

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP ON BLOODSTAIN PATTERN
ANALYSIS
(SWGSTAIN)

Spring Meeting
April 3-7, 2006
Fredericksburg, VA

The following minutes document the biannual meeting which took place in Fredericksburg, VA
April 3-7, 2006. Those in attendance were:

Anthony Onorato- *Chairperson*- FBI Laboratory
Tom Griffin- *Vice-Chairperson*- Colorado Bureau of Investigation
Jim Mudd- *Executive Secretary*- FBI Laboratory
Tom Bevel- *Executive Board Member*- TBI, LLC
Paul Kish- *Executive Board Member*- Forensic Consultant & Associates
Rhonda Craig- *Legal Subcommittee Chair*- FBI Laboratory
Ross Gardner- *Taxonomy & Terminology Subcommittee Chair*- Gardner
Forensic Consulting
Heather Seubert- *Education & Training Subcommittee Chair*- FBI Laboratory
Leeann Singley- *Quality Assurance Subcommittee Chair*- Grayson Singley
Associates, LLC
Martin Eversdijk- Institute for Criminal Investigation and Crime Scene
Neil Frasier- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Vic Gorman- Consultant
Jeff Gurvis- Consultant
Terry Laber- MDPS, BCA Crime Laboratory
Jon Nordby- Final Analysis Forensics
Phyllis Rolan- AL Dept. of Forensic Services
Bob Spalding- Spalding Forensics
Toby Wolson- Miami-Dade Police Department

Ex officio members and Invited Guests:

John Aycock- Special Texas Ranger
David Baldwin- Midwest Forensic Resource Center
Iris Dalley- Regional VP of IABPA
Philippe Esperanca- French Gendarmerie Forensic Research Institute
Jon Forsythe- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
John Frederick-IABPA
Dean Gialamas- Orange County Sheriff's Dept., Forensic Science Services
Division
Matthew Noedel- Washington State Police
Brendan Shea- Forensic Examiner, FBI Laboratory
Michael Taylor- Institute of Environmental Science and Research- New
Zealand

Monday, April 3, 2006

Tony Onorato began the meeting at 9:15 am with opening remarks and reviewing the meeting's agenda. After introductions, Onorato excused the Ex officio members and guests from the room while membership issues were addressed. After that discussion, the guests and Ex officio members were invited back.

Dean Gialamas gave a presentation on the ASCLAD/LAB proficiency review program. A question and answer session followed.

After lunch, Onorato introduced Dr. David Baldwin, who presented funded research opportunities. A question and answer session followed.

Tom Griffin introduced the next invited guest speaker, Michael Taylor. Michael Taylor, Bloodstain Pattern Analyst of the Institute of Environmental Science and Research in Auckland, New Zealand gave a presentation. A question and answer session followed.

Griffin reminded the invited guests that any documents given out during the meeting were for members only. Guests may review the documents, but may not take them.

Heather Seubert led the group in a peer review of the Training and Education document. The document was reviewed line by line in a lively discussion. At this time, the document was ready for review by the Executive Board, which in turn would forward to the group for further comment via email before the next meeting.

Rhonda Craig mentioned that the Executive Board accepted the Legal document.

Onorato mentioned on behalf of Leeann Singley that the Executive Board also accepted the Quality Assurance document.

Tuesday, April 04, 2006

Brendan Shea, Forensic Examiner of the DNA Unit I of the FBI Laboratory gave a presentation on the new website: www.swgstain.org. A discussion ensued.

Philippe Esperanca, Lead Bloodstain Pattern Analyst, French Gendarmerie Forensic Research Institute presented on bloodstain pattern analysis in France. A question and answer session followed.

Seubert updated the group on the Backtrac® validation study.

S/Sgt. Jon Forsythe of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police gave a presentation. A question and answer session followed.

The group divided into their respective subcommittees for the remainder of the day.

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

The group divided into their respective subcommittees for the entire day.

The Executive Board Meeting was held at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, April 06, 2006

The group was divided into their respective subcommittees for the morning and reconvened together after lunch.

Ross Gardner presented the progress of the Taxonomy & Terminology Subcommittee. A lively discussion ensued. Griffin made a proposal to have the taxonomy portion in place before the terminology.

Rhonda Craig provided an overview of a document on guidelines for validation. She would be emailing it to members for review before the next meeting.

Griffin made a motion to accept the fall, 2005 SWGSTAIN minutes as amended. Jon Nordby seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous decision.

The fall, 2006 meeting dates were discussed. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 6-10, 2006 in Quantico, VA.

Invited guests and Ex officio members were thanked for participating and were given the opportunity to comment on their experience.

The invited guests and Ex officio members were dismissed while membership issues were discussed.

Onorato appointed Martin to the open position in the Executive Board and this was ratified by the membership.

In accordance with the SWGSTAIN bylaws, Executive Board Regular Members will comprise the membership committee and the following rotation will occur:

Paul Kish will be rotated into Kelly Robbins' position.

Martin Eversdijk will fill the open position until that term expires in spring of 2007.

The Membership gave several names to the Chair for consideration for membership. A discussion ensued.

Onorato mentioned that he would make every effort to upload the minutes and relevant documents onto the new website in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.