

From the desk of PNWD-IAI's President Megan Anderson 2018-2019

On October 26th, the PNWD-IAI held its fall board meeting at the 2019 conference site in Portland, Oregon. Several members of the NWAIFS were kind enough to join us. This opportunity gave us a chance to view the Jantzen Beach property and its spectacular setting on the river. We are very excited about the location and look forward to our Hawaiian-themed president's social on the river deck. Aloha!

Meeting with members of the NWAIFS left us feeling invigorated to tackle the challenges of holding a joint conference. One of many exciting ideas from the NWAIFS we plan to incorporate into the 2019 conference is the addition of Special Research Projects. The objective of the PNWD-IAI is to further the "...professional growth and knowledge of its members...through education, training, and research...;" thus, the addition of Special Research Projects (SRP) to our agenda mates seamlessly with our mission.

What are SRPs and how will this work? Special Research Projects are small, focused, one-day projects that conduct baseline research on a selected forensic question. The observations and data generated will then be presented during the general session at the end of the week and formally published (after peer review) in the NWAIFS Crime Scene Publication and/or PNWD-IAI Examiner. Each member of the work group will be under the direction of a Mentor and will contribute to setting up, recording and preparing the research for presentation/publication. I encourage you to start thinking about Special Research Project ideas. You can submit these ideas for other investigators to carry out, propose to mentor the project, or assist with the projects during the conference. Examples of past project ideas include; Examination of Bullet Impacts to Concrete Surfaces and Investigation of Enhancing Blood Impressions Preserved with Tape. An application form to participate in Special Research Workshops will be sent out in the next few months. In the meantime, ideas and questions about the Special Research Projects can be sent to me at megan_anderson@co.washington.or.us. So put those thinking caps on!

Being part of the Board of Directors for the past few years has been truly impactful. As a team member, one is able to interact with different law enforcement and forensic professionals in various agencies and labs throughout the Pacific Northwest. You'll find that members of the PNWD-IAI Board of Directors all have a shared desire to improve the organization and help facilitate shared knowledge with our members. We strive to bring you the best presentations and workshops from which you come away feeling enriched. As a board member, you will gain leadership experience as well as a feeling of accomplishment. You will make friends, both personal and professional, who will become part of the rest of your career. The PNWD-IAI has six board positions which will be open for elections in 2019. I truly hope you will consider taking part in this enriching opportunity. (Please refer to page 14 of the newsletter for details on the expiring positions).

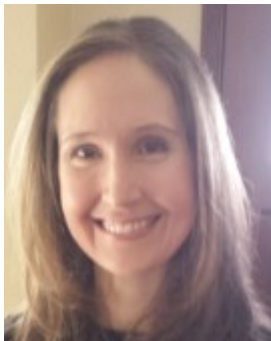
Megan B. Anderson
PNWD-IAI President

A Huge Thank You to Jeff Morris for your years of service and commitment to the PNWD-IAI! We truly appreciate you and the time you spent on our Board of Directors!



Please Welcome Our Newest Member of the 2018/2019 Board Of Directors!

Melissa Orr has accepted an appointment to the Board filling the position vacated by Jeff Morris



Melissa Orr is a Forensic Scientist with the Oregon State Police (OSP) in the Latent Print Discipline. She has worked for the OSP Central Point Laboratory since March 2013. Prior to becoming a Forensic Scientist, Melissa was Quality Manager for a CertainTeed manufacturing plant for five years and Product Engineer for a Kodak/Carestream manufacturing plant for eight years. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering from Kansas State and Colorado State University. In her free time, Melissa enjoys playing her violin, hiking, gardening, dancing, traveling, and helping friends and family.





**Work Continues on the
“Members Only” page
of the PNWD-IAI Website
with more updates
on the way!**

PNWD-IAI Committee Reports are now
available via our web site!



Although the site is
currently a work in
progress, continue to
check back often as
more information will
be added regularly!

Save the Date!! August 26-30, 2019

PNWD-IAI & NWAFS

Joint Conference

*Red Lion Hotel on the River
Portland, Oregon*

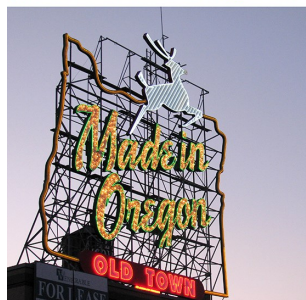
Breathtaking river views greet you upon arrival at Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach. This Portland hotel provides comfortable accommodations in a rustic setting along the Columbia River just outside downtown. The hotel features the Jantzen Beach Bar & Grill, JB's Night Club, a tennis court, a crystal clear pool, a well-equipped fitness center, and much, much more.

Check out the website at:

[https://www.redlion.com/
jantzen-beach](https://www.redlion.com/jantzen-beach)

Hope to see you there!

PNWD-IAI & NWAFS Joint Educational Conference



At Red Lion on the River at Jantzen Beach



*See you
there!*





**Speakers,
Presenters
and Workshop
Ideas for the
2019 PNWD-IAI
and NWAFS
Joint Conference**

**Contact Nikki Wagar and
Alexandra Matt at Email:
speakers@pnwdiai.org**

- ♦ **Synopsis of Presentation**
- ♦ **Length of presentation**
- ♦ **Any A/V needs**
- ♦ **Speaker contact name,
phone # and email**



**CONGRATULATIONS to all who have earned
recent Certification or Recertification!**

Crime Scene Analyst:
Jeffrey VanderVeer

Crime Scene Investigator:
Larissa Miller

Latent Print:
Volney Anderson Jeremy Phillips
Mark Roberts Natalie Ruckenbrod

Tenprint:
Nicole Kotsovos Karen Vikingstad-Pullaro

Conflict Resolution

By: Eva Hess and Mark Scairpon, Latent Print Examiners

King County Sheriff's Office, AFIS, Latent Unit

The words conflict resolution can mean different things to different people, and conflict resolution strategies differ in personal and professional settings. At its most basic level, conflict resolution is about identifying a disagreement, discussing the discrepancy with another person or persons, and communicating ways in which the conflict can be resolved.

At the King County Regional AFIS lab (KCRA), we define conflict resolution as a method employed to test complex latent comparisons and/or resolve disagreements in casework. While conflicts can arise in other areas of our jobs, our Standard Operating Procedures only cover disagreements in casework, and leave other conflict scenarios in the hands of our department's professional standards and policies. When conflicts arise, they commonly involve the complexity of latent comparisons, value determinations (whether a latent print is of enough quality to search the print through AFIS systems), and whether or not the provided documentation justifies the conclusions that have been reached in a case. Typically, most conflicts are resolved between the examiner and verifier, but in some cases additional opinions are sought through consultations with other examiners.

Casework conflict resolution is geared toward keeping emotions out of the conversation. Instead, the aim is to look at the objective and demonstrable data. Our conflict resolution procedure begins with a conversation with the other examiner. At this step, each examiner discusses the information they used to make their determinations. This conversation can be accompanied by additional documentation to demonstrate the information that both parties are relying upon. Sometimes a conflict is based upon a lack of understanding, a lack of information, or simply missing information from the topic being reviewed. Both examiners evaluate the additional documentation, and then they discuss the objectivity of that data. If the matter can be resolved at this lowest level, no further action is needed. All documentation produced during the conflict resolution process is retained within the case file.

If examiners are unable to resolve the disagreement, they will seek a consultation from another examiner, in an attempt to resolve the conflict through an impartial third party. If the conflict still cannot be resolved, it's reported to the KCRA Supervisor who will then take steps to resolve it. When a conflict has reached this level, it's documented in our Conflict Log, and several options for resolution become available. These options include an independent examination and/or peer review by additional examiners, blind testing, or consensus judgment. Consensus judgement involves a group discussion of the conflict, with the goal of reaching a resolution between all involved parties. If a resolution cannot be reached, external agency review may be requested.

Our policy outlines consensus judgement as the process in which at least five examiners – including all previously involved examiners (original parties as well as all consulting examiners) provide documentation of their observations, and then they meet to discuss the conflict. Consensus judgement does not mean everyone agreeing, it does mean having a **thorough** discussion on the objective data, and choosing the most demonstrable and often the most conservative conclusion. Prior to meeting, a group consensus chart is compiled by a supervisor appointed moderator, which incorporates all of the participating examiner's charts. The moderator is an impartial examiner who did not perform any comparison work on the print (s) in question. The group chart distinguishes between clear and ambiguous data and denotes information that is in agreement as well as in disagreement between the group's individual charts. During the meeting, all participating examiners discuss the conclusions of each examiner, review the group chart, and attempt to reach consensus. The moderator oversees the meeting, compiles all documentation, and provides each participating examiner with all documentation to review prior to the meeting. If consensus cannot be reached, the most conservative conclusion will be adopted as the consensus judgment. Following the meeting, the group chart is added to the case jacket after it has been reviewed, dated, and signed by all contributing examiners. Finally, the supervisor completes a review of the case to determine if anything else is needed and will sign the group chart indicating they have completed their review and agree that all questions have been resolved.

The mere thought of conflict can bring about feelings of anxiety and stress, and disagreements can often feel personal. It should be noted however, that the ideal time for disagreements to occur is before a case is finalized and reported. A robust verification and conflict resolution process in addition to appropriate quality assurance measures, means that when a case is reviewed by prosecutors and defense attorneys, the conclusions within that case will be justifiable, demonstrable, and will stand up to the scrutiny of others. Casework conflict resolution is focused on ensuring a vigorous examination of the evidence, and reaching the most appropriate conclusions based on the data available at the time of the examination.

**2019 is right
around the
corner...**



**Please remember to pay your dues
prior to March 31, 2019...**

**The Renewal form and your dues will need to be
turned in by the 31st, or your Membership will be
deemed Not in Good Standing!**

Renew Membership: \$25.00 vs Rejoin/New Membership: \$50.00

Renewal form is on the next page!



PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Annual Member Dues: \$25.00

Student: \$12.50

Member Last Name	First Name	MI
Member Signature		Date
Membership Renewal Dues:		\$ _____
Please accept my donation to the PNWD-IAI Scholarship Fund in the amount of:		\$ _____
Would you like your donation to remain anonymous? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
TOTAL:		\$ _____
<u>Payment Options:</u>		
Convenient payment available through PayPal @ www.pnwdiai.org		
Pay by credit card (credit card information will not be retained):		
VISA MASTERCARD AMER EXPRESS	Name on Card: _____	
CC #: _____	Exp: _____ CCV: _____	
Pay by check payable to: PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION – IAI		
Checks and completed applications may be mailed to Treasurer, Theresa Kemmerer at 10012 S. Stangland Rd., Medical Lake, WA 99022; applications can be emailed to: membership@pnwdiai.org .		
<i>Please only fill out the information below if anything has changed. If you are unsure if we have the correct information on file, please fill out completely to allow for verification</i>		
Employer	Title	
Address	City	State Zip Code
Phone	Fax	
Email Address		
Home Address	City	State Zip Code
Cell Phone	Home Phone	
Email Address		
WHERE DO YOU WANT YOUR PNWD-IAI MATERIAL MAILED		WORK HOME
WHERE DO YOU WANT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE SENT		WORK HOME
<i>Email correspondence will be used for e-voting and publication of our quarterly newsletter – please be sure it is correct!</i>		
FOR BOARD USE ONLY		
RECEIVED: _____	PAID BY: _____	
RECEIPT: _____	ROSTER UPDATED: _____	
MEMBER #: _____	CARD SENT: _____	

NEW PNWD-IAI MERCHANDISE

Now Available for Purchase

PNWD-IAI Coin (1.5 inches) \$10.00



PNWD-IAI T-shirt (gray only for now) \$20.00



\$5.00 S/H fee will be added to any item requiring shipment.

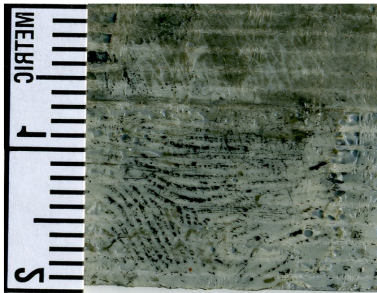
Online Sales AVAILABLE NOW!

Visit the PNWD-IAI Website for purchases.

The Great Print Hunt

Can you locate the area of friction ridge detail in the exemplar?

The first person to find the print will receive a PNWD-IAI goodie.
Email Pamela Lyne (pamela.lyne@kingcounty.gov) with the answer.



Adhesive side of duct tape



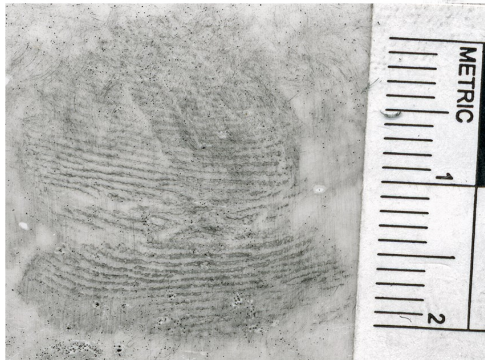
SUBMISSIONS

If you come across any 10-prints or latent prints
you feel would make a nice addition to this game,
please forward submissions to
pamela.lyne@kingcounty.gov

Answer will be published in the Winter newsletter.

The Great Print Hunt

Answer to Summer 2018 Newsletter



***CONGRATULATIONS
to our
WINNER!***

Melissa Lyman

***Oregon State Police
Bend Forensic Laboratory***

Interested in Working with the PNWD-IAI Board of Directors (BOD)?

There will be six (6) BOD Vacancies
in the upcoming 2019-2020 year.

Openings include: 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-arms,
along with three (3) Board Member positions.

More information on the available
submission form can be found on
the Board/Committees page of our
website. Click on the “JOIN US”
tab to find the form where you can
submit a photo, short bio and your
position of interest.

Your information will be published
in the newsletter at a later date to
notify our membership of candidate
interest prior to the 2019 conference.

**You don't need to be
present at the 2019
Conference to be elected!**

positions and an easy to follow



Digital Processing of Evidentiary Photography

January 8-10, 2019 Portland, OR Tuition \$695.00

Contact for Availability:

Lynn Slaughter 619.858.1360 ext. 517, lslaughter@foray.com

Forensic Examination of Violent Crime Scenes

February 5-7, 2019 Portland, OR Tuition \$400.00

Contact for Availability:

Kimberly Yada 503.823.0494 kimberly.yada@portlandoregon.gov

Advanced Crime Scene Documentation / Crime Scene Combo Course-2 in 1

March 11—15, 2019 Hillsboro, OR Tuition: \$739.00

Contact for Availability:

Phil Sanfilippo phil@tritechusa.com

CSI Certification Test Preparation , CCSI, CCSA, CSCSA

March 18-22, 2019 Tacoma, WA Tuition \$395.00

Contact for Availability:

Paul DePoister 253.830.6546 pdepoist@cityoftacoma.org

Forensic Photography

April 29—May 3, 2019 Pasadena, CA Tuition \$625.00

Contact for Availability:

Jonathan Schmidt 626.744.6676 jschmidt@cityofpasadena

Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

October 14-18, 2019 Pasadena, CA Tuition \$595.00

Contact for Availability:

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Summer is over, Fall is officially here...welcome to the Holiday Season!

Check out our Website for Conference Info, Training, Membership Info, and NEW PNWD-IAI Merchandise!!!

<http://www.pnwdiai.org/>

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<http://www.pnwdiai.org/membership.php>



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