

Dear FDIAI members,

I want to thank you all for presenting me with the distinguished honor of being your next newly elected President of the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification (FDIAI). As many presidents have stated before me, the FDIAI is the largest state-chartered division of the parent body International Association for Identification (IAI).

I also want to thank all of those who took the time to attend the 63rd Annual Training Conference that was held in Orlando, Florida at the Doubletree by Hilton at Seaworld. We are fortunate enough to host one of the largest annual forensic training conferences available in the country and this conference did not disappoint. Our conferences depend on the instructors, the exhibitors/vendors, and last but not least, our attendees and members. Also, a special thank you to our conference planning team, who seamlessly make our conferences go smoothly without any interruptions. I would like to invite those interested in speaking at the next conference to truly consider it. We are always looking for new instructors and new material. Also, our regional directors are always looking for instructors as well for free region training opportunities.

As president of this prestigious organization, I will work closely with all of those involved on the Board of Directors to continue providing exceptional training opportunities as well as venturing into new unchartered territories. Also, I will work closely with the Conference Planner and Speaker Coordinator to make sure our next conference is even better than the last. I vow to ensure our Science and Practices Committees keep all members up to date with any new technology, challenges, and case reviews within the multitude of forensic disciplines this fine organization encompasses.

I want to take this moment to recognize all the regional directors (past and present), the past presidents and especially the Board of Directors for helping make this organization the best that it can be. Next, I would like to mention the FDIAI Newsletter and encourage members to submit interesting case studies or articles for consideration by the Editor. Finally, I would like to promote donating to the Reinhart Scholarship Fund to help aid a student in need.

The forensic discipline is constantly changing and as an organization, I believe we should adapt to changes as well. I want to hear from the members of this organization, any fresh ideas you may have or any input on how we can improve our trainings, the conference, newsletters, etc. If you would like to become more involved in the FDIAI, please do not hesitate to contact me or any one on the Board. We are always looking for new faces to add to our committees, regional directors, and Board of Directors.

It has been a long journey to this point, and I am looking forward to the next chapter of my story. Thank you all for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I want to wish you all a very successful 2024.

Sincerely,

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