

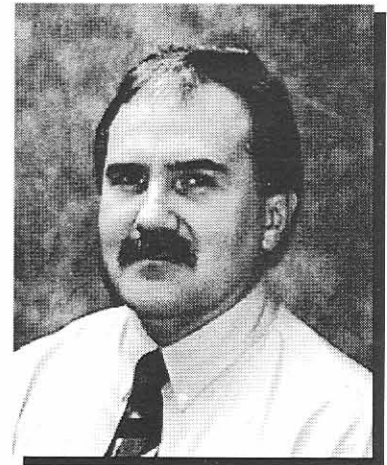


A Message from the President

Fellow Members:

Welcome to the New Year with the best IAI division in the world. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

For those of you not fortunate enough to attend the 39th Annual Educational Training Conference, let me say that it was one of the best ever. Attendance was well over (300) delegates and guests making this the largest state division conference in the country. Julie Shoff and her crew are to be congratulated for an outstanding job. I would be remiss without mentioning people like Glen Calhoun, Frank Shonberger, John Lazzaretto, Bud Haemmerle, Debbie Fischer, Elaine Ralston, Karen Bryant and Karen Cooper. We also need to thank the many exhibitors, especially Printrak Corporation for their generous support.



Members have approached me in recent months with recommendations for some changes in the organization. Positive criticism and always welcomed and appreciated. Over the next year you will see some of these changes taking place. For this New Year we have a new Editor and Secretary/Treasurer. Jo Skinner and Herman Moulden have done an excellent job but both have decided to move on. For the few that understand the commitment those positions involve, we applaud these people for their dedication and commitment to the association. The new editor, Allen Clark and myself are working hard to streamline and update the newsletter so please be patient. Due to prior printing commitments it will take several issues to make all of the changes which will include a new cover design. Many of the changes you will notice in this issue. We realize for many that this newsletter is their only link to the association and forensic issues and we are striving to make it the best one possible.

We're looking into establishing a web site that members will be able to access through the Internet. A final decision should be made by May. We are also expanding the sale of association merchandise such as the logo shirts that were such a big hit at the last conference and were sold out by the second day.

The officers running this organization have only one major goal in mind. That is to make this association the most professional and successful IAI division in the world by providing the members with a first class annual training conference and newsletter. We think we already have the best but will continue to strive to make it even better by listening to your suggestions and comments.

Although we have gotten a late start this year I would encourage the subcommittee members to become active in association activities and I would encourage every member to introduce a co-worker or associate in your field to the FDIAI. We continue to grow and our strong membership base help support the goals of the organization. We all need to get involved. If I can be of any assistance to district directors in organizing training meetings, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Jim Kammerer
President