



# NEWSLETTER

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### I. President's Message

Be sure to read the letter from Jan Bashinski, our president, which is included in this mailing. It includes a list of the committees, their members, and their goals. These goals are, of course, the goals of the CAC.

### II. Semiannual Seminar

- A. The Fall 1977 Seminar is our 50th semiannual seminar and is being held in the same location as the first, in San Jose, October 13-15, 1977. A special session on the 15th with Dr. Walter McCrone is planned. Contact the Santa Clara Co. Laboratory for further information.
- B. The Spring 1978 Seminar will be hosted by the San Bernardino Co. Crime Lab.

### III. Announcements

- A. The next CAC Board Meetings will be at The Aerospace Corporation on July 23 and in Oakland on August 27th.
- B. I am planning to implement a rigorous schedule for mailing of the Newsletters. The deadline for sending your inputs for the next newsletter is September 9th.
- C. The mailing list for the Southern Section is being updated. At this time it includes only members' names. If you know someone that wants to be on the list, have them write to me or Ken Goddard.

D.

"The Contra Costa County Criminalistics Laboratory will host a home-cooked spaghetti dinner meeting on Saturday evening, August 20, 1977. The meeting will be held at our Deputy Sheriffs' Association Hall and the dinner will be prepared and served by our laboratory staff.

"The meal will consist of spaghetti, salad, bread, wine and dessert. Tentative cost is set at approximately \$4 per person.

"The technical program will consist of pool playing, cards, darts, dancing, sampling John Patty's concoctions at the bar and general carousing.

"I hope you can come."

IV. Association Business

A. The enclosed message from the President contains a listing of the members of the CAC committee for 1977-78.

B. Guidelines for the CAC Awards Committee -

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS:

Certificate of Appreciation This certificate is designed to be presented to any non-member making a presentation to the CAC as a guest speaker at a local meeting, banquet speaker, or guest lecturer at a Seminar, and is awarded automatically by the Committee at the request of any member. It will be the responsibility of the Regional Director, Seminar Chairman, or other person arranging for the guest speaker to request the Committee to prepare this award.

The wording of the Certificate of Appreciation is also appropriate for the recognition of an outstanding paper or technical presentation by a member to the Association. A member may be nominated for this award by any other member or by the Awards Committee. If the certificate is used to honor the outstanding professional work of a member, it is awarded after unanimous vote of the Committee and approval by the Board.

Service Award This award is presented to a member in recognition of outstanding service to the Association. Examples of such contributions are organizing or presenting special training or workshop sessions and accomplishing especially productive committee work. Nominations for this award may be made by any member, but it is the responsibility of the Committee to seek recommendations from the members and to originate nominations as appropriate. This Award requires unanimous vote of the three member committee and approval of the Board.

B. (Guidelines, etc.)

Roger Greene Memorial Award This award is the highest honor which can be conferred by the California Association of Criminalists. After formal, written nomination by a member, approval by the unanimous vote of the Awards Committee, and approval by the Board of Directors, the award is conferred by a vote of at least three-fourths of the voting members present at a regular business meeting. The award is given only to criminalists or specialists within the field of criminalistics in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field. The recipient need not be a member of the Association. A copy of CAC policy relating to the Roger Greene Award, formulated in 1963, is attached along with a statement of philosophy prepared by the Awards Committee of 1969. To date, the Award has been presented five times, to Ray Pinker (1965), Paul Kirk (1966), Jack Cadman (1970), Brian Culliford (1971), and John E. Davis (1976).

Executive Committee  
California Association of Criminalists

Gentlemen:

At this time the Roger S. Greene Memorial Award Committee has no name to suggest as an award recipient. We have, however, been considering the procedures to be followed in making future awards and wish to submit them to you and the membership of C.A.C.

The policies adopted for making such awards were voted upon a number of years ago by the membership. These policies are rather explicit and should need no changes at the present time. There does, however, appear to be some misunderstanding concerning the method for selecting recipients. To briefly review these, the policy decisions state that any member may propose the name of an individual at a business meeting of the Association or in writing. In all cases a complete written justification and explanation of the contributions of the individual whose name is proposed are required. The latter has not been followed by those who have made proposals in the past but will be required by this committee in the future.

Once a name has been suggested, the final decision concerning an award proposal is completely in the hands of the three members of the committee. Only after their approval is the award proposal presented for consideration by the membership. This does give the committee very complete control regarding the granting of such awards. If any member or group of members does not approve of this method the policies should be changed.

The requirements for the award are completely covered in the present policy and these should remain unchanged. It is our belief that the Roger Greene Award should be a high honor, bestowed by the Association upon an outstanding individual for one or more accomplishments far beyond the normal expected of association members or other forensic scientists. We are not hunting for an individual deserving of the award, but rather, when superior and unusual contributions to the profession are made by a forensic scientist the justification for an award will be immediately apparent to all members. The only way we have of honoring such an individual is by the presenting of this award.

#### B. Awards - Guidelines (cont'd)

The first award was presented to Ray Pinker and the second to Paul Kirk. Suggestions have also been made that awards be presented to two other senior members of the Association. The committee has hesitated in approving these others since we have a real fear that the presentation of the award could eventually become a mutual "back-scratching" affair. For this reason we have no intention of proposing awards to members of our association just because they have conducted many research studies and taken an active part in the Association for lengthy periods even though their contributions have been considerably more than the average.

It is the belief of this committee that very few awards should ever be given and no attempt will be made to locate a recipient. When the individual who should be honored by the award comes to our attention, it should be immediately apparent to every other member of the Association that he should be so honored.

By following this policy, it is our belief that there will be little need for discussion of an award proposal at a business meeting since all members will already be aware of such an individual and his accomplishments. We would also expect that the committee would receive formal letters from a fairly large percentage of our active membership requesting that such an individual's name be proposed.

Roger S. Greene III Memorial Award Committee

DAVID Q. BURD

JOHN E. DAVIS

A. BIASOTTI

1969

REPORT OF ROGER S. GREENE III MEMORIAL AWARD COMMITTEE

The Committee recommend that the following policy be adopted by the California Association of Criminalists for making Roger S. Greene III Memorial Awards.

FORM: An engraved parchment type award similar to a college diploma which will be mounted and/or framed. A new award will be prepared each time a presentation is made. The exact lettering and statements made on the award can be altered from time to time but the basic form will remain the same. All awards shall include at least a resume<sup>1</sup> of the accomplishments for which the award is presented.

FREQUENCY OF AWARDS: No limitation. The award to be presented as circumstances warrant.

HOW PRESENTED: Presented in person to the recipient by the President of C.A.C. at a formal banquet, if practical. If the recipient cannot be present, the award should be sent by mail along with a cover letter from the President explaining in more detail the reasons for the presentation.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS: Any member of C.A.C. may propose the name of an individual as a possible award recipient. This may be done at a business meeting of the Association or in writing at any time. In all cases, a complete written justification and explanation of the contributions of the individual whose name is proposed will be required. Such a proposal shall not be considered by the membership as a whole until it has been studied and approved by all three members of the Award Committee. When so approved the Committee will make the final award proposal at the next regular business meeting of the Association. After discussion by the membership, a vote will be taken by secret

ballot. It will require an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of all members of the Association with voting privileges who are present at a regular meeting for the award to be approved and presented.

REQUIREMENTS: The award will only be given to criminalists or specialists in a scientific discipline within the field of criminalistics. Any qualifying persons are eligible, not just members of C.A.C. The principal reason for making the award would be an outstanding contribution to the field of criminalistics. Contributions which have aided or promoted the work and development of C.A.C. should be considered to be of importance but qualified persons outside of this organization are eligible. Contributions will include any one or combination of the following:

- (1) Outstanding and unusual professional work on specific investigations.
- (2) Outstanding research and publication of the results or presentation as a formal paper before a meeting of C.A.C..
- (3) A series of papers presented at different times covering a wide range of subject matter which show skillful work.
- (4) Unusual contributions to the education of criminalists.
- (5) High level direction or development of criminalistic laboratories.
- (6) Some other unusual and significant contributions to the improvement of the profession of criminalistics.

Under normal circumstances, an award will not be given for a specific paper presented or for some other routine type activity. Rather, the award is for unusual and outstanding work. In most instances, the receiver should be what most members would class as a skilled and experienced worker of high ability and integrity within the professional field of criminalistics. While no monetary or other benefit will be given in connection with the award, it should be considered by the recipient as a sign of respect and admiration for work in the professional field of criminalistics. Awards may be presented for contributions

meeting the basic requirements which have occurred at any time, past, present or future. The form of the award will also be such that individuals seeing it on the wall of an office will realize that the recipient's fellow workers believe that he is an outstanding individual in his field of endeavor. At the same time, the award should be presented in a manner that will aid in promoting C.A.C. but this is of secondary importance. In addition to this, the very wording on the award will serve as a memorial to Roger S. Greene.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: DAVID Q. BURD

RAYMOND H. PINKER

ALFRED A. BIASOTTI

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V. Positions Open

A.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab, Reno, Nevada, has two positions available immediately.

The first position is that of a Forensic Chemist. Primary responsibility will be the analysis of narcotics and drugs. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in the physical or natural sciences, at least one year's experience and court qualification.

A second position is open for a Criminalist. Duties include general examination and evaluation of physical evidence of all types. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in the physical or natural sciences, three year's experience and court qualification.

Send resumes to Undersheriff Vincent G. Swinney, Washoe County Sheriff's Department, P. O. Box 2915, Reno, Nevada 89505.

V. Positions Open (cont'd)

B. FORENSIC SEROLOGY POSITION OPEN

The US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory-Europe, located in Frankfurt Germany, is presently recruiting for a position vacancy in January 1977. The qualifications required to fill the position are a bachelor's degree in chemistry (or be able to meet the US Civil Service requirements for job classification "GS-1320-II Chemist"), plus have a minimum of three years experience in forensic analysis which includes serological examinations (blood, semen, hair) and court testimony.

The position is rated at the GS-II level (current salary range \$17,056-\$22,177 per year) and includes liberal overseas benefits (eg. housing allowance up to \$4,950 per year).

For information on the federal procedures of applications, consult with the nearest US Civil Service Commission Office.

For additional information on the position, or to apply, contact:

Charles R. Hall  
Chief Chemist  
US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory-Europe  
APO N.Y. 09757  
Telephone: (0611) 54 62 50

or

Mr. William Ron Patsey  
Civilian Personnel Management Specialist  
US Army Criminal Investigation Command  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041  
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VI. Positions Wanted

A. Sandy Piner:

Background includes a Medical Technology degree, 9 years experience as a medical technologist, 2 years teaching at the University of Vermont, and 2 years experience at USACIL-EUROPE as a forensic serologist. Furthermore, she has recently completed study in advanced forensic serological techniques at the Metropolitan Police Laboratory in London (Scotland Yard). Mrs. Piner is interested in employment in Monterey County to the San Francisco Bay Area. Until March of 1978, she can be contacted directly at:

Department of the Army  
U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Command  
U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory - Europe  
APO New York 09757

B. Roger Thompson: 85 Coachlight Court, Springfield, IL 62703

Mr. Thompson, a criminalist with the Illinois Bureau of Identification (Springfield) is seeking a position in California. He has a BA degree in Biology and an MA degree in Social Justice Professions.

My current position and skills are presently directed toward performing firearms criminal case examinations including range determinations, serial number restorations, and an emphasis on malfunction and accidental situations. These cases comprised approximately 80 percent of my case load, and have developed into a specialization for my laboratory. The remaining 20 percent of the cases consist of tool marks, tire track-shoe prints, physical fit or hit and run evidence comparisons.

My yearly case load totals between 200 - 250 cases of this type. I testify in court more than most of the examiners in the state laboratory system, which adds to approximately 100 cases in my five-year career. In the Illinois system, I have also been given the opportunity to assist in the supervision and training of four (4) firearms and tool mark examiners, who are currently working in branch laboratories within Illinois. Also included in my duties are presentations and representation of our Bureau with various law enforcement agencies and college curriculums.

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#### EXPERIENCE

1955 through 1975 (with interruption for special assignment in U.S., below). Medical Corps Officer, Regular, Armed Forces of the Philippines; with final position as Deputy for Technical Services, Headquarters Crime Laboratory, Camp Crame. Now Retired, on optional basis, in rank of Colonel.

Responsible for organization and management of medical, hospital and laboratory services to fill needs of Armed Forces. Oriented and briefed newly called medical officers concerning duties and responsibilities. Organized medical teams for support of troops in field. Set up and organized Presidential Guards medical dispensary, now complete 100-bed hospital. Sent to U.S. for course of advanced study while serving as medical officer to Presidential Security Command; on completion of ten-month course, assumed duties as Zone Surgeon. Subsequently promoted to Deputy Chief Surgeon at Camp Crame General Headquarters. Thereafter on extended leave for position in U.S., with permit issued by State of Illinois on basis of credentials submitted. Recalled to service as Deputy for Technical Services, to participate instrumentally in organization of Crime Laboratory; then sent to State University (University of the Philippines) to round out education with graduate degree in Hospital Administration.

Career was marked by continuing education as well as regular promotion and growth in responsibility. Played key part in organization of medical teams for field support, and in setting up of crime laboratory which now supports requirements of all major services, i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force and national police known as Philippine Constabulary. As Chief of Technical Services, directed multiple technical branches, viz., Polygraph, Dactyloscopy, Forensic Chemistry, Physical Identification, Ballistics, Photo, Questioned Documents, Medico-Legal.

During 1971 - 1972 leave, served as Staff Physician at Veterans Home in Quincy, Illinois, to acquire experience and training in setting up and operation of such facilities.

Assisted in organization and staffing of different areas of service—professional / medical / nursing / laboratory / ancillary. Supervised administrative functions, including audits in areas from medical records to supplies, as well as operational matters; coordinated with plant engineer concerning overall operational aspects of (two-plant) facility.

Acquired thorough familiarity with all requirements, including relationship to total management and to achievement of institutional solvency.

To 1955. Student; plus two years as Medical Intern in U.S.

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P. F. Jones  
Secretary