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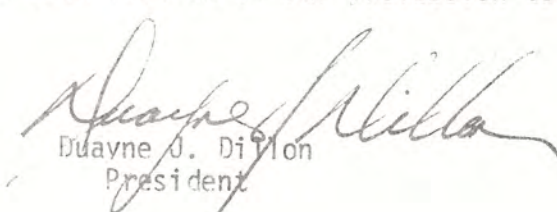
Dear Members:

This year the Association will continue to expand its membership thereby expanding the problem of communication among the members. The viability of our Association depends upon the active participation of all members, and such participation requires more than the occasional presence of members at our semi-annual seminars. The monthly regional meetings continue to play an increasingly important role in promoting year-round productive activity of the Association. They also provide an opportunity for members to contact their representatives on the Board and committee members in order that the many worthwhile and progressive suggestions of members can be implemented by our organization.

This year an effort has been made to staff the committees with many members who have not had the opportunity to previously participate directly in the functioning of the Association. Their success depends upon the enthusiastic cooperation of all members.

The new Training Resources Committee represents one of many innovative steps which can be undertaken to insure that the California Association of Criminalists fulfills its mission toward our profession.

I encourage each member to consider and promote activities which will insure that our Association will not only increase numerically, but will effectively increase the contribution of our profession to the entire criminal justice system.


Duayne J. Dillon
President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP WANTED

In order for your Newsletter to serve the interests and needs of the membership, it is vital that you contribute material to be shared with your colleagues. The Recording Secretary would welcome information from any member relating to new technical developments, literature, legislation, job openings and training opportunities. Suggestions of other areas of interest to the membership which could be incorporated into the Newsletter would also be greatly appreciated.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Applications for Affiliate Membership will be accepted and processed by the Membership Secretary up to one week before the Fall Seminar, so that they may be presented to the Board for approval at the fall meeting. Members who wish to sponsor applicants for Affiliate Member are urged to encourage the students to apply without delay and are reminded that the applicants must submit a CII fingerprint card with their applications. An application form is enclosed with this Newsletter. Applications should be returned to Cecil Hider, Stanford Research Institute, 333 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park, Ca, 94025.

CORRECTION OF ABSTRACTS

A correction should be made in the report on technical papers submitted at the 39th Semi-annual Seminar in Ventura. The paper entitled "The Qualitative Analysis of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide by Means of the 10-Hydroxy Derivative" was presented by Edward Blake, University of California, Berkeley, whose name was omitted from the abstracts.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Problems have been encountered at some of the northern regional meetings when members have arrived for dinner without making prior reservations. Members are requested to respond to the announcements of up-coming meeting so that the meeting host will be able to make proper arrangements for the dinner.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

President Dillon has asked the Awards Committee to investigate the possibility of establishing other types of awards, in addition to the Roger Greene Award, which would be used to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of members of the CAC. The Awards Committee would like to hear the thoughts of the membership on ways and means that could be used to honor those of their fellow members who have made special contribution to Criminalistics through the years. Please communicate your ideas to committee Chairman Ron Briglia or members Ed Miller and Jerry Chisum.

FALL SEMINAR

The 40th Semi-annual Seminar of the California Association of Criminalists will be held in Sacramento, California, at the Mansion Inn, on October 19,20,21, 1972. A major change from past seminars will be the dedication of the first full day to the subject of microscopy. For further information, contact Seminar Chairmen Allan Gilmore and David Burd at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Laboratory, 4400 "V" Street, Sacramento, California, 95817, telephone (916) 454-5704.

AMERICAN ACADEMY MEETING

The next meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Hilton International Hotel, on February 19-23, 1973. Program Chairmen are Bryan Finkle and Ted Elzerman.

POSITIONS OPEN

- (1) Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office: The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office has an opening for Criminalist I, salary range \$994-1209 per month; applications available from the Santa Clara County Personnel Department, County Administration Building, Room 607, 70 West Hedding, San Jose, Ca, 95110.
- (2) Alameda County Sheriff's Office: The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has an opening which may be filled at either the Criminalist I or Criminalist II level, depending on the qualifications of the applicant. Salary ranges are \$1054-1220 per month from Criminalist I and \$1107-1346 for Criminalist II. Contact the Alameda County Civil Service, County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, California for further information.
- (3) City of Phoenix, Arizona: The City of Phoenix has an opening for Criminalist II, salary range \$11,652-14,640 per year. For more information write Personnel Department, 251 West Washington Street, Room 500, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003.

COMMENT ON RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

There is an increasing tendency for local agencies to enter the State Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) under contracts between state and local governments. The State Government Code sections in and around Section 20200 may be of interest to CAC members in this regard. In particular, Section 20200 itself defines "policeman" under the State Code in such a way that it appears that certain police civilians, possibly including Criminalists, are entitled to be classified as "safety members" relative to PERS. Personnel not familiar with this code and its interpretation may be interested in evaluating its significance and application to their particular situation. Any CAC member who has previously investigated this or related code sections is asked to communicate with John E. Davis, Oakland Police Department.

NEW LITERATURE

The following documents are available through the National Technical Information Service:

- PB 208 308 "The Study of Possible Influences of Licit and Illicit Drugs on Driver Behavior", S.W. Berg et al, Institute for Research in Public Safety, Indiana University, Bloomington, Dec '71, paper copy \$5.45.
- PB 208 453 "The Drinking Driver: Guidelines for Court Personnel", Joscelyn et al, Indiana University, Bloomington, Oct '71, paper copy \$3.00.
- PB 208 454 Same Title: "A Survey of the Literature" (Court Procedures Survey, Volume I)
- PB 208 455 Same Title: "A Survey of Legal Issues" (Court Procedures Survey, Volume II)
- PB 208 456 Same Title: "A Survey of Current Court Practices" (Court Procedures Survey, Vol III)
- PB 208 457 Same Title: "A Survey of Treatment Alternatives" (Court Procedures Survey, Vol IV)
- PB 208 458 "A Survey of Court Procedures For Handling of Problem Drinkers Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated" Summary.

All of the above are available at \$3.00 per copy (paper) or 95¢ for microfiche.

TECHNICAL NOTES

NEW ILLICIT DRUG

Orange County has recently encountered in several cases a substance which appears to be phencyclidine with a substitution on the phenyl ring. It has not yet been identified. Anyone with ideas or further information is asked to contact Jim White or Larry Ragle, Orange County Sheriff's Office, (714) 834-3073.

TAKAYAMA REAGENT

The reagent recommended by Kirk in "Crime Investigation" for the Takayama crystal test does not have good storage properties and is usually made up fresh for immediate use. We have been using the reagent made up in two parts ; (1) 10 ml 10% sodium hydroxide plus 20 ml pyridine diluted to 95 ml with water, (2) 10% glucose solution, aqueous. (1) and (2) are stored in the refrigerator and mixed 1 ml of (1) to 1 drop of (2), as needed. Reagents made up on February 16 were still in use July 21, so an age factor has yet to be determined. They are good for at least six months. (1) is stored in a glass stoppered bottle and (2) in a dropping bottle.

H. M. Irvin, Kern County Sheriff's Office

CONCENTRATION OF ANTIBODY FACTORS

In an attempt to improve the avidity of some commercial anti-sera recently acquired by our laboratory, we made use of the water-absorbing properties of Lyphogel(Gelman). Preliminary experiments indicated that it was possible to increase the avidity(or at least the titer) of the anti-A and anti-B sera to a considerable degree by absorbing the sera with Lyphogel. This procedure did not appear to affect the specificity of the sera as used in the absorption- elution technique for typing dried bloodstains.

J. E. Davis, Oakland Police Department

BE SURE YOUR VOTE IS CAST AT THE NEXT CAC BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 1972

As our membership grows, it becomes increasingly difficult to obtain a quorum at the Business Meeting and becomes more and more important that those members who are unable to attend the meeting make sure they are represented by a proxy vote held by a member who will be present. If you will not be able to attend the next business meeting, PLEASE fill out the form below and give it to a member who will attend, along with your instructions as to how you want your vote cast.

_____ shall be entitled to cast my proxy vote on any
Name- Member or Life Member only
and all matters of business at the Fall 1972 Seminar of the California Association
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_____ Date

_____ Signature- Member or Life Member Only

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