



ASCLD Membership

- 666 current members of ASCLD
 - 503 Regular
 - 81 Retired
 - 62 Emeritus
 - 20 Academic
- Regular members are crime laboratory leaders
 - directors, technical leaders, program managers, supervisors, and quality managers
- Membership drive in conjunction with upcoming St. Louis symposium is in progress
 - 40 new member applications received as of 02/01/2019

2018-2019 ASCLD Strategic Plan Overview

GOALS	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
Cultivate Forensic Science Leaders	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide training for domestic and international forensic science leaders.2. Promote information sharing both domestically and internationally.
Promote Quality Operations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote universal accreditation and certification.2. Lead standards development.3. Foster critical forensic quality partnerships.4. Promote the use of sound business principles.
Serve as a Trusted Voice in Forensic Science	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Advocate on behalf of the ASCLD membership to public leaders and community partners.2. Provide reliable information to the public.
Advance the Science in Forensic Science	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Encourage a scholarly culture of science in forensic laboratories.2. Support the execution of fundamental and applied research projects.3. Aid the translation of research into practice.
Pursue ASCLD Organizational Excellence	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Foster a culture of organizational ethics.2. Ensure ASCLD leadership transparency.3. Maintain financial responsibility.4. Attract and enrich domestic and international membership.

Training and Education:

- New Forensic Science International-Synergy Journal Affiliation
- Leadership Academy
 - 53 participants at 2018 annual symposium
 - ASCLD International Leadership Academy – Mexico City August 2018
 - First International Leadership Academy Train the Trainer Program held in Mexico City
 - Leadership Academy held in Puerto Rico in January 2019 with 30 participants
- Webinars with RTI
 - Train the Directors Series
 - Accreditation – changes and transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards

ASCLD Standards and Accreditation Initiatives

- US TAG TC 272
 - Attended ISO Meetings in Stockholm and Mexico City
 - Published 2 ISO Standards: 21043-1 and 21043-2
 - Will host ISO TC 272 Meeting in St. Louis at ASCLD Symposium
 - Mirror committee
- OSAC QIC and FSSB
- Interaction with ASB and advertisement of standards in process
- ASCLD Domestic Accreditation Initiative Task Force
 - Team is assisting a laboratory in achieving accreditation
 - Beta testing with several labs—**official launch March 2019**
- ABC
 - Representation on Examination Committee and Board of Directors

Member Resources

- The Member Resource Committee includes the following task forces:
 - Emerging Drugs (previously Opioid)
 - “Opioid Safety and Handling: Best Practice Recommendations”
 - Rapid DNA
 - Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)---workshop at St. Louis Symposium
 - Stress and Trauma
 - Sexual Assault Kit Initiative—state and local lab survey currently in the wild
- *Manager’s Toolkit webpage* – provides compilations of example policies to use as a starting place or as a comparison
 - *Case Acceptance Policies for Trace/Touch DNA* (published 11/18)
 - Employee Drug Testing (in process)
 - Discipline Caseload Expectations (next subject)
- All labs encouraged to consider sharing their de-identified policies

ASCLD Emerging Drugs Task Force

- NFLIS-Tox National Data Collection
 - <https://www.nflis.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>
- HIDTA ODMap Data Collection
 - Hospitals, ME, Coroners, First Responders
 - <http://hidta.org/ODMap>
- HIDTA Science Trends Open Network Exchange (STONE)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants
 - https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=72
- CDC Availability (for DEA Licensees) of Fentanyl Standards
- Industrial Hemp vs. Marijuana
- Emerging Fentanyl Derivatives
- National Helium Gas Supply

Advocacy

- \$30 Million in Coverdell funding (authorization of \$17 Million)
- Creation of the NIJ FLN-TWG
- Testified in Senate on Debbie Smith Reauthorization (working on bill)
- Opioid bills and funding
- “National Forensic Science Week” Recognized Congressionally—1st time
- Legislative and funding expansion of ESOOS program
- Data sharing efforts with CDC (NVDRS, NFLIS-Tox, etc.)
- Contributed significantly to GAO Report on DNA funding
- NIJ Needs assessment for forensic labs and ME offices

Communications

Crime Lab Minute (CLM)

- Weekly email newsletter for members highlighting key ASCLD activities and initiatives, forensic news, and items
- NEW: redesign of CLM upon switch to new platform, addition of features including federal updates, calendar of upcoming events, funding opportunities

ASCLD Website www.ascld.org

- Includes resources for the public regarding ASCLD initiatives, policies and position statements, meetings & training, and jobs. Members have additional access to tools, previous symposia presentations, membership directory, and various files and other resources.
- NEW: Website update in final stages; will include cleaner design, improved event calendar, auto-populated news feed, forensic standards feed, and an up-to-the-minute Crime Lab Minute

Social Media

- Several platforms currently, including Facebook, Twitter
- NEW: Created a Social Media Team to achieve goals to explore additional platforms and provide consistent messaging

ASCLD Forensic Research Committee

- Laboratories and Educators Alliance Program (LEAP)
 - The goal of LEAP is to facilitate collaborative research between academia and forensic science laboratories. This joint effort between the American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) and the Council of Forensic Science Educators (COFSE) identifies forensic science needs and provides a platform for laboratories, researchers, and students to seek projects aligning with their mutual research capabilities.
- Evaluation/Validation Tracking (in development)
 - Working on increasing visibility on past evaluation and validations to share information and reduce redundant efforts moving forward.
- Future Research Collaborations (in development)
 - Working on coordinating research projects as a forensic science community.
- Research Award (in development)
 - Establishing award that would promote research efforts within ASCLD.

2018 Annual Symposium

- Carrie Morgan Whitcomb Distinguished Leadership Address
- Bring your own slides presentations started at 2018 symposium
- New Awards in addition to Briggs J. White Award (Laura Sudkamp—Kentucky State Lab Director—2018 recipient)
 - Member of the Year
 - Best FTCOE Webinar
 - Best Leadership Capstone
 - Best Presentation by a Member
 - Foresight Awards
 - Foresight Maximus Award

2019 Annual Symposium

- **St. Louis, MO – May 20-24th, 2019**
 - All speakers and Instructors have been selected
 - Registration is live at ascldsymposium.com
- **Leadership Academy**
 - Starts On-line February 2019
 - Capstone at symposium May 19-20, 2019
- **Special Events at the Symposium**
 - Retired members get together
 - Bring your own Slides Night
 - International/first time attendees get together
 - Meetings of FLN-TWG, ASCIA, TC 272, RTI Just Science, and others

Future Symposia

- Denver, Colorado, March 29 – April 2, 2020
- Boston, Massachusetts, April 11 – 15, 2021
- Reno, Nevada, April 24 – 28, 2022

ASCLD International Efforts

- ASCLD International Committee
 - Promote new relationships in the international forensic community for leadership engagement, accreditation, and knowledge transfer
- Central America Region Forensic Conference
 - Training workshop supporting regional accreditation
 - San Jose, Costa Rica March 20-22nd, 2018
- European Academy of Forensic Sciences, Lyon, France
 - INTERPOL Symposium Organizing Committee meeting
 - IFSA Meeting
- Spanish Speaking Working Group
 - Establish network to discuss current trends in leadership, quality, and accreditation

ASCLD Nominations & Awards

- Collecting nominations for members for Board of Directors
- Collecting nominations for Briggs-White Award
- Applications for ASCLD Scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students due February 15th
- Working on implementing ABC Ed Rhodes Scholarship for 1 ABC examination sitting

FORESIGHT

- JusticeTrax and Porter Lee beta tested and fully implemented automated reporting tool from LIMS
- March 2019 Meeting in SLC (contact Jay Henry)
- Implementation of digital forensics labs
- Working with more business schools and data collaborators

Puerto Rico

- MOU with NAAG and PR DPS
- Trips in April 2018, October 2018, January 2019, April 2019
- Technical teams in all disciplines January 2019
- ASCLD Leadership academy taught to 30 people
- Collaboration with Federal government (NIJ, BJA, HHS, FEMA)
- Next trip is anthropology, pathology