **Nebraska's Bonnie & Clyde: A Multi-agency response to Officer Involved Shooting** - case study presented by Amy Lesan & Travis Schroer of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
- **SANE Process** - lecture presented by Anne Boatright, State Forensic Nursing Coordinator
- **Arson Investigations** - lecture presented by Captain Dave Sobotka Jr. of the Omaha Fire Department
- **Jasa Suicide/Homicide** - case study presented by Jared Minary & David Lopez of the Lincoln Police Department

# NEIAI 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Recap!



During the NEIAI Business Meeting held on April 20, 2022, LaVone Tienken was honored with a gift from the NEIAI BOD. LaVone has served in the position of Board Member at Large for six (6) years and will be retiring from the FBI in December of 2022. As a way to show our gratitude for all her hard work and dedication to the NEIAI BOD, LaVone was awarded the **Lifetime Membership** status with the NEIAI! Congratulations LaVone, enjoy retirement!!

There were four (4) positions on the NEIAI Board of Directors that were up for election/re-election. The membership voted to elect/re-elect individuals to serve in the following positions: **President, Board Member at Large, Historian, and Webmaster**. Membership attendees present during the 2022 NEIAI Business Meeting elected/re-elected the following individuals to the BOD:

- ✓ **Josh Connelly (DCSO)** was elected to the post of **President**
- ✓ **Cheri Ivers (NSP)** was elected to the post of **Board Member at Large**
- ✓ **Amy Lesan (LSO)** was elected to the post of **Historian**
- ✓ **Shawn Scheffe (NSP)** was elected to the post of **Webmaster**

There will be **three (3) positions** on the NEIAI BOD open for election/re-election during the 2023 conference which will be held on April 4-5, 2023. These positions include: **Vice President, Newsletter Editor, and Board Member at Large**. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact one of the current members of the NEIAI BOD and visit our website at [www.neiai.org](http://www.neiai.org) to obtain more details regarding the Board of Directors position duties.



Speaking of upcoming retirements, the NEIAI BOD also recognized Robert (Bob) Hurley for his thirteen (13) years of service to the BOD. The NEIAI BOD would like to thank you for your service and leadership!! We hope you enjoy retirement and know that you will continue to assist the BOD in the position of Past President.

**Congrats & Thanks!**



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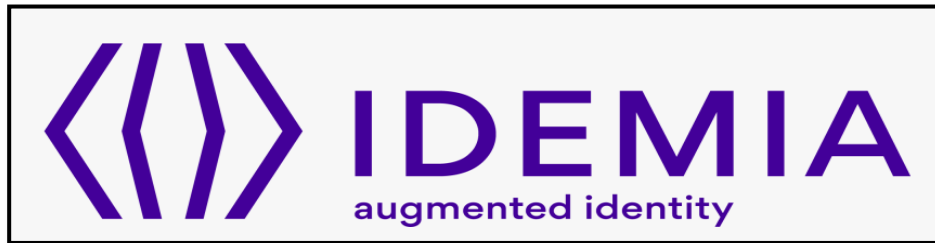


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# Notes of Gratitude!



The NEIAI BOD would like to give a special shout-out to **IDEMIA** for sponsoring the **President's Reception** and **lunches** during the 2022 NEIAI Conference. Words cannot express our gratitude! Our conference would not have been a success without your generosity and support.

***Thank you so very much!!***



# Notes of Gratitude!



The NEIAI BOD would like to thank **GLOCK** for their generous give away at the 2022 NEIAI Conference! One lucky NEIAI member at this years conference received a certificate from GLOCK, that was good for a handgun of their choice! Congratulations to **Sarah Stahly (NSP-CID)** on winning this awesome give away!!



The NEIAI BOD would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to **FORAY Technologies** for their sponsorship of the **2022 NEIAI Photo Contest!** Thanks to their sponsorship, individuals with the winning photos from each of the four (4) categories received a \$25 Amazon gift card!!



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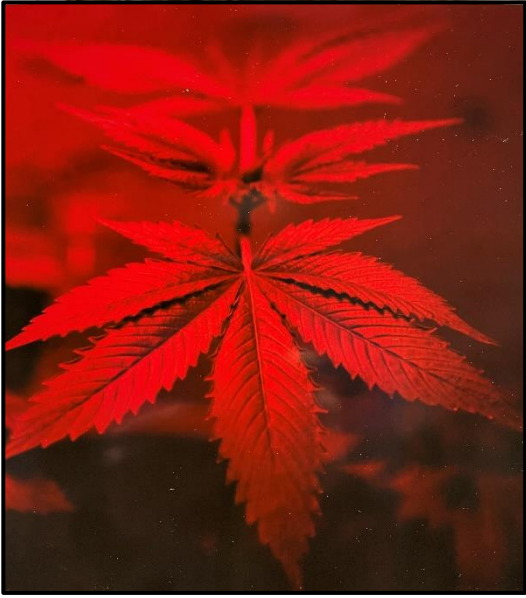
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# 2022 NELAI Photo Contest Winners



**Forensics/Crime Scene/Law  
Enforcement**

*“Grow Operation”*

Sarah Lund

Omaha Police Department



**People**

*“Splish Splash”*

Rebecca Keller

Lincoln Police Department



**Nature/Scenery**

*“Bear Lake Milky Way”*

Sarah Lund

Omaha Police Department

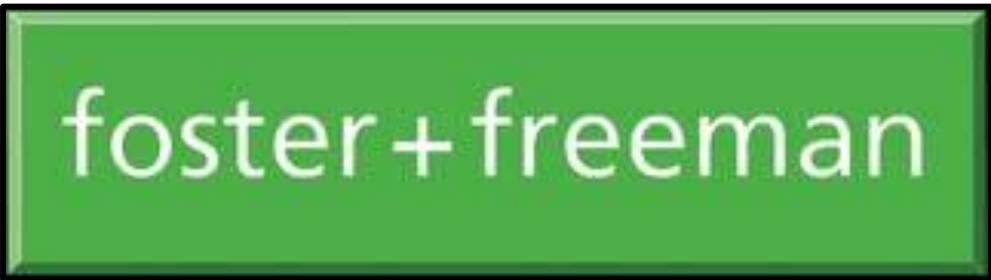


**Animals**

*“Jelly Fish”*

Rebecca Keller

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## 2022 Harold Moon Scholarship Recipients



The Harold Moon Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship that is usually awarded to only 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. 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. This year, the IAI's Annual Educational Conference is being held in **Omaha, NE on July 31 – August 6, 2022**. Since the IAI conference provides exceptional

training and great networking opportunities, and as a result of it being held in our state, the NEIAI BOD decided to award **five (5) Harold Moon Scholarships**; with each individual receiving \$500 to be used towards their attendance of the 2022 IAI conference.

*The five (5) recipients of the 2022 Harold Moon Scholarship are:*

- **Detective Ben McBride** – Norfolk Police Department
- **Madi Schwenka** – Federal Bureau of Investigation (Evidence Tech)
- **Brandi Hayes** – Federal Bureau of Investigation (ERT)
- **Sergeant Chris Weber** – Lincoln Police Department
- **Deputy Amy Lesan** – Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

**Congratulations to you all! We look forward to hearing about your conference experience!**

### To qualify for the 2023 Harold Moon Scholarship:

- Plan on attending the 2023 International Association for Identification Annual Educational Conference at the Gaylord National Resort, **National Harbor, MD, on August 20-26, 2023** (<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 [www.neiai.org](http://www.neiai.org)**) and submit an 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



## Upcoming Events!



The **2023 NEIAI Annual Educational Conference** will be held on **April 4-5, 2023**, at the Riverview Lodge, located inside Mahoney State Park in Ashland, Nebraska. If you have suggestions for the types of lectures or presenters you would like to see featured at the conference, please contact one of the current NEIAI BOD members.



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*We hope to see you there!*

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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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