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PLEASE DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER Dear Fellow CAC Member:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have responded to the committee preference forms with suggestions for the coming year. I hope that we can continue to keep the lines of communication open between the membership, the committees, and the Board. I will do my best to keep you informed of the progress we make toward our goals throughout the year.

The committees have been appointed: a list of the members of each committee and a brief description of their charges is attached. Please contact these people with any ideas you may have relating specifically to the goals of the committees. You may want to pay particular attention to the work of three committees which will be dealing with especially important tasks this year—the Certification Committee, the Journal Committee and the Training and Resources Committee.

The Ad Hoc Certification Committee (Bob Ogle, Chairman) is continuing to discuss the possible involvement of the CAC in a certification program. You will soon be receiving a question-aire from this committee dealing with the National Certification effort and asking your opinion about the on-going efforts of the CAC Certification Committee. I urge you to consider the questions very seriously and to give a great deal of thought to your answers to this poll. At the request of the Board, I will continue to represent the CAC at the meetings of the National Certification Study Committee. The positions I take as your representative to this national committee will be determined by your responses to this questionaire.

The Ad Hoc Journal Committee (Jerry Mitosinka, Chairman) is considering the problems we have been experiencing with the Journal of the Forensic Science Society. This committee will be looking at possible alternative approaches for publication of CAC papers. It is hoped that the committee will develop recommendations to be submitted for your consideration at the Spring 1978 Seminar.

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The Training and Resources Committee (Jim White, Chairman) continues to carry out some very exciting projects, including the support of study groups and the gathering of data on laboratory resources within the CAC. This committee will be considering new projects as well, such as in-service training guidelines for evidence technicians and criminalists.

The Board has two meetings scheduled for this summer, July 23 in Los Angeles and August 27 in Oakland. The Board will be undertaking several projects this year. We will develop a comprehensive policy dealing with Ethics Committee matters. We will examine ways to improve the efficiency of the Board such as employing a Secretarial Service and improving our budgeting procedures. In addition, we may be asking the membership to consider changes in the By-laws regarding the terms of officers which should minimize problems of transition between outgoing and incoming Boards.

The Fall Seminar this year is the 50th semi-annual Seminar and will be held in San Jose, where the first one was hosted by Lowell Bradford. It seems fitting that we should make special plans recognizing the history of the CAC at this Seminar. Jerry Chisum, along with Seminar Program Chairman Robert Gadd, will coordinate the commemorative aspects of the Seminar. Please contact them with any suggestions you may have for appropriate commemorative activities.

Again, thanks to all of you who have already contributed suggestions and volunteered for committee service. The Board will welcome your comments as we continue to work toward our goals.

Best wishes,

an S. Bashinski

President

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CAC COMMITTEES 1977-1978

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Dorothy Northey, Chairman Philip Lum and Steve McJunkins

Receive nominations for awards and, upon Board approval, arrange for the preparation of awards. Awards are Service Award, Speaker Award, Roger Greene Award.

ETHICS COMMITTEE:

Bob Ekhaml, Chairman John Murdock and John Thornton

Investigate ethics charges; prepare report and recommendations for the membership.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

Elliott Hensel, Chairman John Davidson, George Roche, Duayne Dillon

Keep records pertaining to the history of the CAC and of Criminalistics in California.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION COMMITTEE:

Berniece Stone, Chairman Gus Kvick and Francis Turney

Keep CAC up-to-date on new and pending legislation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Art Young, Chairman Brandon Armstrong and Kathi Holmes

Select slate of nominees for CAC offices for election at Spring Seminar.

PUBLIC HEALTH LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Ed Miller, Chairman Jim Brackett and Marty Breen

Keep CAC posted on Public Health activities. Advise Public Health of CAC attitudes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Brian Parker, Chairman Marty Klein and Jerry Nelson

Inform professional publications of activities of the CAC, particularly Seminars. Respond to inquiries regarding criminalistics and criminalistics education. Distribute CAC brochure.

CAC COMMITTEES 1977-1978 (continued)

TRAINING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Jim White, Chairman

Marcy Jacqua, Frank Fitzpatrick, Ed Rhodes, Brandon Armstrong, John DeHaan, John Patty, Mike Potts, Quon Kwan, John Thornton, Paul Cashman, Stephen Ojena

Study groups, seminar assistance (workshops), survey of training resources, survey of reference collections, guidelines for in-service training of criminalists and evidence technicians, survey of educational programs.

BY-LAWS AND POLICY REVISION COMMITTEE

Bob Stettler, Chairman

Frank Fitzpatrick and Duane Mauzey

AD HOC COMMITTIES

CERTIFICATION

Bob Ogle, Chairman Jack Cadman (Ex-officio), Jan Bashinski (Ex-officio) Barry Fisher, Chester Young, Peter Barnett, Edward Blake, Sandra Wiersema, Sandra Rakestraw, John DeHaan, Richard Schorr.

- (1) Investigate the subject of certification (feasibility, desirability, etc.).
- (2) Poll membership on the subject of National Certification.
- (3) Make recommendations to membership regarding certification.

JOURNAL

Jerry Mitosinka, Chairman Larry Ragle, George Nakamura, Jerry Chisum, George Sensabaugh, Wes Summerfield

Investigate present relationship with the Journal and possible alternate means of publishing CAC papers.